

Make a Space Mobile

with flying saucers, comets & stars.

for ages 5 and up

materials:

4" x 20" tagboard*

Tagboard scraps

Construction paper scraps

Markers, pastels, or crayons

Styrofoam ball or Christmas ornament

paperclip

yarn

Recycled items like: tin foil, mini CDs, TP tubes

Holepunch

Stapler

Optional: Tissue, glue water (½ Elmer's, ½ water) & paint brush

*hole-punched - 6 or more holes along the bottom and 4 holes along the top

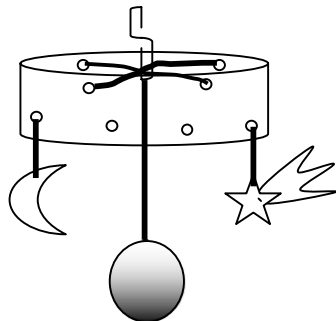
process:

The cardboard strip is the top of your mobile. You can decorate it with markers, pastels or crayons (pastels show up nicely on dark paper). The side that has 4 holes is the top. After you have decorated, make it into a circle (like a crown) and staple it together. Mobile pieces can be as simple as paper cut-outs colored with marker, or you can use recycled things to make crazy planets and rocket ships. (We used a toilet paper tube covered in tinfoil with a scrap paper cone tip to make our rocket and a CD to make our alien ship). Hang mobile pieces with yarn. If you want to, you can use glue water and a brush to *decoupage* tissue paper onto your planet/ornament – just lay the tissue over the ornament and brush glue water over the top.



at home

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When all your pieces are made, you are ready to hang. The easiest way to do the top is to string yarn across to the holes most opposite on each set of two holes. Hook a paper clip hook to the point where they cross in the center. Hang your ornament/planet/sun in the middle to balance all the bits and you are done!

