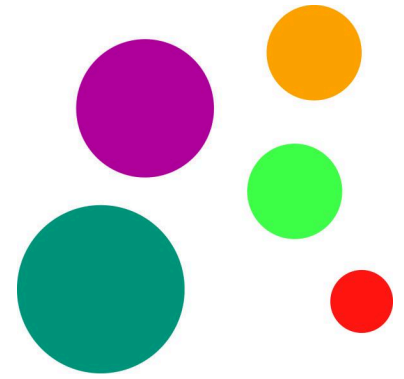


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Chalk Pastel Galaxies

Galaxies are formed by a cluster of stars—lots and lots of stars—held together by gravity. Some galaxies are in a spiral shape, and using chalk pastels to draw them can be a fun way to learn more about something so big and so far away. You can learn more about galaxies and their shapes from [NASA Science Space Place](#).



Supplies

- Black construction paper
- Pencil
- Chalk or chalk pastels
- Q-tips

Instructions

- Use a pencil to lightly draw your galaxy spiral.
- You can look at [photos of real galaxies from NASA](#) for inspiration.
- Choose your chalk pastel colors. Color the center of your spiral with white pastel.
- Follow your spiral drawing and draw thick lines with your blue pastel.
- Blend these colors together with your fingers, a blending tool, or a q-tip. Blend in the direction of the spiral to keep the spiral shape.
- Add in some white and orange chalk pastel around the spiral, do not blend these colors.
- Adding colors on top that don't require blending adds interest and texture to your art.
- Finally, take white chalk pastel and dot around the paper to make stars.



Want to explore more?

- Experiment with different shapes of galaxies, like elliptical and irregular.
- Experiment with different art mediums like watercolors.

What will you learn today?