Teen Take & Make DIY Suncatchers August 22-27

Make a unique suncatcher for your room or give it as a gift! This project may take a few days to complete. Plan ahead to allow at least 4 to 7+ days drying time. Times may vary depending on how much glue you use.

Materials:
- Clear glue (not included)
- Glass stones
- Twine
- Plastic lid

1. Lay your stones out first to make sure your design fits the lid before you glue everything down. Plan where you will want your hole for the twine to hang your suncatcher. Readjust as needed. *Note: Take a photo of the design with your phone, so you can refer to it.
2. When you are happy with your design, clear the stones off and squeeze enough clear glue to cover the lid. (The flat side of the lid should be facing down-you need the edges of the lid up to hold your stones as you glue them on).
3. Start placing your stones in your pattern on the lid. Make sure you leave an area between the stones, preferably on the top of your suncatcher for the hole to add in the twine when the glue is dry.
4. When making your suncatcher, try to make your stones touch, as that will make it much easier to pop out of the lid in one piece when it’s dry.
5. After you finish your design, squirt some more glue around and over your suncatcher to solidify the design.
6. Wait! Allow at least 3-7 days (it might take longer, be patient!)
7. After a few days, your suncatcher should be able to peel away from the lid very easily. If you try to peel it away and you still see glue strings or it still seems like it’s wet or stuck to the lid, let it dry more.
8. When the glue is completely dry, add your twine or wire to hang it.

Choose a window that only gets a few hours of direct sunlight a day. A very hot window of direct sunlight may melt the glue and fade the stones.

Enjoy!

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