



Craft
Ages 6–8
30–60 minutes

Button Moon Collage

Description

Participants will create a button moon collage as a decoration that can be hung on a window or wall

Note: This craft can be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper and cut into half sheets. Half sheets are recommended because completing a full sheet would require a large quantity of materials.

Number of Participants

For a minimum of one participant

Space Considerations

Any indoor space where participants can do crafts at tables and chairs

Competencies

- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Following directions
- Spatial relationships
- Understanding shapes

Materials

- Black or dark blue card stock (for preparation)
- Transparent packing tape
- Wet glue or tape
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Many buttons and beads of various sizes (white, creamy, golden, yellow, mint, light-blue, etc.)
- Rhinestone stickers and/or jewel stickers (recommended, but optional)
- Small white beads (optional)

- Star stickers (optional)
- Paper-punched stars (optional)

Preparation

- Print moon template on card stock; it might show up quite dark on card stock, so you can go over the outline with pencil or wet glue
 - The wet glue will also provide a tactile outline
- Provide half sheets of plain black card stock if participants prefer to draw their own crescent moon
 - Remind them that it has to be big enough to cut out with scissors, and that the bigger the space, the more material will be needed to fill it up

Implementation

1. Go over template outline again using pencil if needed.



2. Cut the moon out by poking scissors through it and then cutting from the inside.



3. Tape the reverse side of the paper using strips of packing tape. The tape strips should overlap a little bit so there are no gaps.

Make sure that you are using a smooth surface underneath while taping, and that the tape will not damage it (i.e. the tape will not take paint off a table).

If you want the moon facing left in the completed piece, turn the paper over. If you want the moon facing right, do not turn the paper over. In the example below, the paper is turned over, so the moon will face left once it is completed.



4. Only the surface of the moon has to be taped over, so there is no need to tape the entire sheet of paper.



5. Turn the card stock over. Add buttons, beads, and stickers and other materials within the moon's outline to the sticky side of the moon. Do not worry if you leave small spaces uncovered.

The images below are examples of completed moon collages.

Version 1: Mostly buttons with some rhinestone stickers and jewel stickers

Version 2: Mostly rhinestone stickers and jewel stickers with some buttons



6. You can hang the collage on a window, and you can also decorate the background with stickers, as in the examples below.



Accessibility Considerations

- Give participants the option to use a stencil or draw their own moon
- Prepare pre-cut templates that have the moon cut out and the packing tape already applied
- Be ready to assist participants with taping
- Star stickers, other stickers or paper-punched stars can be used to decorate, instead of cutting out stars
- Have a good selection of large and medium buttons
- Place small beads in a cup, bowl or container with a small spoon, so kids can pour beads on the moon and do not need to pick up each bead and place it.

Book Suggestions

Meet Your Family = Gikenim Giniigi'igoog by David Bouchard and Kristy Cameron

Moon Pops by Heena Baek

The Origin of Day and Night by Paula Ikuutaq Rumbolt and Lenny Lishchenko

Window by Marion Arbona

Download Links

[Button moon collage instructions PDF](#)

[Button moon collage template: moon template.docx](#) (2 half sheets per page)

[Button moon collage examples: moon collage examples.docx](#)

Images

- Examples of completed moon collages and template

Example 1: buttons and rhinestone stickers



Example 2: buttons and rhinestone stickers and foam stickers



Example 3: buttons and rhinestone stickers



Moon template (8.5" x 11" sheet)

