

# Making Borax Crystals



## Materials

- Borax
- Pipe Cleaners
- String
- Craft sticks
- Jars or glasses
- Food colouring (optional)
- Boiling water

## Tools

- scissors
- measuring cup

## Instructions

1) Bend pipe cleaners into different shapes, then tie them with string to the craft sticks.

Make sure the shapes are small enough to pull out of the jar without bending plus a small amount of space either side for the crystals to grow

2) Fill each jar with boiling water from the kettle and stir in 1/3 cup of Borax until it has all dissolved. Add a few drops of food colouring if desired.

3) Tie the pipe cleaner shapes on to the craft sticks with string and hang over the jar so the pipe cleaner shape is completely immersed in the solution. You can add two to a stick if there is space

4) Leave on the shelf for several hours or overnight, until the solution has completely cooled down and crystals have formed on the pipe cleaner.

5) Take the crystal ornaments out and allow to drain on paper towel before hanging