

Sun Catcher



Here comes the sun!

Bask in the colorful light created when the sunshine meets this pony bead sun catcher.

Supplies:

- Approximately thirty (30) plastic pony beads
- Sandpaper
- Aluminum foil
- Muffin pan
- Scissors
- Outdoor stove/grill
- Electric drill (optional)
- Fishing line (optional)



Instructions:

1. Mold aluminum foil around the bottom of one (1) muffin well on a muffin pan (**Fig. 1**).
2. Using scissors and the mold from step one (1), cut out a circle of aluminum foil that will fit into the bottom of one (1) muffin well in a muffin pan (**Fig. 2**).
3. Fold the aluminum foil circle into quarters. Cut designs into the quartered circle, a la a paper snowflake (**Fig. 3**). Carefully unfold the aluminum and place at the bottom of one muffin well.
4. Fill one (1) muffin well with a single layer of pony beads (**Fig. 4**).
5. Warm the muffin tin using an outdoor stove or grill (**Fig. 5**). Use an indoor stove at your own risk; melting plastic fumes are acrid and poisonous.
6. Melt until the sun catchers do not appear “pebbly”, about ten minutes on a gas grill with the cover closed. Let cool.
7. Once cool, invert the muffin pan and the sun catcher should fall right out. Use a butter knife to loosen the sides, if necessary.
8. Sand down jagged edges, if necessary (**Fig. 6**).
9. If desired, use an electric drill to make a small hole near the outer edge of the sun catcher. Thread fishing line through the hole and tie with a knot.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6