

"Swinging on a Star" Mobile

Featuring VDC Stars Grace, Ellowyne, and Dolly Dingle



This pretty decoration will twirl and twinkle, adding a little bit of star-studded inspiration to any room! There is a great deal of customization you can do with this concept. These instructions are based on how I made my own "Swinging on a Star" mobile, so you can use this as a starting point for your own creation!

Basic Supplies:

Paper stars and designs, cut out from the template
Floral hoop (embroidery hoops work, too)
Embroidery floss
Scissors
Double-sided tape
Glue
Ribbon

Optional Supplies:

Beads
Glitter spray

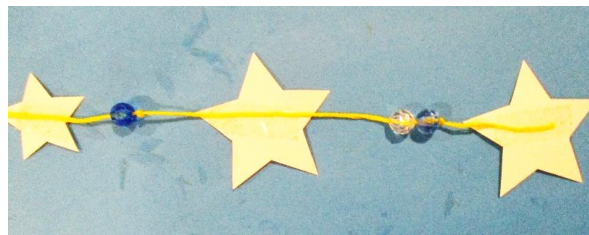
Any other embellishments you like, or even photos of the stars in your sky, like favorite dolls, pets, or people.

Directions:

1. Arrange the stars in the order you like. (It helps to space them out in varying intervals. This is how I planned my star strands (each star gets a front and back):

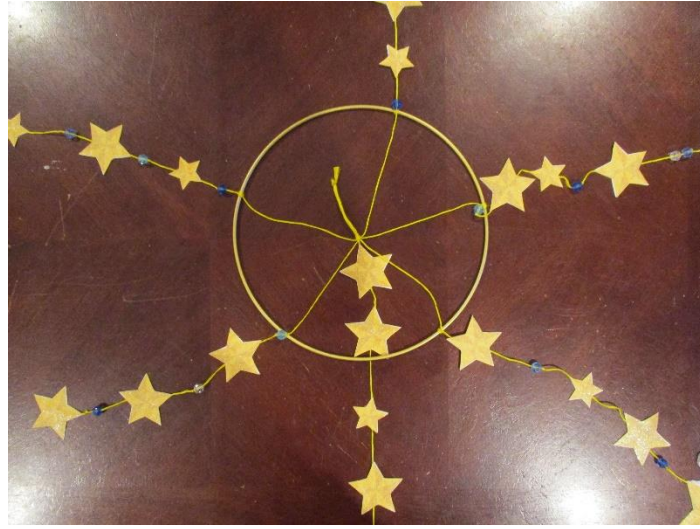


2. Cut 6 pieces of embroidery floss. (I used 25 – 36 inch lengths so there would be plenty of extra floss to hang the mobile, and some varying in the lengths of the star strands.)
3. Use double sided tape to stick the floss down the center of your stars (on the blank side).



4. (Optional: If you are adding beads, string them on the floss between the stars as you go along.)
5. Add a tiny bit of glue to the points of the stars (where the double sided tape doesn't reach). Glue matching stars to the other side, with the designs facing outward, so the string is hidden within the now 2-sided stars.
6. Repeat Steps 1 – 5 to make your 6 star strands.
7. After you've made all of your star strands, you can start assembling your mobile.
8. You want 5 of your star strands to be evenly spaced on the embroidery hoop (the 6th will go in the center). Start with your first star strand. Take the

floss just above the top star and wrap it a couple times around the hoop. Make sure you leave enough extra floss at the top to hang the hoop.



9. Repeat with the other four strands at regular intervals around the hoop. Now take the extra floss from each of those and add the center star strand.
10. Tie a sturdy knot, attaching all 6 star strands in the center of the hoop. (Centering this is the trickiest part, but with a little patience and adjustment, you can do it!) I covered this knot with a blue ribbon bow to conceal it.
11. Tie another knot 2 inches above that. This will enable you to have a loop to hang your mobile from.



12. (Optional: If you'd like to give your mobile a "fuller" look, simply tie curly strands of ribbon between your star strands. I used beautiful golden string to do this on mine)

A Few Extra Notes & Inspirations:

One of the things I did to add a bit of sparkle to my mobile was that after I cut out all the stars (before step 1), I sprayed them with glitter spray. If you add glitter spray to the stars with characters on them, I recommend wiping their faces and hair with your finger immediately while the spray is still wet to remove the glitter from those areas. The clothing looks fine with the glitter, though!

Another nice thing you could do with this craft is that you can add photos of the stars in YOUR life—people, pets, dolls-- or even small cutouts featuring inspirational quotes. It's totally up to you how you personalize your mobile!

You may want to print multiple pages to make more star strands. Or, you can enlarge the star designs on your copier to make a larger mobile, or reduce them to make a miniature mobile for your doll or dollhouse.

*As you watch your "Swinging on a Star" mobile dance and twirl,
remember that you are the loveliest star of all!*

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