



The Astronaut's New Clothes - Teacher Notes



A fun way to make a decoration for the classroom, whilst learning about clothing for astronauts, would be to make an astronaut poster. Start by placing a long piece of paper or card on the ground and asking one student to lie on their back on it, spreading out their arms and legs slightly. You then trace around the student with a pencil.

To make the astronaut's suit, use materials such as paper plates, aluminium foil, white plastic bags, plastic tubing and latex gloves.

Astronauts must train hard to be able to do tasks whilst wearing their thick gloves. Students could mimic this by trying to pick up and move objects whilst wearing adult sized washing up gloves or thick leather welding gloves. Perhaps they could try doing a puzzle or building a tower from blocks.

You may even like to set up a glove box with holes in that you attach gloves to for students to manipulate objects contained in the box. This could be a plastic crate or a cardboard box. For added effect (and difficulty!) students may like to wear goggles, a visor or a face shield to mimic the limited field of vision inside an astronaut's helmet.



As well as being fun, this is a good way to practice fine motor skills.

