Use Play-Doh to create scale models of the eight planets of our Solar System.

To complete this activity, you will need:

- Play-Doh (3 tubs per Solar System)
- Planet name cards
- Rulers (for cutting the Play-Doh


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## Instructions

1. Mix your Play-Doh tubs together to create a sausage shape.
2. Divide the whole sausage of Play-Doh into 8 equal parts.
a) Roll 5 parts together to create the planet Jupiter.
b) Roll 1 part to create the planet Saturn.
3. Combine the remaining 2 parts and then cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 2 parts and add to Jupiter.
b) Take 2 parts and add to Saturn.
c) Take 1 part to create Neptune.
d) Take 1 part to create Uranus.
4. Combine the remaining 2 parts and then cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 3 parts and add to Jupiter.
b) Take 3 parts and add to Saturn.
5. Combine the 2 remaining pieces and then cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 1 part to create the Earth.
b) Take 1 part and add to Saturn.
c) Take 3 parts and add to Neptune.

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6. Combine the remaining 3 pieces and cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 2 parts to create Venus.
b) Take 1 part and add to Neptune.
c) Take 1 part and add to Uranus.
7. Combine the remaining 4 pieces and cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 1 part and add to Jupiter.
b) Take 1 part and add to Uranus.
c) Take 1 part and add to Neptune.
8. Combine the 5 remaining pieces and cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 1 part and create Mars.
b) Take 1 part and add to Venus.
c) Take 1 part and add to Earth.
d) Take 1 part and add to Jupiter.
9. Combine the remaining 4 pieces and cut into 8 equal parts.
a) Take 1 part and create Mercury.
b) Take 1 part and add to Venus.
c) Take 1 part and add to Saturn.
d) Take 1 part and add to Uranus.
e) Take 1 part and add to Neptune.
10.Combine the remaining 3 pieces and cut into 4 equal parts.
a) Take 1 part and add to Earth.
b) Take 1 part and add to Uranus.
c) Take 2 parts and add to Jupiter.


Each ball now represents the relative size (volume) of each planet.

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