

Abstract Planet

Juniors (6-8 years)

What we're going to do:

Create a colourful abstract planet.

What you will need:

- Cardstock or painting paper
- Pastels **or** Watercolours
- Black paper
- Paintbrushes
- Scissors
- Glue stick or liquid glue

What you can also use:

- acrylic or tempera paint
- paper or canvas



Infinity and Beyond - Outer Space

Outer Space is a colourful and abstract subject to work with as an artist! What is outer space? Outer space is what exists beyond earth. When you think of outer space what kind of things come to mind? Maybe you think of other planets, stars, black holes or the Milky Way.

What is abstract art? Abstract art is art that doesn't have to look exactly like it's from the real world - it's more about using your imagination. Since you and I have never been to space before, and even if we had, space is so huge that we would never know everything that exists there, we can only imagine what other planets could be out there! Today you will have the opportunity to create your very own planet.

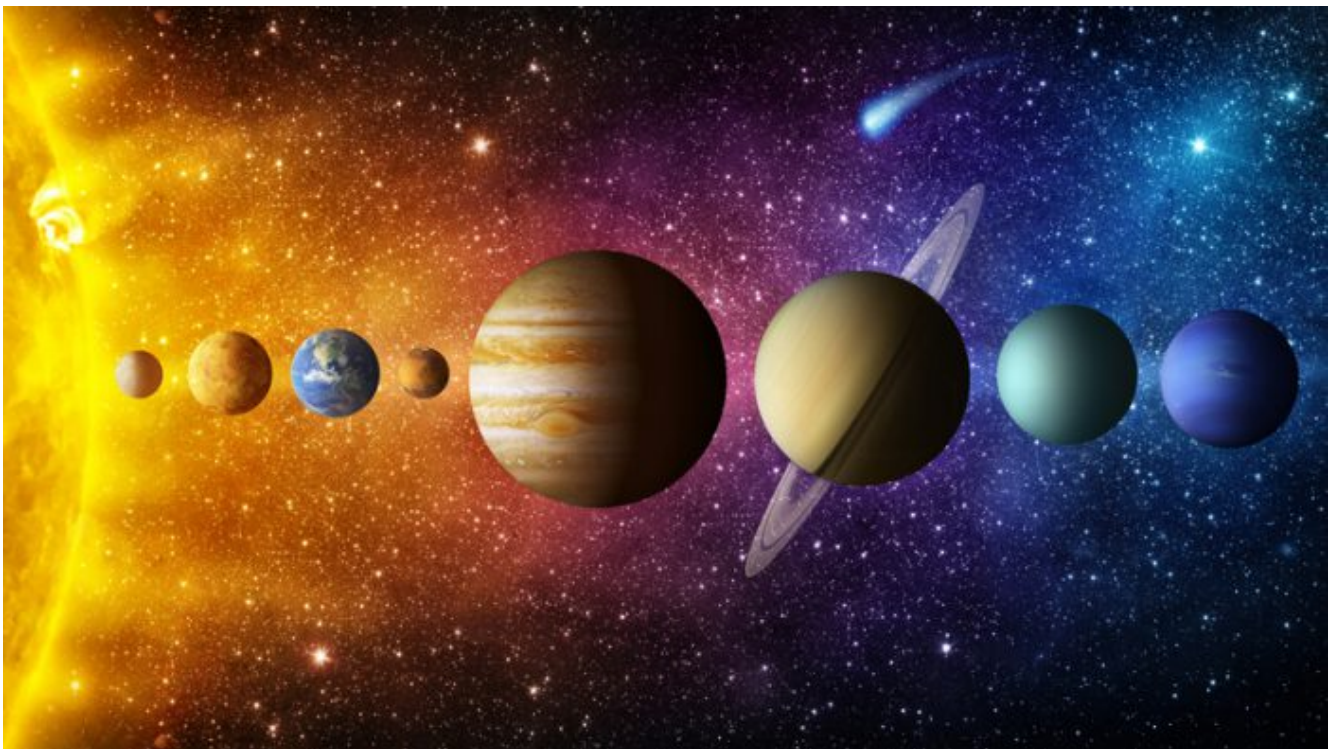


Photo: © levgenii Tryfonov - Dreamstime.com

1

FILL THE SPACE WITH COLOUR

Let's get started! The first step is choosing the colours you want to work with for your abstract planet.

Once you've decided start to add colours over the entire paper. You can apply the colour anyway you wish. I did patches of colour, and I was very messy with my application. On the left is watercolour and on the right is a pastel example. If you're using pastels try to use the side of the pastel to apply colour to paper; this will allow you to be able to add bigger areas of colour at one time.



2

ADD DOTS

Once you've finished adding colour the next step is adding dots. This makes the colours pop and creates more intensity.

If you're using watercolour use the end of your paintbrush to add dots. If you're using pastels use the tip of your pastel crayon to add dots. Take a look at the examples below.

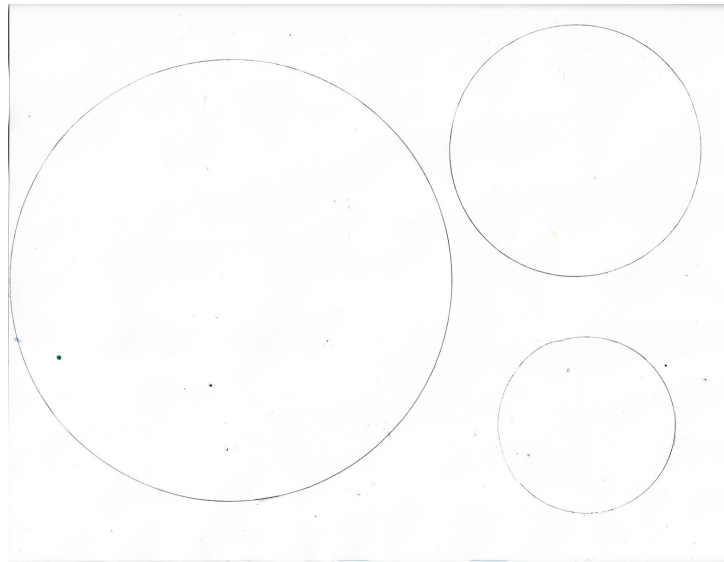


3

CUT OUT THE CIRCLE

Now it's time to cut out the shape of your planet. If possible, flip the paper over, and using a pencil draw the shape of a circle. Make the circle as big as you possibly can and if you want to make extra circles if there's room go ahead! Now you can cut your planet out.

Tip- if you want a perfect circle use round objects throughout the house to trace around.



4

CREATE THE BACK- GROUND

Next let's create the outer space background. Use black paper, or if you don't have black paper, use black paint to paint a piece of paper black. Let's add stars to our background! Using white paint or pastels or even glitter add as many or as little stars as you want to the black space.



5

ATTACH THE PLANET

It's the final step! Using glue attach your planet to your outer space background. Take a look at the finished abstract planets below. If you want to add a smaller planet in the background as well go ahead, just make sure you know where you want to attach the planets before gluing them down.

