

FANTASTIC JOURNEYS

Myth, Magic, and Mysterious Monsters

MAGICAL MOON MOBILE by Marianne Sadowski

Create magical patterns and design a garment for the moon inspired by the story *Garment for the Moon*.

Materials

- Primary: paper plates, scissors, white glue, food coloring, salt, rubbing alcohol, white crayon, paper (cardstock or copy paper), brushes, aluminum foil, plastic plate (to mix colors), and plastic container or cup of water.
- Optional: decorative stickers, glitter, sequins, use your imagination!
- Alternative: watercolors, tin foil, white oil pastel or white candle, cereal box or other lightweight cardboard.

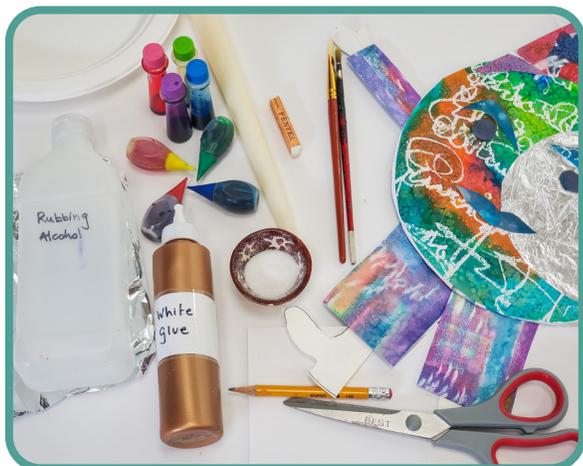
Tips for Starting

- Gather all materials. If you don't have the exact materials, improvise!
- Wash your brush in water when switching between colors. Get fresh water when needed.
- Create your patterned papers first as they need time to dry.
- No paper plate? Try drawing and cutting out a large circle onto a cereal box or lightweight cardboard.

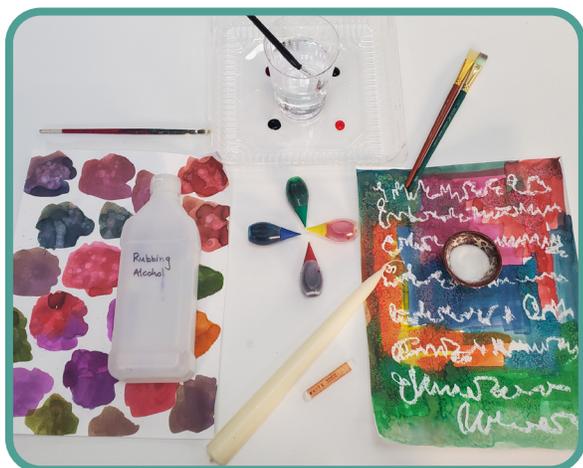
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Completed magical moon mobile



Materials for moon mobile

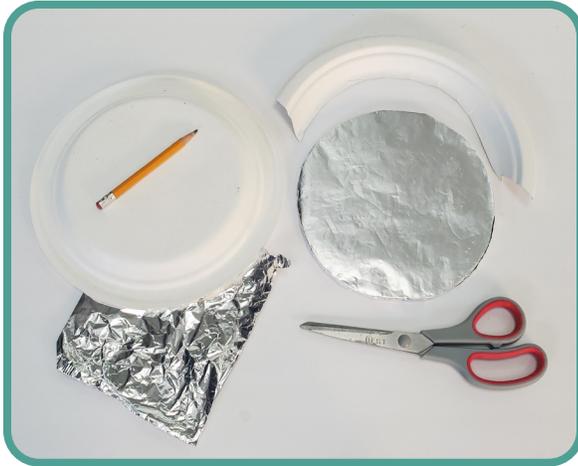


Patterned paper drying

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Magical Moon Mobile Instructions:



Full moon cut out and wrapped with aluminum foil



Full moon with crescent moons attached



Magical moons with garments

1. Use a white crayon or white candle to draw patterns or write words onto a piece of white copy paper or card stock. You might not see what you drew, but wait for the magic to happen in the next step.
2. Now, paint a small section of your paper with food coloring or watercolor. Just like magic, your designs will be revealed when you are adding the color to the paper. This happens because the wax or oil repels the watercolors.
3. While the watercolor is still wet, sprinkle just a small amount of salt over the wet paint. Continue painting small sections and adding salt until the page is full. You will notice that the salt absorbs the watercolor and that small crystals appear. When dried you can brush the salt off.
4. Take another paper and repeat the same crayon and watercolor process but instead of the salt, sprinkle a few drops of rubbing alcohol onto the paper using a clean brush. Have an adult help you with the alcohol. Observe that the rubbing alcohol absorbs and dries the watercolor and forms circles.
5. Set the different patterned papers aside and let it dry.
6. While your papers dry, cut out the inner circle from a paper plate and cover it with aluminum foil. (You may also cut out a circle from a cereal box).
7. Use a plate to draw a crescent moon shape on the back of your dry, patterned paper and cut it out. Glue one on each side of the aluminum foil moon.
8. Use the remaining patterned paper to create a face, a hat, a scarf, pants or a dress to the moon attaching it with glue. Let your imagination fly.
9. Finally, glue a string or ribbon to the back of the moon with a piece of patterned paper so that you can hang it. Enjoy your magical moon mobile!