

## **Solar Systems!**

### **Solar Suncatcher Craft**

#### Supplies:

- Printout of Suncatcher Patterns  
( <http://www.oblockbooks.com/suncatcher%20patterns%20ENC.pdf> )
- 2 Pieces of Clear Contact Paper or Plastic
- Scissors and Glue
- Orange and Yellow Tissue Paper

#### Instructions:

1. After printing the template out, cut out the circle and triangle shapes. Make sure to cut out the insides as well. (If you are having trouble cutting out the circle, try folding the paper in half first!)
2. If using contact paper, place the cut-out circle (backside down) onto the sticky part of the contact paper. If you are just using clear plastic, use glue to hold it down.
3. Next, do the same thing with the triangles. Arrange them around the circle so that they look like the rays coming from the sun.
4. Take the tissue paper and cut it into a bunch of small or medium-sized squares.
5. Arrange the pieces of tissue paper inside the outlines of the sun so that they fill in the clear parts of the circle and triangles completely. The sun and rays should be a mixture of yellow and orange now!
6. Put another piece of sticky contact paper (if just using plastic, glue it) on top of everything you've been working, so that there is clear contact paper on both sides of the suncatcher.
7. When ready, cut the completed suncatcher out from the contact paper or plastic.
8. Hang the suncatcher or tape it to a window and watch as the sunlight shines through!