

Art Activity

Cloud Mobile



Time for Reflection and Fun

Constance Forsyth was an artist who painted the nature she observed around her. She grew up in Indianapolis and taught at UT Austin for 33 years of her adult life. She often painted landscapes and skies full of fluffy clouds. What do the clouds look like outside today? What are your favorite types of clouds? Do you see any shapes in the clouds? Make your own cloudy sky mobile for indoors or outdoors.

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SEARCH

Search your home for the suggested materials.

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CREATE

Get creative with each step and think outside the box.

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ENJOY

Enjoy your creation and share with others.

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Constance Forsyth's
Bandera Sky (Clouds),
1959

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Eugene Boudin's
Trouville, 1880

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Lyonel Feininger's
Summer Clouds, 1938

Suggested materials:

- Cardboard or wire for your hoop.
- Yarn, string, twine, or rope.
- Glue
- Scissors
- Recycled egg carton/yogurt cups/anything you can use as an armature for your clouds
- Pen or pencil with blunt end
- Batting or cotton balls

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of cardboard into a circle that is open in the middle, or fashion a hoop out of some thick craft wire. I used a recycled pasta box to create my own hoop.
2. Ball up your yarn and begin wrapping it through and around your hoop. Wrap your first piece of yarn around itself on the hoop several times to secure it into place. Continue until the entire hoop is covered.
3. Cut the end of the yarn and tuck it under the yarn next to it so it is hidden.
4. Cut 3 pieces of yarn of equal size. Separately, tie them to your hoop in 3 spots, equally spaced from each other.
5. Pull your strings together above the center of your hoop and tie a slip knot: [click here](#) if you need a tutorial. Hang your mobile hoop from this loop.
6. Cut out 4–5 egg cushions from your egg carton and flip them upside down. Use a pencil, softly, to poke a hole through each one. This creates the base for your clouds.
7. Thread your yarn through the hole of each cloud base and tie a knot on the inside to secure it.
8. Glue cotton or batting on the inside of each cloud base and let it dry. Once dry, tie each one from your mobile hoop at the length you want it to hang and tuck the yarn into your hoop.
9. Glue cotton or batting to the top of each cloud base and let it dry.
10. Add a sun, moon, or birds of your own. Get creative!

