how to make CRYSTALS

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supplies

- pipe cleaners, or rocks, or seashells
- pencils or skewers
- Borax - keep out of reach of children
- boiling water
- wide-mouthed glass jars that can be recycled - crystals will form on the bottom of the glass and may be difficult to remove!

1 Bend and twist the pipe cleaners into whatever shapes you wish. Make sure the shapes can easily fit inside the jars.

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2 Make hangers for each of your pipe cleaner creations out of pipe cleaners or string.

3 Slide the hangers onto a pencil or skewer. Then rest the pencil on top of the glass, with the pipe cleaner shape hanging down into the jar.

Make sure that the pipe cleaners are not touching the sides of the jar, or each other!!

4 Pour the boiling water into a heat-proof liquid measuring cup.

Please note that Borax is toxic. Using it should be carefully monitored.

5 Add Borax to the boiling water. Try to add 3-4 tablespoons for every cup of boiling water.

6 Stir well. The water will look cloudy.

7 Pour the Borax + water into each cup with the pipe cleaner shapes.

You may need to repeat these steps depending on how many shapes and jars you have.

8 Wait at least 24 hours before removing the crysallized pipe cleaners.

Let the shapes dry for a few hours before hanging them in your window!

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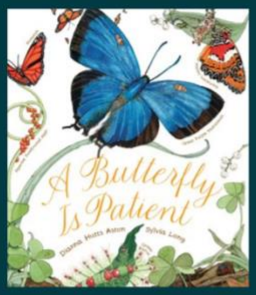

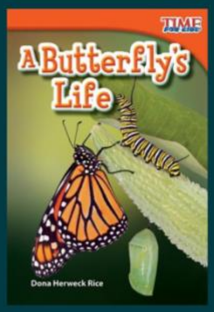

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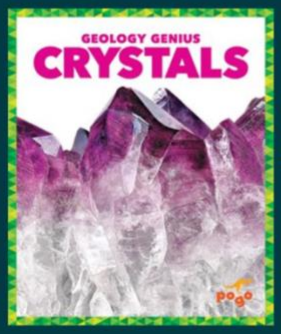

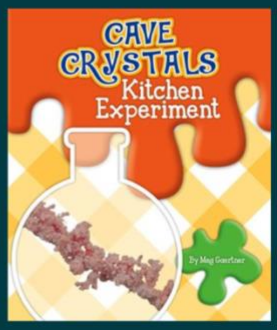

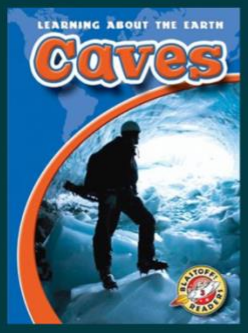

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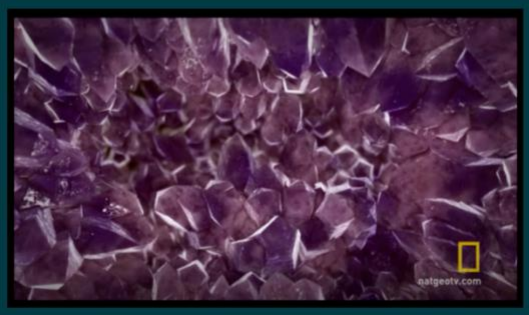

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