

Activities at Home

Ramadan Moon & Stars Mobile

The Muslim calendar is lunar, and the beginning of each new month is marked by the sighting of the crescent moon. The crescent moon is significant during the month of Ramadan, because it marks the start of the fasting period at the beginning of the month. When the crescent moon is sighted at the end of Ramadan, the fasting period ends and the celebration of Eid-al-Fitr begins.

Celebrate the importance of the crescent moon by making a scraped paint moon and stars mobile.

You will need:

Cardstock

Acrylic paint in shades of purple and yellow

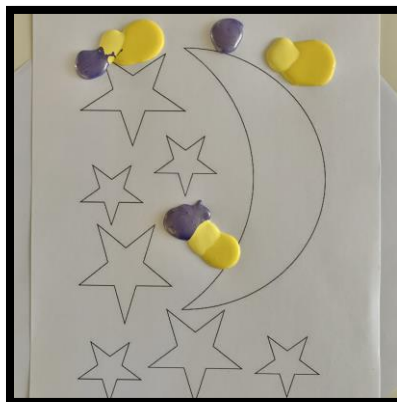
Sturdy piece of cardboard

String, twine, or yarn

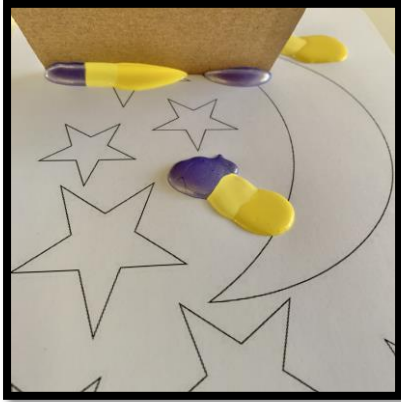
Scissors

Tape

1. Print the crescent moon and stars template onto a piece of cardstock.
2. Squeeze drops of paint onto several areas of the printed cardstock. The scraped paint technique works well if you group several drops of different paint colors together. In our example, we grouped metallic purple, light yellow, and dark yellow.



3. Holding the piece of cardboard in one hand, scrape one edge of it along the paper, starting at the top of the page and working down. Repeat this process until the paint is spread to your liking.



4. After the paint dries, cut out the crescent moon and the stars.
5. Cut lengths of string, twine, or yarn to be the distance you want between the moon and each star.
6. Tape the lengths of the string to the back of the moon and stars.
7. Add a length of string at the top of the mobile, and hang it up to display.



