

Step-by-step guide to making a colourful...

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Alien Spacecraft

This project can be made in conjunction with the **Alien Family** craft project.

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You will need:

Coloured or holographic card
(we used Miniflute Card,
catalogue no. 814727)

White card

Glue (e.g. Power Pritt Gel,
catalogue no. 701702)

Ruler

Pencil

Coloured pens

2 x china plates to draw around
(or thick card templates) – one
approx 21cm diameter and one
approx 17cm diameter

Thick circular card template, 5cm
diameter

Note – To make this project we used coloured Miniflute (corrugated) card. In all instances the shortest measurement should run parallel with the stripes of the card to enable easy folding.

- 1 To make the base of the Spacecraft, cut two circles of different coloured corrugated card using the china plates as templates to draw around. We used yellow for the large circle and orange for the smaller one. Position them both corrugated-side-up and stick the smaller one in the middle of the bigger one.
- 2 Cut another circle of corrugated card using the smaller plate. With the stripes running top-to-bottom, cut the circle in half left-to-right – this will be the back of the seats.
- 3 For the sofa at the rear of the Spacecraft, cut two circles of corrugated card using the 5cm template. Glue them side by side towards the back of the base. These are the seat cushions for the sofa. Take one of the semi-circles (see instruction 2) and run some glue along the straight edge. Stick the semi-circle around the two seat cushions so that it forms an arc which is the back of the sofa.
- 4 The other semi-circle is the back of the captain's seat. Again run glue along the straight edge and this time stick in a smaller arc at the front of the ship, making sure that your captain alien (see *How to Make Alien Family*) fits inside the arc.
- 5 The control panel is a strip of white card 7cm x 10cm. Fold the strip along the long edge so that it is split into four sections - 3cm, 4cm, 2cm and 1cm. Use the 1cm section as a tab to glue it into a wedge shape. The narrow point of the wedge will be the bottom of the control panel so draw on some buttons and a screen to enable to captain alien to see where he is going. Stick the finished control panel in front of the captain's chair on the Spacecraft.
- 6 If your alien family has a pet like ours you may like to make a kennel for it to keep it safe on long journeys. To do this cut a strip of corrugated card 4 cm wide and long enough to go over the body of the pet. Run glue along the short ends of the strip and stick it to the Spacecraft so that it forms a tunnel. You can then sit your alien pet in the tunnel whilst travelling. Your Alien Spacecraft is now complete!

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