

Mars: The Red Planet

The planet Mars is the next planet out from our Sun beyond Earth – that means that after Venus, Mars is typically the closest planet to Earth. Even more intriguing is that Mars is also the most nearly Earth-like planet in our Solar System: Mars has sand dunes, dust devils, volcanoes, polar ice caps, frozen water ice. Scientists have also found evidence that liquid water – the essential ingredient for life – once flowed on the surface of Mars. Because it's so interesting, Mars has also been visited by more spacecraft than any other planet.

Learn more about Mars at <https://mars.nasa.gov/>

Instructions:

- Cut out the big square (outermost black lines).
- Fold along both long diagonals (solid line, colored side out); then unfold.
- Fold the two more-colored sides inward, showing a white triangle with colored tip, narrow rectangle, and 2 squares.
- Repeat 4 times:
 - Fold outer corner up to apex (on long-dashed line).
 - Fold new outermost corner in to center of paper (along dot-dashed line).
 - Fold white tip down to center (along dotted line).
 - Tuck small white triangle into nearby pocket.
- Blow into the opening @ bottom to inflate. You're done!

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