

BUILDING A ROCKY PLANET

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1 Decide what colour you want your planet, and pick out two balloons of that colour

2 Get a water bottle, and use a jug and a funnel to fill it with rice up to the line



3 Blow up one of your balloons a little bit, and twist the end closed to stop the air escaping – don't tie it!

4 Put the end of the balloon over the top of the bottle; try not to let too much air escape (ask a friend if you need help)



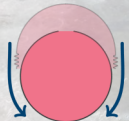
5 Flip the bottle upside-down and shake the rice into the balloon – hold on to the balloon so it doesn't come off

6 Take the balloon off the bottle and let the rest of the air out



7 Snip the neck off the balloon with a pair of scissors (just above where the rice is)

8 Snip the neck off the second balloon, and stretch it over the first to cover the opening – ask a friend if you need help



Congratulations, you've made a rocky planet! Now head over to the decoration station to add some details.

Our moon is not a planet – but it is rocky!