

Gathering space dust

Tiny iron particles, too small to burn up in the atmosphere, are constantly raining down from space onto the Earth. Less than 0.1 mm across, these are micro-meteorites.



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- Wrap a strong magnet in a polythene bag and attach it to the end of a stick.
- Move the magnet around in the silt in the bottom of a water butt.
- Remove from the water butt – some silt will adhere to the plastic bag. Wash off into a small dish.
- Take the magnet from the bag and place it under the dish. Particles attracted to it are iron micro-meteorites.

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