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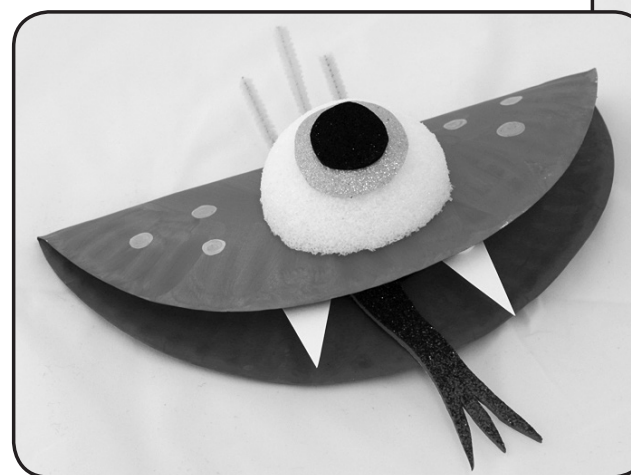
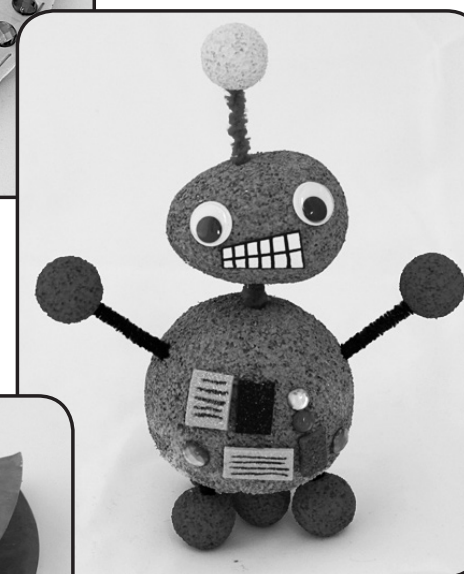
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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



**YOUR KIT CONTAINS:**

- Faceted Gems
- Wiggly Eyes
- Glue Dots
- Chenille Stems
- Assorted Foam Balls and Shapes
- Assorted Color Paint
- Assorted Color Sticky-Back Glitter Foam Sheets
- Paper Plates
- White Construction Paper
- Paint Brushes
- Glue

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- Scissors
- Stapler and Extra Staples
- Scrap Paper or Newspaper
- A serrated Knife or Metal Edge Ruler
- Pencils
- Toothpicks (optional but makes Robot easier)

**AGE GROUP: 8 and up**

**PROJECT TIME: 45 minutes per project plus prep time.**

**NOTE:** This pack is designed to make 24 of *each* project *OR* you can tailor the project numbers to match your specific group needs.

## HOW TO MAKE THE MONSTER

### EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- 1 Paper Plate
- 1/2 of a 3" Foam Ball
- Monster Mouth Piece in Black Glitter Sticky Foam
- Monster Tongue in Red Glitter Sticky Foam
- 2 Monster Teeth in White Construction Paper
- Green Eye Circle in Glitter Sticky Foam
- Black Eye Circle in Glitter Sticky Foam
- 3 Hair Pieces in Chenille Stem (any color)
- A Paint Brush

The paints and glue dots will be shared among the group.

### INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: (Preparation Time: 15-20 minutes based on group size).

We recommend pre-cutting all component pieces ahead of time. This step could be done by older children\* or if the group is made of younger children, we'd suggest an adult pre-cuts all pieces first for easier crafting. This would include pre-cutting the pieces for the eye, mouth and hair. Templates have been included for the mouth, tongue and eyes.

**\*NOTE:** The foam ball cutting should only be done by a responsible adult.

Prepare enough of the following items for your group size:

#### Using the Supplied templates for the Mouth:

- Cut a large half-circle from black glitter sticky foam.
- Cut tongue shape from red glitter sticky foam.
- Cut two triangle teeth from white construction paper.

