

It is never safe to look directly at a solar eclipse—even if the Sun is 99% percent blocked by the Moon. Sunglasses are not protective.

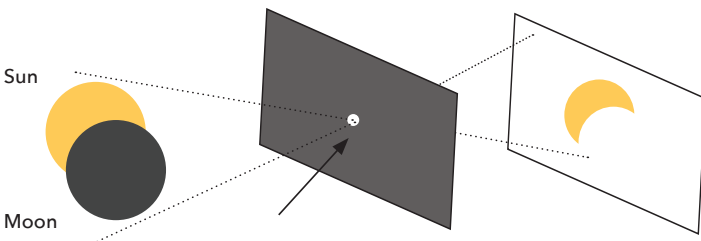
Below are a few basics ways to see the eclipse indirectly. They are easy and creative ways to enjoy the eclipse. Clear skies, everyone!

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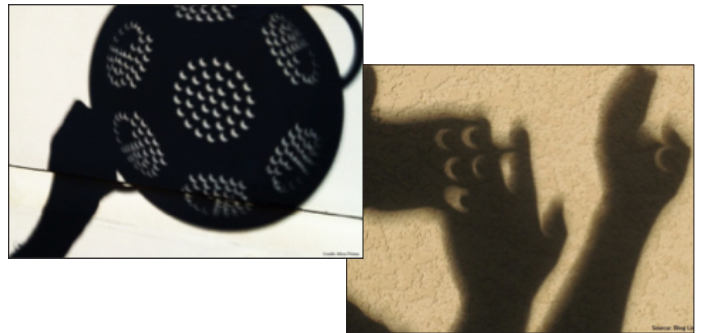
THE HOLE WAY

Make a tiny hole and align it so the Sun shines through the hole on to white paper or a fairly bright, flat surface. Try different-size holes. You can use a hole-punch; or tape some aluminum paper over the hole and use a pin to prick a tinier hole to shine the Sun through. Finally, look for your “crescent Suns”! Remember: **DO NOT LOOK** at the SUN through the hole!



CLEVER COLANDER & HANDY HANDS

Many things around us already have little holes to shine the Sun’s light through—like your kitchen colander or your hands! What other clever eclipse “holes” you can find to view the solar eclipse indirectly?



TREE LEAVES

Sometimes you don’t have to do anything except stand near a tree and watch the eclipsed Sun shine its light through all the natural holes between the tree’s leaves. See them on a wall or on the ground!



MAKE AN ECLIPSE SIGN

Create a Sun-and-Moon memory! Take a poster board and write out your message in big letters. Take a pin and poke holes along the letters. Placing a white sheet on the ground will give you a clear flat surface to project your eclipse message. On eclipse day, hold your sign up and let the Sun shine through!

