

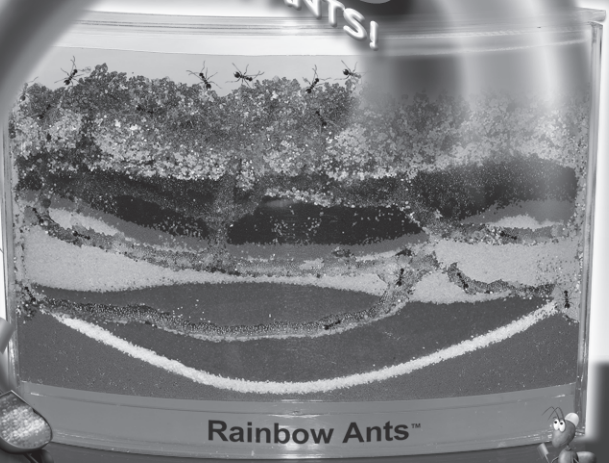
Rainbow Ants

COLORED SAND MOSAIC CREATED BY ANTS!



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Rainbow Ants™



Wonders created by physicists
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Rainbow Ants™ habitats provide a new and unique look into the mysterious building techniques of nature's awesome architects. Just add layers of the special, colored sand and watch as fascinating mosaic patterns are created by your ant artists!

This Rainbow Ants™ habitat lets you create a home for ants and care for them as pets. It also lets you see how ants dig tunnels by moving grains of sand to the surface. What makes your Rainbow Ants™ habitat unique, is that it allows you to track the tunneling activity of the ants — even while you are not watching! Ants are working day and night, so some tunnels will be created while you are asleep, at school or just away.

By looking at the different layers of colored sand deposited by the ants, you can tell from where that layer of sand — or even one grain of sand — came! For example, if you pour one layer of yellow sand, you know that all yellow sand on the surface came from that layer. You are seeing a history of how the ants built their tunnels. This is similar to how archeologists study the history of ancient human building techniques. Rainbow Ants™ habitat allows you to become an ant archeologist!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

Before you get started, please read these instructions completely. Ants are living creatures and taking care of them shows responsibility. Your ants will depend on you to give them food and water, as well as keep them safe.

CREATING YOUR RAINBOW ANTS™ HABITAT:

Your Rainbow Ants™ habitat includes the following:

Clear ant habitat

Special building sand in assorted colors

Space Scope™ Extreme Zoom Lens (for super-close inspections)

Mail-in coupon for free ants*

* Coupon included for one vial of free live ants (shipping & handling not included). Ants may only be mailed within the US and Canada (live ants may not be sent to Alaska and Hawaii). Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Ants may not be available during periods of extreme heat or cold. Delays in shipping due to weather conditions may be expected.

How to create the habitat that will be a home for your ants:

First, open your sand packets and pour layers of colored sand into your Rainbow Ants™ container. — be as creative as you want!

Next, find a small container suitable for pouring about two ounces of tap water into the habitat. Carefully pour over the sand in order to disturb the layers as little as possible. You may need to pour a bit at a time and allow the water to settle into the sand. When the sand is damp all the way through, place the container someplace where it will not be disturbed until your ants arrive. Important: Use a cloth or paper towel to soak up any excess water on the surface of the sand. Leave the lid off of the container for at least 3 days to allow any excess water to evaporate before adding ants.

INSERTING YOUR ANTS:

1. Your Rainbow Ants™ habitat works best with about 20-25 medium to large size ants which can be obtained from outdoors or by simply mailing in your free ant coupon. If you elect to use your coupon you will receive Harvester Ants which work particularly well because they are the optimum size for viewing and have large mandibles for tunnel construction. Your Rainbow Ants™ habitat includes a Space Scope™ extreme viewing lens for detailed inspection of the ants and tunnels.

2. If you order ants, they will arrive in a small vial. To insert them into the habitat, first open the lid to your Rainbow Ants™ habitat. Next gently tap the bottom of the vial on a hard surface in order to keep the ants resting at the bottom. To insert the ants open the vial and quickly pour in the ants by a combination of tapping the vial against the inside of the habitat while simultaneously shaking the ants out of the vial. Then, quickly close the Rainbow Ants™ lid. If your ants are particularly energetic, you may wish to place them in your refrigerator for about 1-2 minutes to calm them down. Do not leave ants in your refrigerator for longer than a few minutes and DO NOT put them in the freezer!
3. After inserting your ants into their new home, you may wish to supplement their nutrient rich sand by adding a small piece of fruit (such an apple or orange) or soak a piece of bread in water. Ants need little moisture and the sand has already been saturated with water. However, periodically your ants will appreciate it having you add a few drops of water to their habitat..
4. NEVER handle ants with your bare hands or allow them to come in contact with skin! Some ants sting, others bite, and some will spray formic acid.
5. DO NOT store your Rainbow Ants™ in direct sunlight. Ants prefer shade. Room temperature (58-74 degrees Fahrenheit) is the preferred temperature for your ants. Avoid extremes of heat or cold.
6. Be patient at first. The ants may take up to a few days to start tunneling. Ants tend to scout their surroundings and plan use of their habitat, prior to creating tunnels. Ants are very organized creatures and tend not to act randomly.

