# Rocky Planet

**Tyke (4-5 years)**

## What we are going to do:

Use your imagination and collage materials to create a rocky planet in outer space

## What you will need:

- Cardstock or Painting paper
- Black Paper
- Glue stick or liquid glue
- Scissors
- Paintbrushes and water cup
- Sand/dirt
- Paints –Acrylic or tempera

## What you can also use:

- Watercolour paper or canvas
- Newspaper or drop cloth
- Glitter/sparkles

# Infinity and Beyond – Outer Space

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. Can you name any planets? Take a look at the picture below.

Today we are going to be making our very own rocky planet using collage techniques. But first, what is collage? Collage is combining multiple materials to make an artwork. We will be working with paper, paint, dirt and anything else you may want to incorporate to make your rocky planet scene.
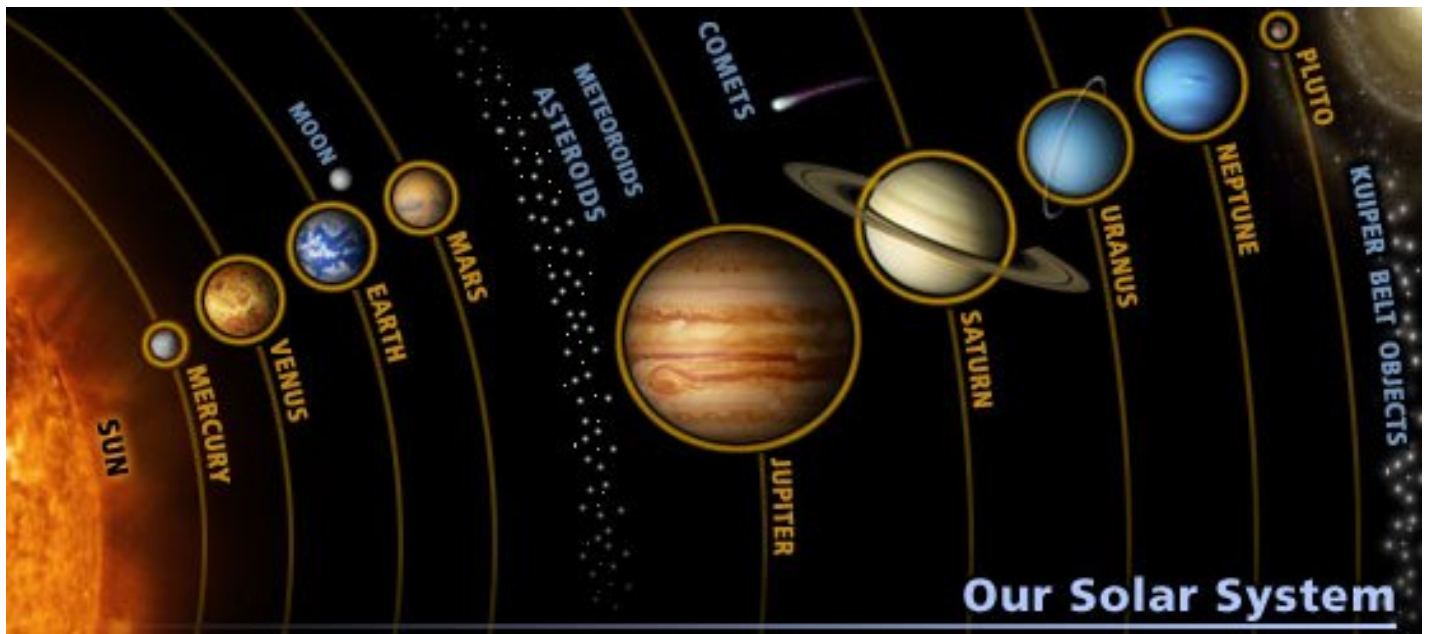


Photo: Westfield

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Let's get started! The first step is deciding what colours you want to use. You could use one solid colour or multiple colours in your circle. If you're having trouble making a perfect circle, don't worry! You can use a large round object to trace around to create a perfect circle before you paint or afterwards, or it's okay if your planet isn't perfectly round too. See below, I chose to do just one large planet in yellow but you can include other planets if you wish- take a look at my second example.

In this stage you also have to choose to keep the paint thick and wet to add the dirt to it or whether you prefer to let the paint dry and use a glue stick to add the dirt to your planet.

If you use the paint as the glue you may have to work quickly so it doesn't dry.

## 2

### ADD THE DIRT OR SAND

Now it's time for the fun part! Using either the wet paint or a glue stick, sprinkle dirt or sand on top of your planet. I used the wet paint technique on the yellow planet, whereas with the red planet I used a glue stick and only put glue where I wanted the dirt to stick. This step is great to do outside! Be sure to shake off any loose dirt from your paper afterwards before going back in the house.

If you have glitter or sparkles you could add some to your planet!
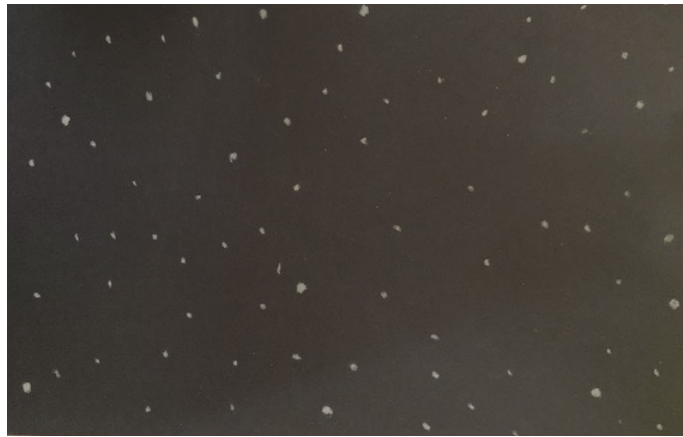


## 3

### CREATE THE BACK-GROUND

Let's create a space background for our rocky planet. Use black paper or if you don't have black paper use the black paint to make a background.

Using a thin paintbrush or the end of the paintbrush add white dots to the black paper. Scatter the white dots all over the paper so they look like stars. If you have glitter or sparkles you could add then to your background as well.

Now it's time for the final step! Using your scissors cut out the rocky planet, and then with your glue stick attach your planet to your background.

If you want to put another planet in outer space with your rocky planet go ahead! Take a look at the examples of finished artworks below.