

Family Art from Home

Silver Lining Cloud Sun Catcher

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Celebrate the arrival of the monsoon season by creating a sun catcher inspired by the stormy skies.

How to Do it

1. If you see some clouds outside, go out to watch some them for inspiration. Start by sketching out your cloud on your cardboard or cardstock. Cut out the shape. Optional: paint the cardboard base with silver or white paint.

2. Create the frame for your rain drops by shaping wire with a pliers or your fingers, to make a loop which is tapered at the top. Wrap one end of the wire around the top. Leave a little section of the wire to create a smaller loop where you will later tie the string or thread, like a pendant.

3. Create the rain drops by tearing up thin strips of multiple colors of tissue paper (about a quarter to half an inch strips, depending on the size of your drops). Wrap these strips around the wire by applying small amounts of glue around the edge of the wire frame and wrapping the paper around them. An alternative technique is cutting out a piece of paper that is slightly bigger than the wire frame, glue it on and tuck the excess behind the wire then layering on smaller torn pieces of paper.

4. While your drop creations are drying, prepare your cotton balls by using a fork to fluff them up. Keep one hand on the cotton ball and tease the cotton apart with the fork, making sure it is still intact.

5. Tie various lengths of string or thread to the wire drops. Glue these strands to your cloud base, letting the drops hang.

6. Cover your cardboard/ cardstock cloud with the fluffed up cotton balls, then affix with glue. As an extra touch you can add silver paint to the edges of the cloud.

Hang up your creation outside or by a window to see the sunlight filter through the cotton and drops.

Stay safe and healthy! Have a great time making something beautiful.

Supplies Needed

- Cardboard or cardstock
- Tissue paper
- Thread/ string
- Glue
- Wire, floral wire, or paperclips
- 7-10 Cotton balls
- Fork
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pliers
- Glue applicator (Popsicle sticks work great)
- Optional: silver or white paint



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