7. Ants have no lungs, but take in oxygen through little holes in their bodies. The air-holes in the lid are sufficient and the ants will receive plenty of air. If the ants appear slow and sluggish, blowing into the air-holes or opening the lid for a second can liven them up (just be sure they do not escape!).
8. R.I.P.—Adult ants (workers) normally live an average of 1-2 months (3 months is considered very high). Some ants will outlive this span, while others will expire before one month. As all of the ants you will use (whether ordered or collected on your own) are adults, circumstances in their development will cause some to be hardier than others. Should an ant die within one of the tunnels, other ants will usually transport the body to the surface. This is how ants help prevent disease within the colony — see how smart they are!
9. Ant Architecture is not just limited to the tunnels. Your ants will also create ant hills on the surface, using the special sand. Ants also tend to designate an area to be the colony 'dump', where refuse (and often, dead ants) is transported.
10. When your ants have expired and you want to start a new Rainbow Ants™ colony, simply use the enclosed form to order a Rainbow Ants™ Sand Refresher Kit and keep the creativity going.
11. Very Important: If you shake, drop or turn over your Rainbow Ants™ habitat, you can end up collapsing the tunnels. Not only does this ruin what your ants have worked so hard to create, but could end up killing them! It is best to find a spot (out of the sunlight) where you want to display your Rainbow Ants™ habitat and keep it there. Should you have to move your habitat, do so gently and carefully.

Some interesting ant facts:

Think you're smart? Harvester ant colonies can have as many as 40-50 thousand ants. Such a colony would collectively have about the same number of brain cells as a human being!

Speaking of communication — ants 'talk' to each other using scent, sound, touch and sight. You can witness ants in your Rainbow Ants™ 'talk' to each other by touching antennae. Ants will also gather together in groups (planning committee perhaps?). You will notice evidence of ant teamwork being used in such things as connecting two tunnels. That has to be planned somewhere, right?

Bodily waste — Ants in your Rainbow Ants™ dispose of waste matter, just like any other ant. Evidence will be in the form of small, brown spots/streaks (usually in the corners).

Is that Sam or Samantha? Should you decide to name your ants, take into account that they are all female. This includes all the ant workers, soldiers, etc. that you find outdoors. Male ants are created only as needed by the colony for reproductive purposes and they die shortly after mating.

Rainbow Ants™ activity is going on 24/7. While some ants are sleeping, others are hard at work. Check to see that an ant is actually dead, before removing her from the container.

Is there a myrmecologist in the house? Myrmecology is the study of ants (either scientifically or as a hobby). By studying the behavior of ants in your Rainbow Ants™, you become a myrmecologist (lab coat not included).

Ant lions, spiders and birds — oh my! Ants have many predators, in addition to the infamous anteater. Ant lions dig traps using loose dirt, waiting for the ants to fall in. Spiders, wasps and birds find ants tasty as well. The ants in your Rainbow Ants™ habitat are not only safe from these predators, but don't have to forage for nutrition, as they get fed by you!

Impressive record - Ants are one of Earth's oldest existing residents. Ant fossils have been found that date back over 100 million years. When the Tyrannosaurus Rex last walked the earth, ants already had a 35+ million year old claim on the planet!

If it ain't broke . . . The ants you see today are not that much different than those found over 100 million years ago. Ants adapted to their environment so well over the eons, that there was little need to evolve further. Other examples of creatures nature saw fit to leave alone over time are the crocodile and the shark.

How much can you bench? If you decide to name your ants, you might choose Armstrong as a surname. Ant workers can carry up to 50 times their own weight. If humans could do this, the proverbial "98 lb. weakling" could still lift nearly two and a half tons!

Family resemblance? Take a close look at the ants in your Rainbow Ants™ container. Now imagine them yellow and black with wings. Scientists (they love to classify things) put ants in the same group as wasps. Still, a wasp flying into your house will get much more attention than the humble ant!

Hypnoformawhat? Don't just call them bugs. Technically, ants are insects (the whole 'six-legs' thing). Even more technically, ants are Hymenoptera Formicidae. The Hymenoptera is the wasp part, while the Formicidae is the ant part. It's all Greek to me.

Don't get them mad! Ants represent only .001 of Earth's insects, yet there are over 10,000,000,000,000 of them alive right now. There are only 6,000,000,000 humans. For those of you who don't like zeros, the ants outnumber us 1,666,666 to one.

Making scents of it all . . . Ants have a very keen sense of smell (through their antennae) and the ability to secrete pheromones. These pheromones can be used to identify a colony (each has its own scent) and to create a navigation trail when foraging for food (much like Hansel and Gretel with the breadcrumbs).

It goes right to my hips. Ants across the world eat a variety of foods. Harvester Ants collect and eat seeds, Leaf-Cutter Ants eat fungus and Army Ants eat pretty much whatever gets in their way. Most ants crave sugars and can detect the smell of sweet foods from very far away. Ants add protein to their diet by eating dead insects (caterpillars are a favorite). Ants will use their extra stomach (called the 'crop') to store food for other members of the colony.

Who pays for dinner? In a nutshell, ant reproduction goes like this: The male and princess ants (both have wings) fly away from the nest, mating during flight. The princess ant loses her wings, becoming a queen (starting her own nest), while the male dies soon after the mating flight. The queen creates male ants about once per year and they exist solely for mating.

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Mail your coupon to: Life Studies • 490 S. 400 W. • Hurricane, UT 84737

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Each order contains a supply of approximately 25 Harvester Ants (A few may die during transit). Please type or print legibly.

To ensure prompt shipping, please clearly fill in the following information:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

If you are sending a check or money order, please make it payable to: Life Studies.

All payment is to be in US Dollars.

To order with your Visa or MasterCard, please fill in the following information:

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Include payment of **\$3.50**

One vial of Harvester Ants to Canada: shipping and handling

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