

Out of this World: Space Exploration

Have you noticed that objects that are far away appear smaller? Or that bright colors seem to stand out more? By creating our own planetary system, we'll demonstrate the different ways artists create space in their art!

MATERIALS

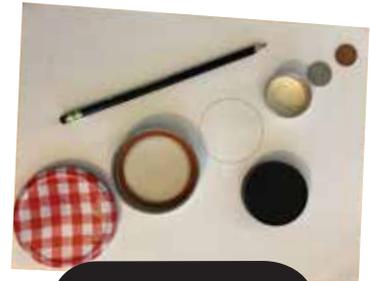
- Paper
- Pencil
- Crayons, markers, paint, pastels
- Glue
- Scissors



STEP ONE

Create your Background

What do you want your outer space to look like? Use black paper, or color a background using markers, crayons, paint, or all of the above. Be creative!



STEP TWO

Trace your Planets

On a separate sheet of paper, draw 5 to 7 circles of different sizes.

Space Tip: The smaller your circles, the further away from the viewer (you!) they will appear. Trace round objects from around your home, like coins, soup cans, or jar lids.



STEP THREE

Add some color!

Color in your planets using crayons, markers, pastels, or whatever you like best! Carefully cut out your planets with scissors.

Space Tip: try to change up the intensity of your colors. For example, a bright pink and yellow planet is going to stand out, and a dark green planet might fade more into the background and seem further away.



STEP FOUR

Create some Space!

Arrange the planets on your background. Try a few different compositions before you glue them down, and see the different sizes and colors make your planets appear closer or further away.



STEP FIVE

Get fancy!

Add some detail like stars, spaceships, or astronauts.

If you decided to make a sun, you've created a light source! The areas closest to the sun will have lighter colors. Adding shading to the part of the planet that is furthest from the sun will make your circle look round, and 3-Dimensional.