



Galaxy Bottle

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AGE GROUP



HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - what does a real galaxy look like?

- Show children how to press a handful of cotton balls into the bottom of one of the jars.
- Sprinkle a teaspoon of silver glitter over the cotton balls.
- Choose one of the watercolours and drip a little over the cotton balls until it's absorbed.
- Encourage children to continue alternating their layers of cotton balls, glitter, and watercolours until they reach the top of the jar. Don't expect perfect layers, let them get creative!
- Press down the cotton balls tightly into the jar without gaps. We want to use cotton balls to absorb the colours, rather than have them slosh around inside the jar.
- Screw the lid on tightly, then twist and turn the jar to make swirly type patterns. The colours will stay separated for a few days if not shaken.
- Interesting to look at and perfect to help calm the senses.

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- Mason jars or plastic jars with lid (e.g peanut butter jar with screw lid)
- Cotton balls
- A selection of liquid watercolours (edicol dyes in water make lovely bright colours for galaxies!)
- Silver glitter
- Turkey basters or paintbrushes



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EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Make some black playdough then provide children with some small silver stars to knead into the dough and create their own galaxies.
- Set out a large mirror or some smaller perspex mirrors on a table with a bowl of clear or coloured glass gems for children to create some transient artworks. Also a fun creative activity for the light table.

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