

## **EASY PAPER PLATE TIRE SWING**

Here's a super simple, inexpensive fun craft to do with children after following the wild imaginary adventures of the young energetic character in ***High in the Sky*** by Kathleen Gauer. Ask for this title at your local library or order your own signed copy from [www.skippingstonepress.net](http://www.skippingstonepress.net)).

### **What You Need:**

paper plate (flexible, inexpensive variety with ripple edge)  
black tempera paint  
paint brush  
sky blue cardstock paper  
scissors  
pencil crayons  
hole punch  
ball of twine  
short twig  
glue  
decorations (stickers, googly eyes, sequins, spots, etc.)

### **Directions:**

1. Start by painting the rippled edge of your paper plate black, leaving the centre circle bare. Let dry completely.
2. While drying, cut out a circle from the cardstock with dimensions to fit the inside circle of your paper plate.
3. Have child draw and colour an imaginary picture onto the blue circle (blasting into space on a rocket ship, surfing a rolling wave, etc.)

4. When your paper plate is dry, make a small hole on the inside rim of the tire. Thread the twine through the hole and tie a knot at the top of the tire. Tie the other end of the twine to the twig.
5. Glue the child's drawing onto the centre of the paper plate.
6. Jazz up the tire swing with stickers, googly eyes, sequins, spots, etc.
7. Hang from a bookcase or shelf with pride!

Note: If a 3D effect is desired, both sides of the paper plate can be completed as above.