

It is a very simple and easy experiment. All you need is:

- borax powder laundry booster (3 tbsp.)
- hot water (1 cup)
- glass jar
- 1 popsicle stick
- cotton string (I used floral wire)
- pipe cleaner/chenille stick (I used 'eyelash' yarn)
- food coloring (optional)
- scissors

Dissolve 3 tablespoons of borax powder in 1 cup of boiling water. We did this in a small pot on the stove. Remove from heat and add a few drops of food coloring and stir. My son used yellow food coloring.

2. Tie the string or wire around the center of a popsicle stick. Allow a few inches to hang down into the water. Bend the pipe cleaner or floral wire into a star, circle, or shape you prefer. Using floral wire, I wrapped the yarn around the wire and bent it into a circle. Attach the shape to the wire hanging down from the popsicle stick.

3. Pour the solution into the jar and place the popsicle stick across the top of the jar so your shape hangs into the borax water. Place in a location where it is undisturbed. Wait for the crystals to grow.