

# Stories in the Stars - Telescope Craft



## Materials:

1. Two toilet paper rolls OR one paper towel roll cut in half
2. Tape
3. 2 pieces of string or yarn (approximately 12 inches long each)
4. Scissors
5. Markers/Crayons/Paint
6. Sequins/Glitter/Stickers (optional)

## Instructions:

1. Decorate the cardboard roll(s). If using a paper towel roll, cut in half to create two rolls of equal length.
2. Take ONE of your rolls and cut along the length of the roll.
3. Take the cut roll and overlap the edges so that it fits securely inside the other roll. Tape.
4. Keeping the cut roll nestled inside the uncut roll, take a piece of string and tape to the top of the inside of the cut roll. Feed the rest of the string down through the middle of both rolls.
5. Extend your telescope so that only about an inch of the cut roll remains inside the uncut one. Tape the other end of the string to the bottom of the inside of the uncut roll. Cut off any excess string that pokes out the bottom of the telescope.
6. Repeat with the other string on the other side of the inside of the rolls. These two strings anchor your telescope, so that it can retract but not come apart. Enjoy!

