



Kids Craft

Suncatcher

epsom salt

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Epsom salt can be used in a DIY kids craft to create a homemade suncatcher by taking advantage of its crystal-forming properties. When Epsom salt is dissolved in hot water and spread onto a clear surface, it forms beautiful, frost-like crystals as it dries. Kids can paint the solution onto shapes or designs, and once dry, the sparkling crystal patterns catch and reflect sunlight. When hung in a window, the finished craft creates a shimmering suncatcher effect that looks like icy window art.

Ingredients

- Spoon
- Measuring cup
- Epsom salt
- Microwaveable dish
- Clear, plastic lid
- String
- Watercolor paints (optional)

Instructions

1. Heat $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water in the microwave for 30 seconds. Then, add in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Epsom salt and stir until the salt crystals have dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture onto the plastic lid (just enough to cover the bottom) and then let it sit by a window overnight to dry.
3. When completely dry, the lid should be covered in Epsom salt crystals! Cut a small hole near the edge of the plastic lid and tie string through the hole so you can hang it
4. Optional: Add watercolor paints to the crystals to create a colorful design OR keep it clear. Both options are unique and beautiful

How to Use

- Hang in window that faces the sun to catch the most rays. Watch them dance on the wall during sunrise and sunset.