



Moon and Star Craft Instructions

Materials Needed:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Paintbrush (or sponges)
- Paint (red, yellow, blue, and white)
- Glitter glue (optional, or you can use a gold/silver marker for decoration)
- Water and paper towels (to clean the brush)
- Cling wrap (to create a clean palette or protect the workspace)
- Pencil
- Print-out guide with shapes (moon and star)
- String (around 40 inches)
- Hole puncher (optional) or a pencil for making holes
- Wood glue (optional, for glitter glue use)
- Hairdryer/ Heat gun (optional, if you want to speed up glitter glue drying)

Instructions:

Prepare Your Workspace:

- Gather all materials before starting.
- Lay down cling wrap to protect your workspace and create a clean paint palette.
- Wear paint clothes or set up a designated painting area.

Transfer the Shapes:

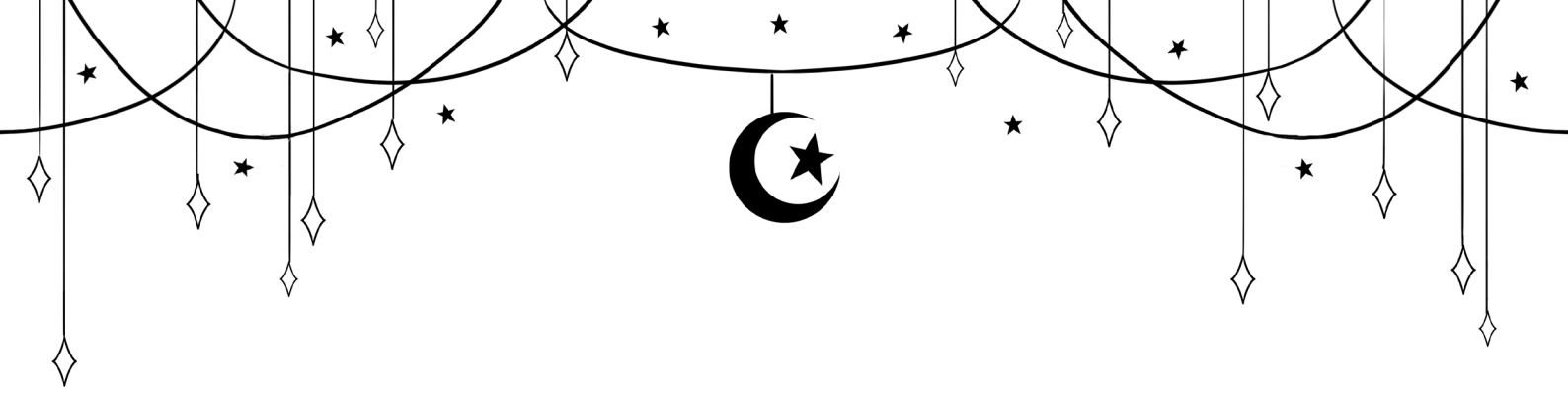
- Place the printout of the moon and star shapes onto a piece of cardboard or a cardboard box.
- Use a pencil to press down firmly on the back of the printout, then trace the shapes with the pencil. This will transfer the shapes onto the cardboard.
- While tracing, make sure to mark the locations for the hanging holes on the printout (1 hole for the star, 2 holes for the moon).
- Use the pencil to transfer the hole locations onto the cardboard as well.

Cut Out the Shapes:

- Carefully cut out the moon and star shapes from the cardboard using scissors.

Prime and Paint the Cardboard:

- Paint the cardboard white to prime it and let it dry.
- Mix colors (light blue for the background and an orangey-yellow for accents) and paint the moon and star. Allow the paint to dry completely.



Decorate the Shapes:

- If you want to add sparkle, use glitter glue. Apply a thin layer, let it dry, and then add another layer until you're satisfied. (Glitter glue takes a long time to dry, so you can use a heat gun to speed up the process, or use a gold/silver marker for quicker decoration.)
- Allow the glitter glue to dry fully, or if using a marker, ensure the paint is dry before decorating.

Add Holes for Hanging:

- For the star, create one hole at the top.
- For the moon, create two holes along the crescents where the string will go through. You can update the printout with these new hole placements if needed.

Thread the String:

- Cut a piece of string, approximately 40 inches long.
- To make sure the string is even, fold the string in half and tie an "overhand on a bight" knot (a simple knot made by folding the string in half, tying it in a loop to create a secure knot).

Secure the String:

- Thread one side of the string through the hole closest to the "spikes" of the crescent moon, leaving slack in the string for hanging. Tie another "overhand on a bight" knot.
- Repeat this knotting process for the second hole on the moon and for the star.

Balance the Weight:

- Adjust the string to make sure the weight is balanced between the moon and star shapes.
- Tie another knot at the end of the string to allow for hanging or pinning the craft.

Final Steps:

- Ensure everything is securely tied and balanced before hanging your moon and star craft to display.