

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Catch the Comet Game



Crayola Supplies

- Model Magic®
- Scissors
- Glitter Glue

Other Supplies

- craft sticks
- ribbon
- plastic gallon milk jug

Why?

Kids imaginations fly when they create crafts for play. Make this scoop game with budding astronauts for a space-theme birthday party or a family picnic.

How?

1. A day before the party, ask an adult to cut the bottoms off of at least two plastic gallon milk jugs to make scoops. If possible, make a personalized scoop for each party guest. Use Crayola® Glitter Glue to decorate the scoops with stars, moons, and planets. Dry.
2. On party day, your guests create their own comets from colored Crayola® Model Magic®. Try kneading two colors together. If you stop mixing midway, you get a marbled look. Press small dots of a different color into the comet for space dust. For a rough texture, poke and shape the surface with your fingers, or use craft sticks.
3. Use Crayola® Scissors to cut strips of colored ribbon. Embed the ribbon ends into the comet by pressing with a craft stick.
4. To play the game, hold scoops by the handle with the bottom up. Place your comet in the scoop and toss to a partner who tries to catch it with another scoop. See how well you can Catch the Comet!

When and Where Suggestions?

- "Kids put their party favors—crayons and markers—inside their scoops to take home. What a blast!" Seamus E., father of 9-year-old.

- "We made this game together. Kids ask to play Catch the Comet every time I'm there!" Andrea R., teenage babysitter.

Interesting Information

The word comet comes from the Latin *stella cometa*, which means hairy star.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

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