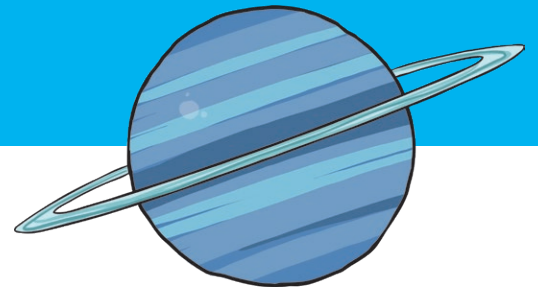


Make a Planet Craft



You will need:

Something to make the shape of the planet. This could be air-drying clay, modelling clay or even polystyrene spheres.

Clay tools (if needed)

Paint (the colours will need to be the same as the planet you choose)

Paintbrushes

If you are making Saturn or Uranus, you will need cardboard, scissors, sticky tape and wire for the rings.

If the planet you choose has moons, you might want to include them. If so, you will need wire and air-drying clay, modelling clay or polystyrene balls for the moon.



What to do:

1. Choose one of the planets.
2. Look up more details about what the planets look like on the Internet if you need some help.
3. If you are using air-drying clay or modelling clay, roll it into a ball shape. Use the clay tools to add detail to the ball, such as lines and circles on the planet.
4. Paint your planet.

If you are making Saturn or Uranus, next:

1. Draw a big circle on the cardboard and draw a smaller circle inside of it.
2. Cut around the big circle.

3. Cut inside the smaller circle. You might need a grown-up to help you with this.
4. Ask a grown-up to cut two pieces of wire for you.
5. Stick the wire in either side of the planet. If you are using air-drying clay, remember to do this before the clay dries.
6. Place the ring on the wire and stick the ring to the wire using sticky tape.

If your planet has moons, next:

1. Ask a grown-up to cut wire for you. The number of pieces of wire you need will depend on how many moons your planet has.
2. Stick one end of the wire inside your planet and the other end inside your moon. If you are using air-drying clay, remember to do this before the clay dries.

Once you have finished, you could put your planet with planets that other people have made and have your own class solar system!

