



Rainy Day Activities – Phases of the moon mobile

A ‘phase of the Moon’ is how much of the Moon we can see down on Earth when it is lit up by the sun. The Moon goes through eight main phases approximately every 4 weeks.

Make our Magical Moon mobile to decorate your bedroom and remind you of the phases of the moon! (You could do all eight or just 4/5 if you prefer)

You will need:

- A stick or rod (needs to be long enough to accommodate all your moons!)
- String - sparkly is good!
- 8 discs of black or dark blue card - you might need a grown up to cut them out for you (draw round a lid as a guide.)
- Silver, grey or white paint
- Glitter (optional)

What to do:

1. Use our template as a guide to the different phases of the moon.
2. Take each of your eight discs in turn and paint out the bit of the moon you can see - so the full moon you will paint the whole disc and the crescent moon you will just paint the edge and the new moon you will leave the whole moon dark.
3. Sprinkle glitter over the wet paint to give your moon some sparkle!
4. Cut eight equal lengths of your string and sellotape one to each of your moons.
5. Tie the moons along your string starting with the new moon and ending with the crescent
6. Tie a piece of string to either end of your stick leaving it long enough to hang your mobile in the middle.