

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Celestial Soar



Crayola Supplies

- Metallic FX Crayons
- Metallic Colored Pencils
- Washable Kid's Paint

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- cookie cutters
- white paper
- construction paper
- paper towels
- water containers
- sponges (optional)
- recycled foam produce trays

Why?

This shining project is perfect for star-struck admirers of the night sky. As children write inspirational verses, watch their creative spirits soar.

How?

1. Notice how the bright stars show clearly against the black backdrop of the night sky. Why are stars invisible during the day? How have they guided people for centuries? Look at famous paintings of the night, such as Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night."
2. Cover your work area with newspaper. Pour white or yellow Crayola® Washable Kid's Paint into a foam produce tray. Dip a star-shaped cookie cutter or sponge into paint and press firmly but gently onto a large sheet of black construction paper. Dry.
3. Draw more stars and celestial objects with white or yellow Crayola® Metallic Crayons. Fold the paper accordion style so it will stand up.
4. With Crayola® Metallic Colored Pencils, write an inspiring poem to go with your celestial art.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "We read books on stars and astronomy first, then created our own starry night." Andree P., home-school parent of two kids ages 7 and 10.
- "Our girls made celestial books of inspirational sayings and poetry for residents in a local nursing home." Jackie Z., scout leader.

Interesting Information

The use of light and color is an important element in the more than 800 paintings of Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh. "The Starry Night" (1889), one of his key works, hangs in the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for all ages of children, including those 3 years and younger. Whenever an art project is done with children ages 3 or younger, close adult supervision is required to ensure safety.

Related Books

Amazing Spacefacts : Solar System, Stars, Space Travel by Susan Goodman

Starry Messenger : A Book Depicting the Life of a Famous Scientist, Mathematician, Astronomer, Philosopher, Physicist Galileo Galilei by Peter Sis

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Franklin in the Dark Star Gazer

Glow in the Dark Tubs of Stars: Giant Stars 200-piece Tub

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