## **Growing Crystals**

### Sugar Crystals (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>)

Material

Clear container for holding two cups of liquid

Measuring cup for boiling water

3 Cups Sugar

1 Cup Water

1 pop cycle stick

1 6" Thread

- 1 6" string
- 1 6" cord

Food Coloring

#### Experiment

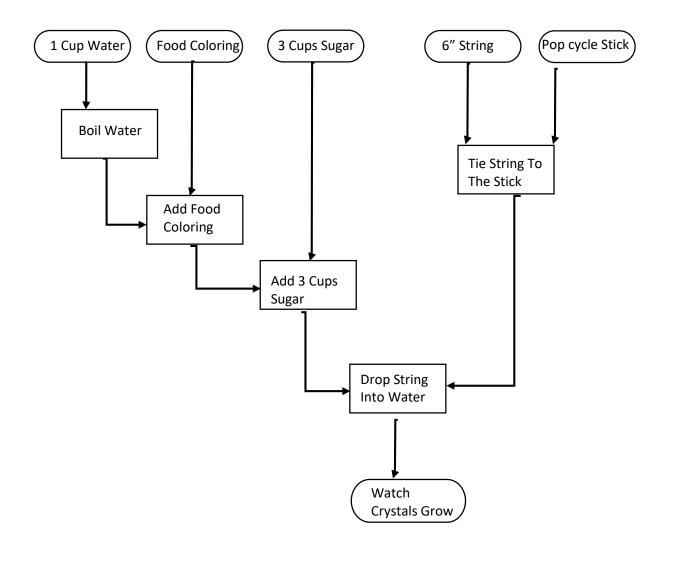
Tie the three strings to the popcycle stick about 1 inch apart.

Boil 1 cup of water in the measuring cup.

Add food coloring to boiling water.

Add sugar to boiling water.

Suspend pop cycle stick over the water so the strings/tread hangs in the water.



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## Borax Crystals (Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)

Material

Clear container for holding two cups of liquid

Measuring cup for boiling water

3 tablespoons borax

1 cup water

1 pop cycle stick

Pipe Cleaners

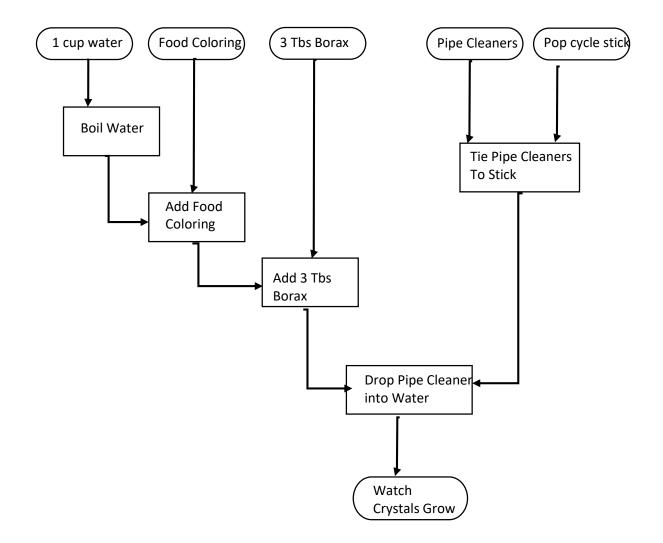
### Experiment

Wrap the end of pipe cleaner to pop cycle stick.

Boil 1 cup of water in the measuring cup.

Add 3 tablespoons of borax to boiling water.

Suspend pop cycle stick over the water so the pipe cleaner hangs in the water.



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### Epsom Salt Crystals (MgSO<sub>4</sub>)

### Material

Clear container for holding two cups of liquid Measuring cup for boiling water Food Coloring if desired ½ cup Epsom salt 1/2 cup water

### Experiment

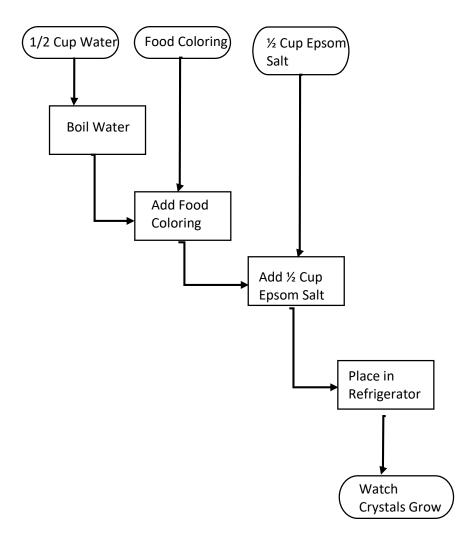
Boil 1/2 cup of water in the measuring cup.

