

STYLIZED DANCERS

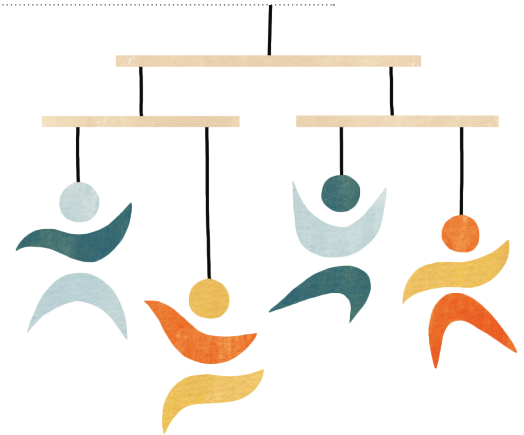
The stylized dancers mobile is the final mobile in the Montessori visual mobile series. Like the other mobiles, it holds the baby's attention for a long time. It is made of stylized paper in gold or silver and a contrasting primary color cut in the shape of a person. The way the shapes move makes them seem like dancers (hence the name).

MATERIALS

- 1 sheet each of contrasting colored (blue and silver) metallic, holographic paper
- Silk thread
- Needle
- Tracing pattern
- Three wooden dowels, 5 to 7 mm in diameter (ideally black or white, but plain wood is okay), cut to the following lengths:
Dowel A - 14 inches (35 cm)
Dowel B - 8 inches (20 cm)
Dowel C - 8 inches (20 cm)
- Glue

CONSTRUCTION

1. Glue two pieces of holographic paper together. If paper is holographic on one side only, glue the blank sides together.
2. Attach the templates to the paper with paper clips.
3. Trace the pattern with a pencil, pressing deeply to indent lines on the metallic paper.
4. Remove the pattern and cut the shapes out.
5. Separate the different dancers using the pattern template as a guide.
6. With a fine needle and thread, string the shapes together (A1, A2, A3), (B1, B2, B3), (C1, C2, C3), (D1, D2, D3).
7. Thread string through the tops of the heads (the pieces labeled 1) at four varying lengths.



8. Tie each dancer to the dowels as shown in the illustration. Add a drop of glue to each knot so they don't come untied.
9. Hang 12 to 14 inches (30 to 35 cm) from the child's eyes. It can be raised higher after two to three months.

Template: Dancers

