

CLASSY ARTIST BOX KIDS!

PLANET PAINTING GUIDE



Drawing

Your project will look something like this when you are finished!



This month we are taking a trip to outer space to paint the planets and learn about our solar system!

The planets in our solar system are:















Mercury

Venus

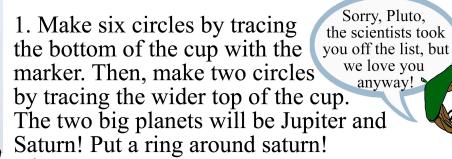
Earth

Mars

Jupiter

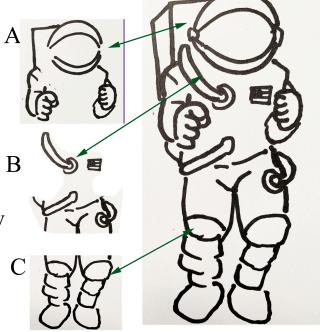
Saturn

Uranus Neptune





2. Now we are going to draw the astronaut! If you are younger, trace the dot-to-dot astronaut! Otherwise, copy the picture below in the extra space below the six smaller planets.





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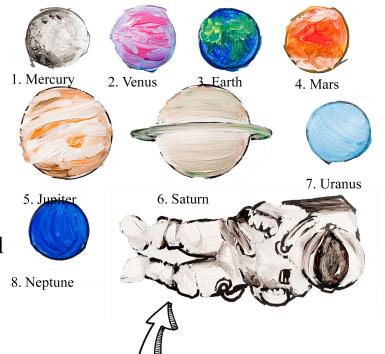
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3. Next stop: the moon! Paint a half-circle in the bottom 1/3rd of the black paper. Challenge: add craters and shadows so it comes alive!

4. Swirl it up! Paint the sky above the moon with dark purple and blue swirls or waves.



5. Paint the planets:

Mercury: black, gray, & white Venus: purple & pink (the actual

color is brown).

Earth: blue, green & tan.
Mars: red, orange, & gray.
Jupiter: white, orange, & tan.
Saturn: gray & tan with a ring.

Uranus: light blue Neptune: dark blue.

6. Paint your astronaut gray followed by black shadows. Try to avoid painting over the black lines - but if you do, just trace them again in black!



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Final Steps

















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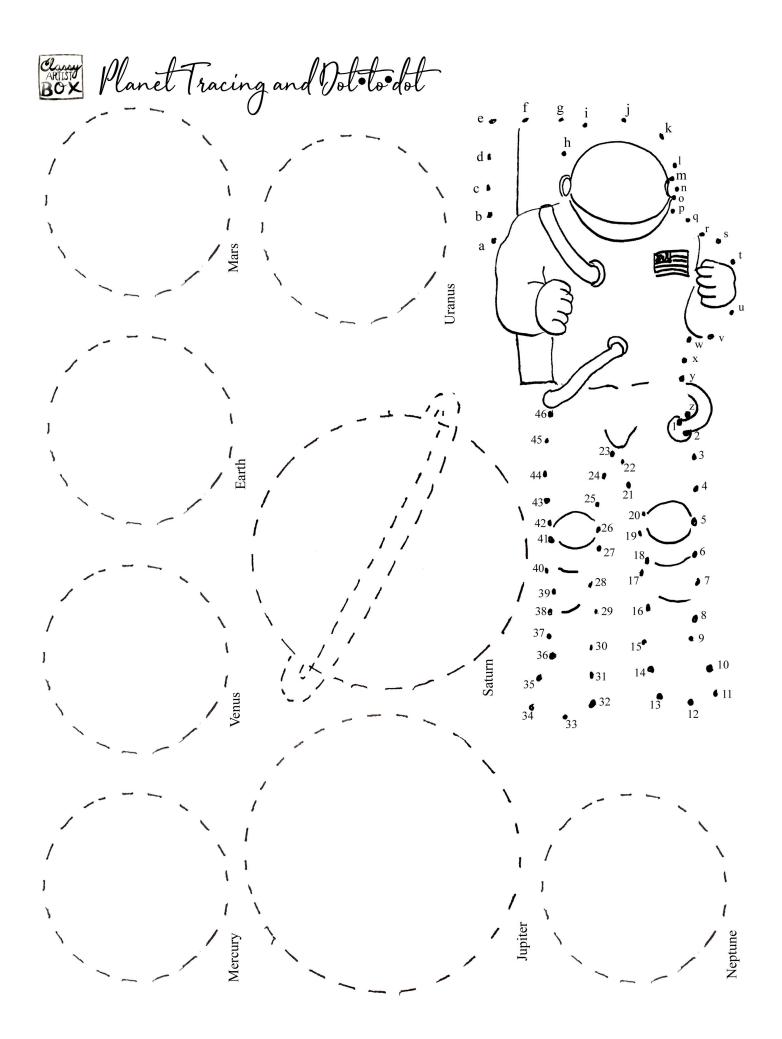
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7. Snip, snip!! Cut out your astronaut and planets.

- 8. Twinkle, twinkle little star! Use glitter glue to make little dots (stars!) with your paintbrush!
- 9. Glue down the astronaut and planets!



10. Comet me, bro!! Snap a photo of your beautiful creation and send it to us @ClassyArtistBox on Instagram! We'd love to feature your out-of-this-world painting in a post or story! Thanks for creating with us!



Your Child & the theory of Artistic Stages of Development

Below is your parent guide for this lesson! Use the age groups to encourage your child and help them aim for their artistic stage or higher (if that comes naturally). Everyone has varying levels of confidence in the arts. So a range of development is completely normal! Allow little ones who are struggling to draw from their imagination for a while, that's ok too!

Pre-Schematic Stage (Ages 3-4)

Do steps 1-8

These drawings are unrealistically drawn with the child's favorite colors instead of realistic colors.

The objects float in space and are not anchored to the ground.

Schematic Stage (typically 5-8)

Try to do steps 1-13

Colors become more realistic in these drawings as the child begins using a horizon line to separate the sky from the ground. The child may also use a schema to draw (aka every flower looks the same).

Preteen Stage (typically 9-11)

Try to do all steps!

These kids create drawings that are detailed and realistic. They add shading and basic spatial perspective to make the drawing look realistic. They may also begin to have feelings of failure if a drawing does not look as expected, so extra encouragement is needed.