#### Using the Supplied templates for the Eye:

- Cut a large circle from glitter sticky foam in color of your choice.
- Cut a small circle from glitter sticky foam in color of your choice.
- *Adults only step:* Use the serrated knife or the metal edge ruler (use the metal edge to press through the ball) to carefully cut the foam ball in half, reserve other half for alien project.

#### To make the hair:

- Cut pipe cleaner into thirds and carefully bend about 1/4" of one end of all 3 pieces.

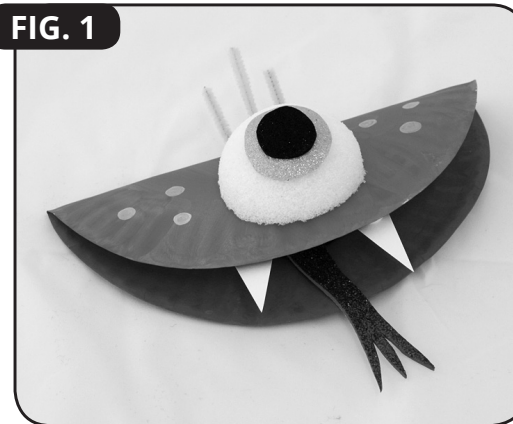
### CREATE YOUR MONSTER:

Make it your own! We used red and orange paint for our monster but you can use whatever colors you want!

1. Paint the paper plate red on one side. Let dry.
2. Flip plate over and paint the other side orange. Let dry. **TIP:** To speed drying, have an adult dry plates with a hair dryer.
3. Fold the paper plate in half so the orange is outside. Open the plate and peel off the sticky back of the black mouth piece and attach to the center of the red side of the paper plate, lining it up with the crease.
4. Peel and stick the red tongue shape to the black mouth piece. It should hang out over the edge of the folded plate.
5. Use 2 glue dots to stick the 2 white paper triangle teeth inside the paper plate, so they stick out of the mouth.
6. Peel and stick the black eye circle shape to the large green eye circle shape. Then peel and stick the eye shape to the half of the foam ball (this makes the eye). Use 2-3 glue dots to stick the eye onto the top of the paper plate, above the tongue.
7. Attach the hair behind the monster eye by attaching the bent sections of the 3 chenille stem pieces onto the paper plate with glue dots. The straight part of the chenille stem should stick up behind the eye (See Figure 1).

**TIP:** Add polka dots or stripes to your monster if you want!

FIG. 1



## HOW TO MAKE THE ROBOT:

### EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- 3" Foam Ball
- 2 Wiggly Eyes
- Foam Egg Shape
- A Paint Brush
- 7- 1" Foam Balls
- 3 Chenille Stems

The paints, glue, gems, toothpicks, glitter foam and white paper will be shared among the group.

### INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

(Preparation Time: 10 minutes based on group size).

We recommend pre-cutting all component pieces ahead of time. This step could be done by older children or if the group is made of younger children, we'd suggest an adult pre-cuts all pieces first for easier crafting.

#### Cut the chenille stems:

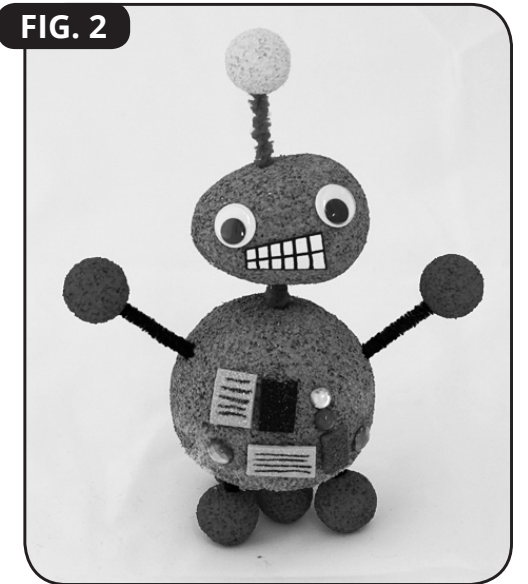
- Cut 1 stem into 4 equal pieces. Then fold each of the 4 pieces in half and twist together. You should have 4 thick pieces.
- Cut 2 stems in half into 4 equal pieces. Then fold each of the 4 pieces in half and twist ends together. You should have 4 thick pieces.

