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Wacky Spaceships

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Materials

Small Styrofoam bowls

Foil

Decorating materials such as pipe cleaners, coffee stirrers, and pompoms

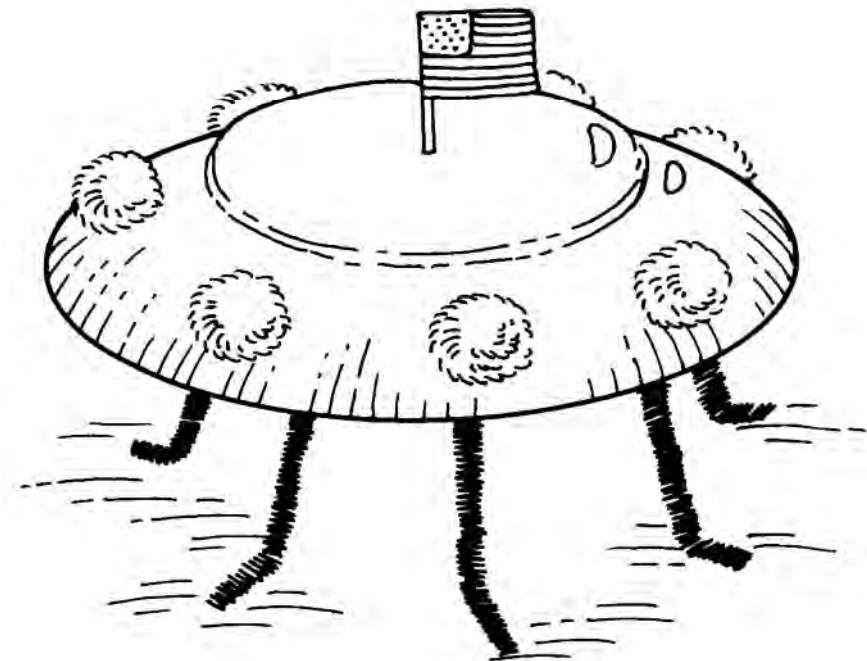
Glue

Construction paper

Toothpicks

Miniature store-bought flags, optional

Glitter



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What to do

1. Invite the children to cover the bowls with foil.
2. When they are finished, have the children turn the bowl upside-down so that it resembles a spaceship. Invite the children to choose which materials they would like to use to decorate their ship.
3. Help the children poke holes in the Styrofoam and insert the pipe cleaners or coffee stirrers. Show them how to use glue to attach the pompoms.
4. Demonstrate how to make a small flag on paper, then attach it to a toothpick; as an alternative, use miniature store-bought flags. Poke the toothpick flag into the Styrofoam to attach.
5. When their spacecrafts are almost finished, have the children spread glue sparingly over the surface, then sprinkle with glitter.

More to do

Dramatic play: Invite the children to rummage through the dress-up clothes and pretend to be aliens.

Language: Play "What If?" and ask the children what they would say if a friendly alien landed his spaceship on the playground and wanted to learn about the planet Earth.

More art: Cover a wall with black paper and add glittering star and planet stickers. Hang stars from the ceiling. Spray a box with silver paint to use as a spaceship, then decorate.

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The Earth and I by Frank Asch

The Planets by Gail Gibbons

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Robots from Outer Space

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Materials

Toilet tissue tubes, one per child
Foil
Packing bubble wrap
Glue
Scissors
Straws
Empty spools