

# Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

## Alien or Astronaut?



### Crayola Supplies

- Washable Kid's Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Model Magic® (white)

### Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- craft sticks
- water containers

## Why?

What do space aliens look like to Earthlings? What do our astronauts look like to Martians? This split-headed puppet is just the beginning of your space adventure!

## How?

1. Read the story *It Came From Outer Space*. Did the ending surprise you? Think about how you pictured the alien in your mind before you read the last page.
2. Use Crayola Model Magic® to shape an alien. Will it have one or more heads? Arms? Legs? You choose! We made ours with a head that is split in two: alien and astronaut.
3. Push a craft stick into the body to create a puppet. Air-dry your puppet overnight.
4. Cover your craft area with newspaper. Paint your puppet with Crayola Kid's Paint and Paint Brushes. Air-dry before your puppet heads to outer space.

## When and Where Suggestions?

- "We act out lots of space stories with our puppets." Paul C., home-school dad of ages 7 and 10.

- "The older children created a comic strip about their aliens’ adventures on Earth." Billie T., family child care provider.

## Interesting Information

The SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute) was founded in 1894 in Mountain View, California. The organization has conducted at least 40 different research projects to find if life exists anywhere other than on Earth.

## Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

By its nature, wood is rough and may cause splinters.

## Related Books

Draw 50 Aliens, UFO’S, Galaxy Ghouls, Milky Way Marauders, and Other ET Creatures by Lee J. Amos

It Came From Outer Space by Tony Bradman

My Life Among the Aliens by Gail Gauthier

Totally Aliens by Dennis Schatz

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