### CREATE YOUR ROBOT:

Make it your own! We used black, white, red and yellow paint for our robot but you can use whatever colors you want!

1. Carefully poke 1 toothpick into each of the following foam shapes: the egg, the 3" ball, and the 7- 1" balls. The toothpick only needs to be poked in enough so you can use it as a holder when you are painting the balls.
2. Make gray paint by mixing 1 part black to 3 parts white and paint the 3" ball and the egg shape. Let dry.
3. Paint 6 of the 1" balls red and the last 1 yellow. Let dry.
4. Use a toothpick to poke 4 holes into 1 area on the 3" ball – these will be where the legs are placed. Push 1 end of 4 chenille stems into each hole and push 1, 1" ball on the other end each chenille stem (see Figure 2). Flip foam piece over. The foam piece should stand up.
5. Carefully use toothpick to poke a hole in each side of the standing foam piece. Use 2 of the longer folded chenille stem pieces and push 1 end of 1 piece into a hole. These make the arms of your robot. Carefully press a 1" foam ball on each end of the Robot arms. Use the toothpick to poke a hole in the foam first, to make it easier.
6. Use a toothpick to poke 2 holes – 1 in the top center of the robot's body and 1 in the center bottom of the egg shape. Insert 1 of the remaining chenille stem pieces in both, connecting the 2 pieces together and making the Robot's neck.
7. Poke a hole with the toothpick on the top of the Robots head and insert the last chenille stem. Add the yellow 1" foam ball to the top, making the Robot's antenna.
8. Decorate your robot by gluing gems (as knobs), cutting small pieces of glitter foam shapes and peeling/sticking on (as instrument panels). Draw a toothy mouth on the white paper, cut out and attach with glue.
9. Glue on wiggly eyes and let dry.

FIG. 2



## HOW TO MAKE THE ALIEN AND SPACESHIP

### EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- 2 Paper Plates
- 1/2 of a 3" Foam Ball  
(see cutting notes under instructions for the Monster)
- A Chenille Stem
- 4 Wiggly Eyes
- A Paint Brush

The paints, toothpicks, glue, scrap/ newspaper, pencils and gems will be shared among the group.

### INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

(Preparation Time: 10 minutes based on group size).

We recommend pre-cutting all component pieces ahead of time. This step could be done by older children or if the group is made of younger children, we'd suggest an adult pre-cuts all pieces first for easier crafting.

#### *Cut the chenille stems:*

Cut each chenille stem in half and wrap both ends around a pencil or paintbrush to coil it up. Set coiled pieces aside.

### CREATE YOUR ALIEN AND SPACESHIP:

Make it your own! We used blue, green and white paint for our alien and spaceship but you can use whatever colors you want!

1. Mix together 1 part blue and 3 parts white paint to make a light blue.
2. Paint the bottom of both paper plates light blue and set aside to dry.
- TIP:** To speed paint drying have an adult dry the paper plates with a hair dryer.
3. Mix together 1 part green and 3 parts white paint to make light green.
4. Paint the 1/2 piece of the 3" foam ball light green and let dry.
5. Crumple up scrap or a piece of newspaper and place between the 2 paper plates (painted sides out). Staple around the edges of the plates to attach them together. This will be the spaceship.
6. Use the toothpick to poke 2 holes in the top of the foam ball. Insert 1 end of each of the coiled chenille stems in to make antennae. This will become the alien.
7. Glue the 4 wiggly eyes onto the alien "face."
8. Glue the flat side of the alien to the center of the paper plate spaceship (see Figure 3).
9. Decorate the spaceship by gluing on gems however you'd like. Let dry.

FIG. 3



### TEMPLATE FOR MONSTER:

(Cut around dotted lines)

