

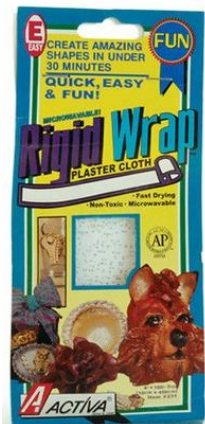


Materials:

ACTIVA® Rigid Wrap™ Plaster Cloth
12 x 12 inch sheet of plywood
Roll of tin foil
Elmer's® CraftBond Ultra Stix All® Clear

Basic Materials:

Acrylic paints - black, white, yellow, red, blue
Paintbrushes
Scissors
Sea sponge
Water container
Rubber gloves for easy cleanup



Space Diorama

Create a diorama of your vision of outer space.

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Always cover your work surface with a mat or some type of protective covering like wax paper or plastic.

Age Range: 7 to 12

Grade Range: 2 to 6

Skill Level: Advanced

Appropriate for These Special Events: Every Day and Rainy Days

Supports Subject Area(s) of: Language Arts – e.g. step by step instructions

Science

Visual Arts

Time Needed for Project: 2 hours plus drying time.



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Space Diorama Process

Step 1

Prepare your work surface by covering it with a sheet of foil.
Mark the work surface by denting the foil to indicate the width of your plywood board.
Cut the foil into sheets. You'll need seven sheets, one 12 x 12 and six approximately 12 x 18 sheets.
Cut the plaster into small pieces.
Fill a small container with water for working with the plaster.

Step 2

Scrunch the sheet of 12 x 12 foil into a small half sphere.
Scrunch one sheet of the 18 x 12 foil into a larger half sphere.
Loosely scrunch the remaining five 18 x 12 sheets of foil into a landscape, making sure that it will extend to fit the full 12 inches of the plywood board that you will be using – the marks you made in the foil will help you measure this.



Step 3

Take the first cut piece of Rigid Wrap and hold one end in one hand and the other in the other hand. Dip the piece in water and then rub the ends together a little bit to make a creamy mix. Lay the Rigid Wrap onto the shape.
You'll need to cover the small and larger spheres as well as the landscape.
Once the pieces are covered, set the project aside until dry.

Step 4

Glue the landscape onto the plywood backing board using Elmer's glue. Adhere the small and large spheres to the board. Set aside until it is dry.



Step 5

Paint the diorama with a coat of gesso to seal it.
When dry, paint the outer space scene. Start with dark blue/black paint on the backing board and dark green onto the landscape.
You'll get good results if you gently sponge some lighter colors onto the backing board and then with a small sea sponge dipped in paint. For the stars dip the wrong end of a paint brush in white paint and dot over the backboard. Paint a small cross shape over the larger stars to give the impression that they are glowing.
The diorama looks best if painted a solid color to begin and then finish with a light sponging of additional colors to add dimension.



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