EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE

Nebula Spin Art

Create a nebula as unique as the real thing!
Place a black paper circle in the bottom of the spinner and choose at least 3 colors of paint. Squirt 5–10 drops of each color into the center of the paper circle so that all the drops are touching.

Before spinning, lift up the spinner and tilt it back and forth to start spreading the paint equally in all directions. (This will be your star with its mix of elements!)

Cover the spinner with the lid and use the hand pump to spin everything for several seconds. Open it up and look inside. What happened to your star? Where did the star’s elements go as it became a nebula?

Now try this! Can you make another nebula with a different pattern or color mixture? Use a gel pen to add the name of your nebula or your own name to the paper.