

NEBULA IN A JAR



Here's the tutorial:

<https://omghow.com/articles/1075>

And my tips and tricks from my own nebula!

1. Have some clear water handy and something to wipe your hands on. And cover your work surface, I am still cleaning paint off my table.
2. I used water color paints and acrylic paints to tint my water, don't feel obligated to use dye or food coloring if you like a color you only have in paint!
3. Pull your cotton balls out of the perfectly round shape, they look silly if you don't.
4. I tried three different methods of coloring the cotton balls – pouring the liquid over them, presoaking them, and presoaking then ringing them out. Here are my results for each method:
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Here I used the layer cotton, pour liquid method as prescribed by the tutorial. In retrospect I should have done more pulling apart of the cotton balls and I didn't really like how the colors blended on this one – I used 4 colors...



This time I saturated my cotton balls before putting them in, which made them very drippy but easier to pull out of the tater tot shape. I then poured in clear water to fill in the gaps that were created by maybe not enough pulling apart or maybe not enough excess liquid. I liked this method; I think it came out well. This one looks more like a pretty pink sunset over a wonderful blue sea to me though!



The third way I tried was definitely my favorite for achieving the nebula look! I presoaked all my cotton balls then squeezed them out. Some of them I squeezed out a lot, some just a little. Then I did the same thing I did the second time and poured clear water in on top.