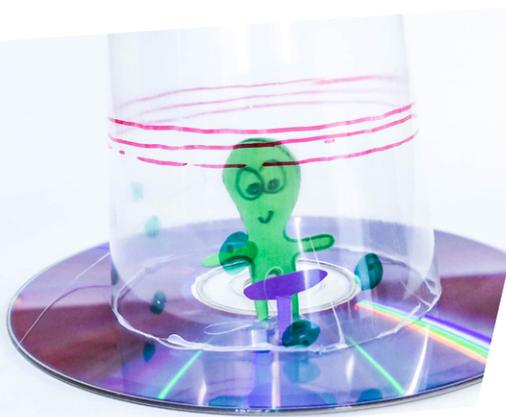


Working with a theme for a day, week or term can really help you create unique experiences for your programme to enjoy. This issue we are going to look at the theme 'out of this world' exploring anything relating to space.

## Out of this world



**Flying Saucer**

Do aliens exist.... lets not get into that but CD flying saucers are a great space themed activity.

The activity can suit all ages and simply is made by encapsulating an alien between and plastic cup and a CD. Full detailed instructions found at [oscn.org.nz/files/CDFlyingSaucer.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/CDFlyingSaucer.pdf)

You could even follow on from this activity by running a game of frisbee, but instead call them 'flying saucers'... who can fly the furthestest.

### Links

Check out the OSCN craft page [oscn.org.nz/activities](http://oscn.org.nz/activities) for more ideas

OSCN Pinterest page coming soon.



**Stitching Constellation**

Fine motor skills are always great to help a child grow. This activity has that in spades, using a needle and wool to create your own stitched constellations. Find the full instructions here [oscn.org.nz/files/StitchingConstellation.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/StitchingConstellation.pdf)

**Got more older children?** With this activity you could make it more challenging for your older children by using the second set of templates and not only follow the lines drawn but go between all the dots to create the full constellation picture.

Remember children love to adapt crafts so have a few colours on hand as some children may want to do theirs multi-coloured.

### Jar Nebula

Colours and sparkles, what child wouldn't like making these. Although this is simple it does require a few more resources and might need more forward planning.

The nebula is made by making layers in the jar of cotton wool, glitter and paint (tempera or acrylic will work fine) then filling up the jar with water. The full instructions can be found at [oscn.org.nz/files/JarNebula.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/JarNebula.pdf)

**When it comes to jars** plastic or glass jars will work but keep in mind the age of the children that will be making the nebula's as glass may not be great for 5 year olds in case they drop them.



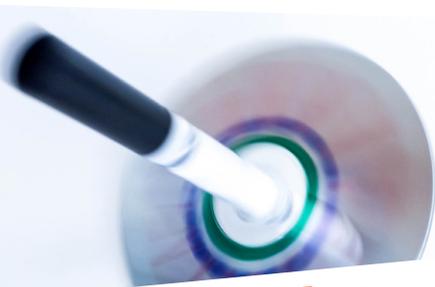
### Compact Discs



CD Mandalas

Fun and colourful, these mandalas use only a few resources, most of which you will have will probably have in your craft cupboard.

This activity is done in two stages, stage one draw the black pattern (don't have black relief outlining... you can use a permanent marker). Let it dry and then colour it in... simple. Full instructions here [oscn.org.nz/files/CDMandala.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/CDMandala.pdf)



CD Spinning Tops

Hold onto your old felts, they can be reused along with an old CD and some glue to make an amazing spinning top. This craft is best suited to the larger felts but with a bit of hot glue you should be able to make it work with any size. Full instructions at [oscn.org.nz/files/CDSpinningTop.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/CDSpinningTop.pdf)



CD Case Photo Box

We can even reuse the cases the CDs came in. For this activity you will need four of the thicker CD cases or two of the thinner ones.

The construction of these depends on what size case you have, but to put it simply the cases are glued together with hot glue and square photos or decorated card can be inserted into the CD booklet slot. Full instructions found at [oscn.org.nz/files/CDCasePhotoBox.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/CDCasePhotoBox.pdf)

*Tip: pair this activity with the mandalas, the finished mandala can be easily put back into a CD case to be shown of on one of the sides of the photo box.*

This activity may need more staff input when done with younger children, or it could be simplified by pre-making the boxes for younger children to decorate.



Scratching CDs

Usually we are careful not to scratch the CDs, but this time its the aim of the activity.

Get your CD paint it black, draw a pattern lightly with pencil and then use a blunt object like a fork or ball point pen (in the off position) to scratch the design to reveal the beautiful mirror below. Instructions found here [oscn.org.nz/files/CDScratching.pdf](http://oscn.org.nz/files/CDScratching.pdf)

You can always change it up to keep it fun by using a colour instead of black or a range of bright colours.

### Find the resources

**Black relief outlining** can be found at [gordonharris.co.nz](http://gordonharris.co.nz) keep in mind a little goes a long way.

**CD's** are usually easy to find but if not put a call out to parents or have a look on [trademe.co.nz](http://trademe.co.nz)