

DIY Paper Airplane

National Museum of the American Sailor Activity

May 26th is National Paper Airplane Day! You can create and decorate your own paper airplane at home and take it for a test flight or compete against others to see whose plane can fly the farthest. Included in the packet are various design inspirations based on actual naval aircraft from various periods in history. Which design will you make?

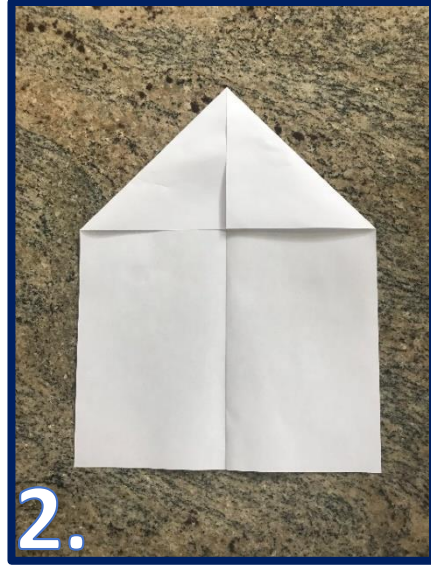
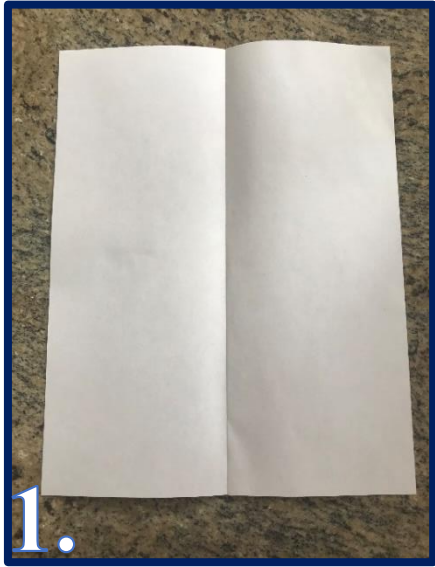
Directions

1. Fold the paper in half vertically.
2. Unfold the paper and fold each of the top corners into the center line.
3. Fold the top edges into the center line.
4. Fold the plane in half toward you.
5. Fold the wings down, matching the top edges up with the bottom edge of the body.
6. Add double stick tape to the inside of the body.
7. Decorate the plane however you wish, let your creativity flow!

Tips for Creating the Perfect Paper Airplane

- For best results use a flat, thin-edged ruler. Make good creases along each edge.
- Adding double stick tape to the inside of the body keeps the wings from separating in flight.
- Picture instructions on the following page.





One of our Educators decorated her plane based on the Blue Angels F/A 18- Hornet- *Look below for more decoration inspiration!*



T-45 Goshawk



T-34 Mentor



Grumman TBF Avenger



F4U-4 Corsairs



Follow the link below to learn more about U.S. Naval aircraft markings.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/naval-aviation-history/aircraft-markings.html>

