

Clouds Four Ways

Did you know that there are over ten types of clouds? Different clouds show up in the sky based on the weather and season.

Look out your window to see if there are any clouds in your sky today! Can you and your family find ways to recreate what you see through art? Activities best suited for children 3–8 years of age, but can be adapted.

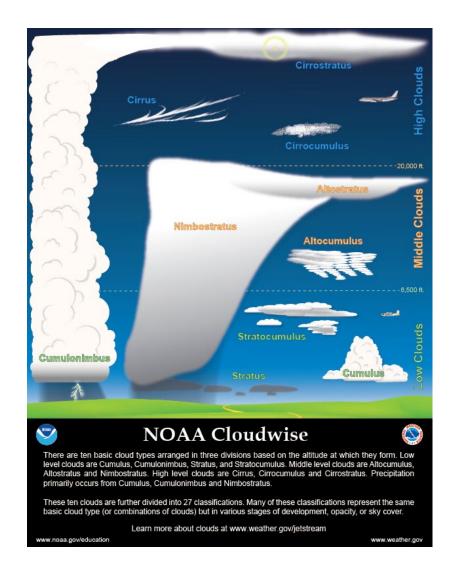


Image: https://www.weather.gov/jetstream/NOAAwise_front Cotton Ball Clouds

Materials for Activity:

- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Blue construction paper
- Gray Marker
- **Step 1.** Stretch out cotton balls to create thin, wispy shapes.
- Step 2. Color cotton balls with your gray marker
- Step 3. Glue gray shapes onto paper

Paint the Sky Clouds

Materials for Activity:

- Cotton balls
- Glue
- White, gray, blue paint
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Paper
- **Step 1.** Put dollops of paint on your paper plate. Mix colors to create shades of blue!
- **Step 2.** Once colors are ready, dab the cotton balls into the paint and 'stamp' onto the paper.
- Step 3. Create your sky!

Puffy Paint Clouds *Adult supervision recommended

Materials for Activity:

- White Shaving Cream
- White Glue
- Paper bowl
- Paper towels
- Spoon
- Paper
- Measuring cups
- **Step 1.** Using a spoon, mix $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of shaving cream and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of glue in bowl
- **Step 2.** Fingerpaint your clouds it will dry fast!
- Step 3. Clean up and wash hands. Place on a flat surface to dry.

"Rain"bow Clouds *Adult supervision required

Materials for Activity:

- Sturdy paper or canvas
- Crayons of all colors
- Glue
- Hairdryer
- Cotton balls
- Newspaper
- Step 1. Unwrap crayons.
- **Step 2.** Attach unwrapped crayons to top of paper with glue. Allow to dry to five minutes.
- **Step 3.** Once attached, plug in the hair dryer into an outlet, and apply heat.
- TIP: Hold your paper vertically and tilt your blow-dryer down towards the paper.
- Step 4. Allow your masterpiece to dry!
- Step 5. Using glue, attach cotton balls to the top of your paper.