

Explorations
Visual and Performing Arts
Art Lesson
Grades 2-3

COSMIC MOBILES

Students can create a cosmic mobile while learning about outer space.

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Lightweight cardboard or poster board.
- Aluminum foil.
- Glue.
- Scissors.
- Pencils.
- Tinsel.
- Thread.
- Yellow paint

WHAT YOU DO:

1. Cut a crescent moon and three star shapes out of the cardboard or poster board.
2. Trace around the stars (twice) onto aluminum foil and cut out the shapes.
3. Glue the foil to the cardboard moon – both sides.
4. Paint the moon a lovely yellow.

5. Glue tinsel to the bottom of each of the cardboard stars and then glue the foil to both sides of the stars.
6. Tape or glue a thread from each of the stars to the moon.
7. Glue a long piece of thread to the inside curve of the crescent moon so it can hang.
8. Hang the mobile up.

MORE INFORMATION

Star Child

Offers an interactive gaming and entertainment center for kids who wish to learn more about the solar system, the universe, and space.

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