

Free Science Fiction / Space Paper Models on the Internet

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Mike Hungerford's Rocketship X-M, *Discworld* "Luggage", *Earth vs. the Flying Saucers* ship, "Trojan Rabbit" and *Galaxy Quest* shuttle pod are just some of the fun models here.

<http://groups.google.com/group/papermodels>

The Paper Models mailing list at Google Groups is a very active international community. Good for novices, but due to the large volume of messages you might want to subscribe to the "Digest" or "Web Only" options.

<http://www.delta7studios.com>

Dan's Shippey's site contains a Columbia shuttle memorial model, a Mercury Redstone 8 rocket and "spokesmodel" Rosie Retrorocket. (She's at <http://www.delta7studios.com/Exrosie.htm>)

<http://www7a.biglobe.ne.jp/~sf-papercraft/>

SF Paper Craft Gallery has a slew of SF models from *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, the *Back to the Future* trilogy, and several other sources, including some unique original robot designs.

<http://aliens.humlak.cz/>

Jan Růkr has incredible models from *Aliens*. Also click the "Bonus Models" button on the bottom of the left sidebar for even more SF models from *Planet of the Apes*, *Star Trek*, *Tron*, etc..

<http://www.currell.net/models/index.htm>

Ralph Currell has a Soviet N-1 moon rocket, the movie rocket from *Frau im Mond*, and many other unusual and highly detailed free paper models. Highly recommended.

<http://www.paperaviation.de/>

Martin Sanger has detailed *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* models here, including *USS Stargazer*.

<http://rescuinalbion.blogspot.tw/>

Mike Haggard's site in Taiwan holds his original spaceship designs and excerpts from his novel in progress, *Rescuing Albion*.

<http://search.nasa.gov/search/search.jsp?nasaInclude=paper+model&x=0&y=0>

NASA also has many simple and not-so-simple satellite and spacecraft models.

<http://www.homespunmagixx.com/index.html>

Nomad from *Star Trek* plus houses from the *SpongeBob SquarePants* cartoon.

http://jleslie48.com/gallery_models.html

A variety of unique space and SF models, including a GIANT 1:48 scale Saturn V! These models are "donationware", so please support the Lower Hudson River Valley Challenger Center.

<http://www.yamaha-motor.co.jp/global/entertainment/papercraft/index.html>

Yamaha's "Rare Animals of the World" series includes a California Condor.

<http://www.cardfaq.org/faq/> or <http://personal.lig.bellsouth.net/n/8/n8hfi/card-faq/>

Steve Brown's Card Modeling FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) is the single most comprehensive collection of paper modeling links and tips on the Internet. Though extremely out of date, this is still a valuable resource, especially for beginning paper modelers.

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

You will need Adobe Reader (free software) to open many of these model files. Furthermore, you may have to download and install one or more Asian font packs (such as Japanese), or some files will not open.

<http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/reader/>

Foxit Reader is an alternative, also free, to Adobe's bloated Reader.

<http://www.icebergbouwplaten.nl/>

Iceberg Paper models is a commercial site, but has a very good links area which is categorized and updated frequently. Many SF models listed.

<http://www.ss42.com/toys.html>

Space Station 42 is another extensive, categorized list of links to paper models of all kinds.

You should always download model files to your hard drive or other storage device and open them when you are off line. Printing directly from your Internet browser may result in cropped pictures (only what appears in your browser window will be printed).

Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) files open with either Adobe Reader or Foxit Reader; .GIF, .JPEG, and other image formats need to be opened in a graphics viewer or photo editing program. Pepakura .PDO files must be opened with either Pepakura Designer (shareware) or Pepakura Viewer (freeware), available from the author, Jun Mitani, at:

<http://www.tamasoft.co.jp/pepakura-en/>

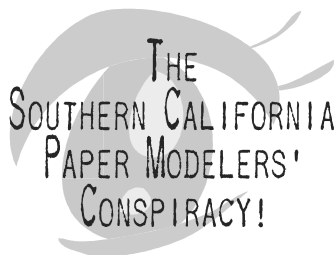
(The "Gallery" at the Pepakura site contains hundreds of models contributed by users of Pepakura designer. If you find your way to the Japanese side of the site, there are hundreds more.)

Regular copier/inkjet paper is only 20-24 lbs. (75-90 gm/m²) basis weight and too flimsy, but 90 lb. (165 gm/m²) cardstock is perfect for most models. Wausau Exact Index 90 lb or 110 lb can be found at office supply stores or Kelly Paper stores. Any index card stock of about 0.008 inch thickness will work if you can't find Wausau Exact Index.

Most computer printer inks are not water-resistant; a sneeze can do an amazing amount of damage to a model's color! If you don't want to have to worry about this, you can seal the color with a clear lacquer or acrylic spray before assembly and thereby avoid stained fingers and faded areas on your model.

While it's generally possible to use scissors, a hobby knife with a sharp #11 blade is perfect for most cutting tasks, and a cutting mat is a must. Cutting mats and also steel straightedges can be found at most craft stores. Pick a knife handle that fits your hand comfortably; you'll be using it a lot!

Many European paper modelers swear by UHU Alleskleber, which is a German brand of all-purpose glue. The closest I've found in southern California is UHU Twist & Glue; it dispenses and dries clear. Aleene's Original Tacky Glue is a thick white glue found in many craft stores. Either works fine, though Aleene's is less expensive and safer for young children. Basic white PVA glue, such as Elmer's Glue-All, will also work just fine, though you need to use it sparingly to prevent the moisture of the glue from damaging the paper, and it takes a bit longer to set than Aleene's.



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