Kids Explore!

Make A Celebration Sun

Have some solar fun with a plastic lid and colorful pipe cleaners or ribbons.

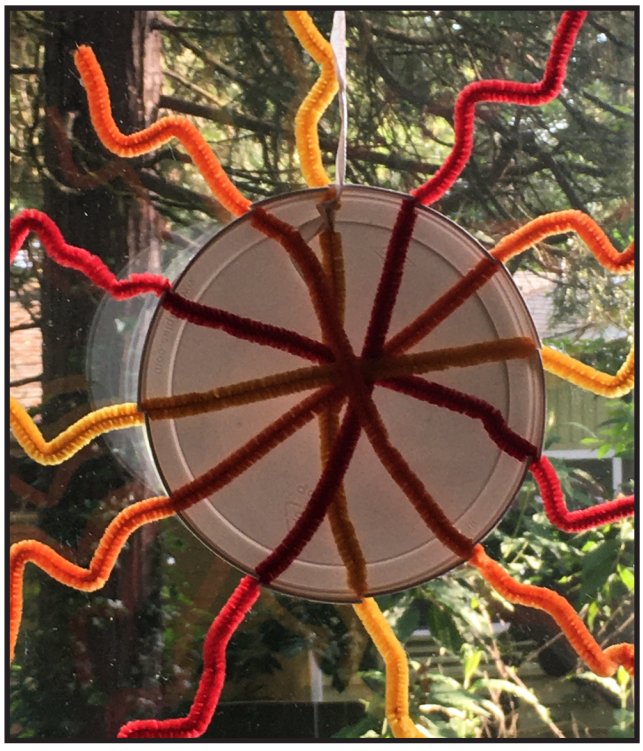
Materials

- One plastic salsa or yogurt-type tub lid
- 5-7 pipe cleaners or cut pieces of ribbon/yarn (or a combination of materials) in sun-ray-colored reds, yellows, oranges, golds, whites, and silvers
- Scissors

Adult help may be needed on steps with a ❖.

❖ 1. Snip an even number of short notches in the rim of your plastic lid, an inch or less apart. The more notches you make, the more colorful rays will stretch across your sun. Adult scissors may work best for this.

2. Lay your pipe cleaners (or cut pieces of ribbon or yarn) down on the lid and tuck them into the notches. You can go straight across if you want the end pattern to look star-like (as in the photo here) or your pattern could be more varied if you don't go straight across.

3. If you have used pipe cleaners, crimp them to look like rays. If you have used ribbons, have an adult use a pair of scissors to make them curl like you do when you wrap a package!

4. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn to one of the rays and hang your celebration sun in a window in honor of the summer solstice, or anytime you want to celebrate the sun!