Add ½ cup of Epsom salt to boiling water.

Pour the water and salt into a clean container.

Place the cup with the water and salt in the refrigerator.

These crystals are very fragile so handle with care.



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### Rock Salt (NaCl + impurities)

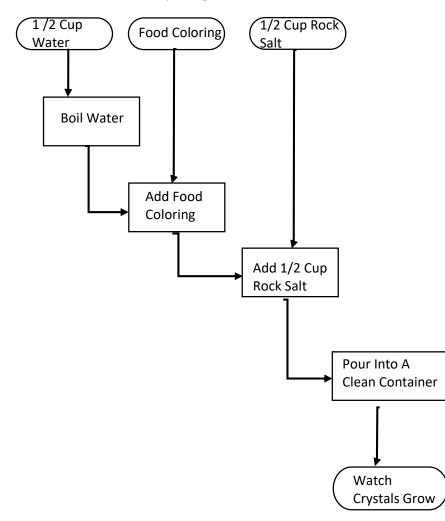
### Materials

Clear for holding two cups of liquid Measuring cup for boiling water ½ cup rock salt 1/2 cup water

Experiment

Boil 1/2 cup of water in the measuring cup. Add ½ cup of rock salt to boiling water. Pour the water and salt into a clean container.

Watch the crystals grow.



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# Monoammonium Phosphate Crystals (NH<sub>6</sub>PO<sub>4)</sub>

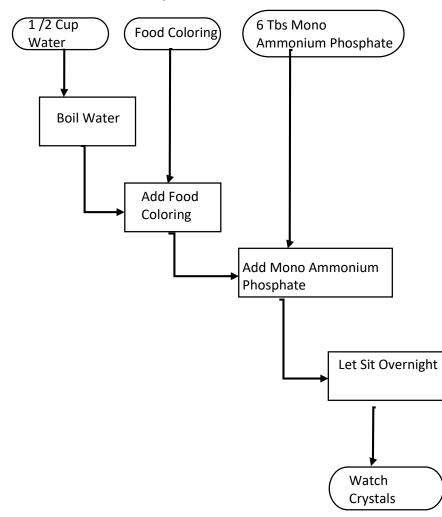
#### Material

Container for holding two cups of liquid Measuring cup for boiling water 6 Tablespoons mono ammonium phosphate 1/2 cup water Food coloring is optional

#### Experiment

Boil 1/2 cup of water in the measuring cup.

Add mono ammonium phosphate to the boiling water. Let sit overnight.



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## Sulphur (S)

Material

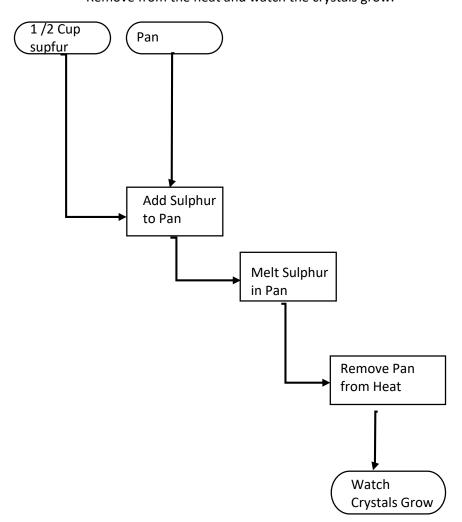
Powdered sulfur

Pan with a lid (If the Sulphur catches on fire, put the lid on the pan to put the fire out.) Experiment

Place sulfur in the pan and melt if over a flame.

Be careful that it doesn't catch fire.

If it catches fire, place a lid on the pan until the fire is extinguished. Remove from the heat and watch the crystals grow.



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