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Galaxy painting

This simple activity is surprisingly effective. Be warned – it can get messy so cover a good sized area with a cloth or newspaper or head outside.

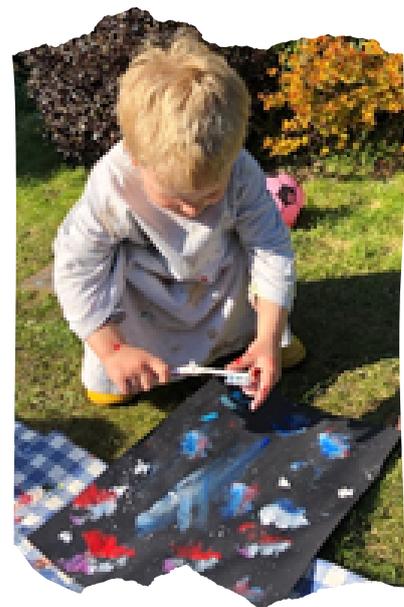
You will need:

- Black paper or card (or paper painted black)
- Paint
- Sponge (try cutting up old kitchen sponges)
- An old toothbrush

1. If you don't have black paper or card then start by painting a whole sheet black. This will need to dry completely so worth preparing beforehand.
2. Use a small amounts white and blue paint on a sponge and sweep it diagonally across the paper. Use the sponge to streak it outwards, wiping off the excess paint.
3. Repeat this over a different area of the paper with a different colour such as purple and white.
4. When you are happy with the swirly galaxy colours dip an old toothbrush into white paint. Flick the toothbrush with your finger, splattering paint over the whole sheet.
5. Leave your galaxy to dry. You can either leave it as it is or add some planets to it.

See our colourful planets activity on the next page for ideas on how to make them.

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Colourful Planets

Is your planet a rock, a gas giant or is it icy like Uranus? Try these creative ways to make planets to add to your galaxy artwork or to make another space picture.

You will need:

- White paper or card (or paper painted black)
- A circular object (e.g cup/lid/bottle)
- Paint
- An old toothbrush

1. Draw around a circular object.
2. Choose two or three main colours. Use a paintbrush to streak paint across the circle. You can go over the edges.
3. Repeat with different sized circles and different colour paints.
4. When your paint is dry, cut out your planet and stick it onto your space picture.



The Hubble Space Telescope took this picture of Uranus. Courtesy of NASA



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