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Moon Phase Wall Hanging

This is a fun, easy craft to create. The hanging is very light and can easily be hung with a push pin or tape. Hanging it horizontally is another option. This project calls for silver paper and chain, but you could easily change it to gold or any color of your choosing.

Supplies Needed

- 8 ½ x 11 sheet of silver cardstock (used <u>Craft Studio's silver foil</u> <u>cardstock pack from Hobby Lobby</u> may be available as a single)
- Template for moon phases see below for link (kit comes with it preprinted on the cardstock)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Scotch tape
- 24" silver-colored brass chain (found it on Amazon)
- Large pin or needle (to make holes for the jump rings)
- 20 (5mm) silver-colored jump rings
- Wire-cutter pliers (try the <u>multi-strand wire cutter</u> from Joann Fabrics or heavy-duty kitchen shears)
- Needle nose pliers

Instructions

- 1. If not working with the pre-printed cardstock, print or copy the template onto the back of the silver cardstock.
- Carefully cut out the moon phases. Note that some of the circles have two phases opposite each other. Numbers are marked above each of the phases to indicate the order.
- 3. Lay out the phases, starting from the crescent moon through the full moon and back to the crescent, making sure that everything is in the correct order and faced the correct way.
- 4. In order to connect the moon phases you will need to create holes near opposing edges in the middle on each of the moon phases. The holes should be about ¼" from the edge and across from each other. Before you create the hole, reinforce the area on the brown side of the cardstock with a small piece of tape. Carefully insert your large pin or needle and push it through a bit to create the hole for the jump ring. Remove the pin or needle.
- 5. Using your wire cutter pliers, cut a piece of chain a link or two less than 2".
- 6. With a needle-nose pliers, open up a jump ring and insert one end of the jump ring through the hole you created at the edge of the moon phase. Slide the 2" chain onto the jump ring. Carefully close the jump ring with your pliers. Watch that you don't damage the silver cardstock.



- 7. Repeat steps 4, 5 and 6 to attach the chain links to the rest of the moon phases. Be sure that you are placing the hole so that the moon phases will hang in a pleasing arrangement.
- 8. After attaching all of the moon phases, you should be left with a piece of chain about 8" long. Divide it in half and attach it to the top and bottom crescents with jump rings.
- 9. Attach jump rings to the ends of the chains and use them to hang your Moon Phase Wall Hanging. It can be hung vertically or horizontally.

Check out the calendar entry for the March 2022 Take and Make craft. This will give you a link to the template, these instructions, as well as a video tutorial on the CLPL YouTube Channel: https://crystallake.librarycalendar.com/events/adult-take-and-make-moon-phase-wall-hanging