

Nature Solar System

Create your own wonderful nature craft resource for studying the solar system.

Gather:

- Air dry clay
- Thin sticks, cut up
- Gumnuts in a variety of sizes
- Twine (we used out natural hemp twine)
- Gem gravel (optional, for decoration to the base)
- Watercolour paints
- Mod podge (optional, to seal)
- Glue



Create:

1. Choose which gumnuts you would like to use for the sun, planets and the moon. You can paint these before you add them to the clay, or carefully once they are in. Watercolours keep the beauty of the gumnuts, use acrylic for more vibrant coverage. Add a coat of mod podge to seal.
2. Roll out a chunk of air dry clay into a thick slab. Add a little water to smooth out the surface.
3. Add in your cut up stick pieces, starting from the sun, onwards. Put your gum nuts carefully onto the sticks. Gluing them on is optional to secure.
4. Get small pieces of extra clay, and wrap them around the bottom of each stick to help create support. Blend and use a little water to smooth everything out.
5. To make Saturn's rings, cut a small piece of twine. Glue one end onto your Saturn gumnut, find another point opposite to apply a small bit of glue, then glue the end piece to meet the starting point.
6. Push gem gravel into the base carefully for extra decoration.
7. Allow to dry and your nature solar system is all ready!

