

Sponge Paint Planets Craft

Supplies (all the following are prepared and placed in the classroom)

1. Planet templates
2. Solar system planet cards for reference
3. Cardstock
4. Paint brushes
5. Paint
6. Plates (for paint)
7. Q-tip / cotton buds
8. Painter's tape
9. Sharpie

Procedure

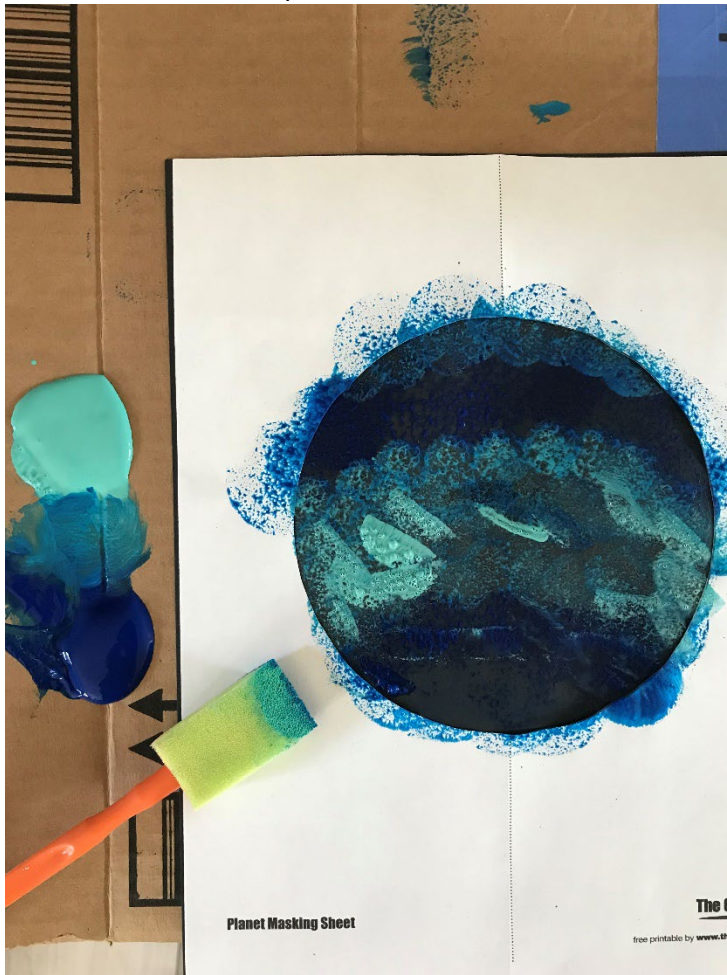
1. Fold the planet template in half and cut out the circle. Discard center and use outside as a mask.



2. Place mask over top of cardstock. Tape down masking sheet so it doesn't move while painting.



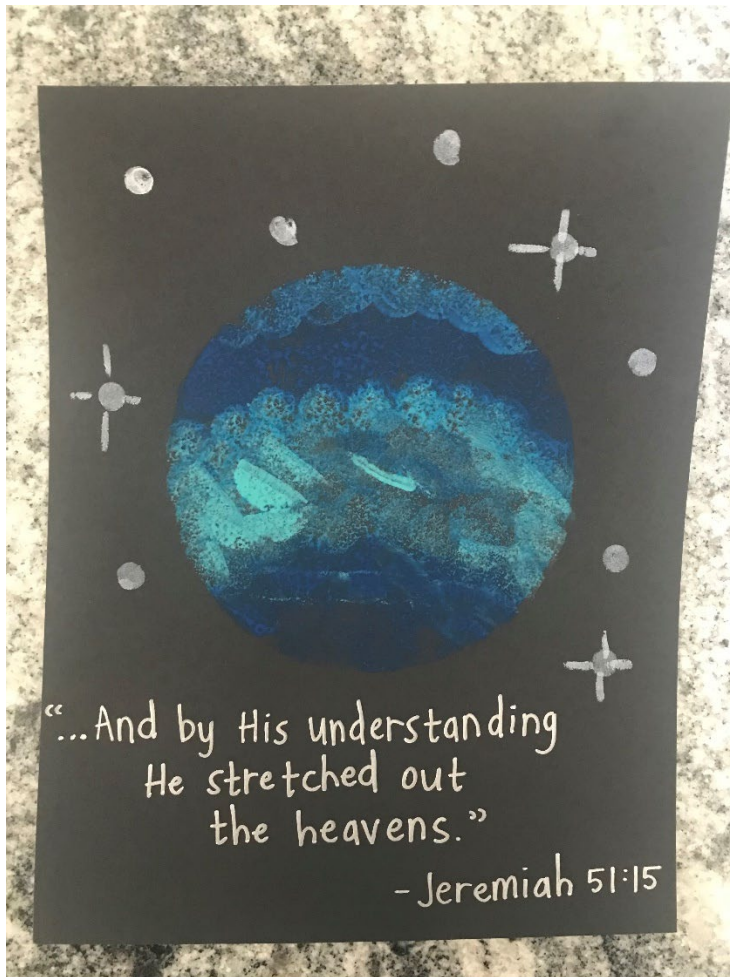
3. Choose a planet card to use as reference. Use sponge paint brushes to dab paint in the same places and shades as on the planet card.



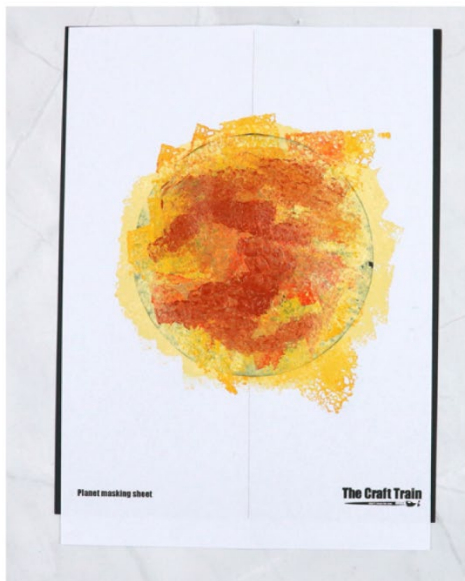
4. Peel mask away.



5. Add stars with cotton buds or q-tip.
6. Write verse with Sharpie: "...And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens." Jeremiah 51:15



7. If time permits, children can paint another planet.
8. Extra instructions for the sun: When making the sun, dab a few extra sparks around edge of circle in yellow after removing mask.



9. When making Saturn and Uranus, wait for the circle shape of planet to dry before using ring mask to add the rings.



10. Please clean up and return unused materials to the storage area.