

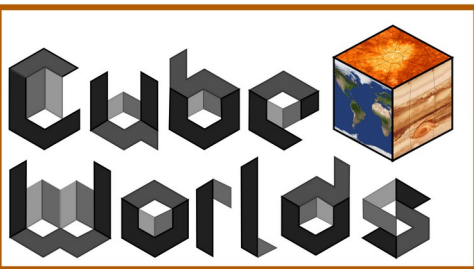
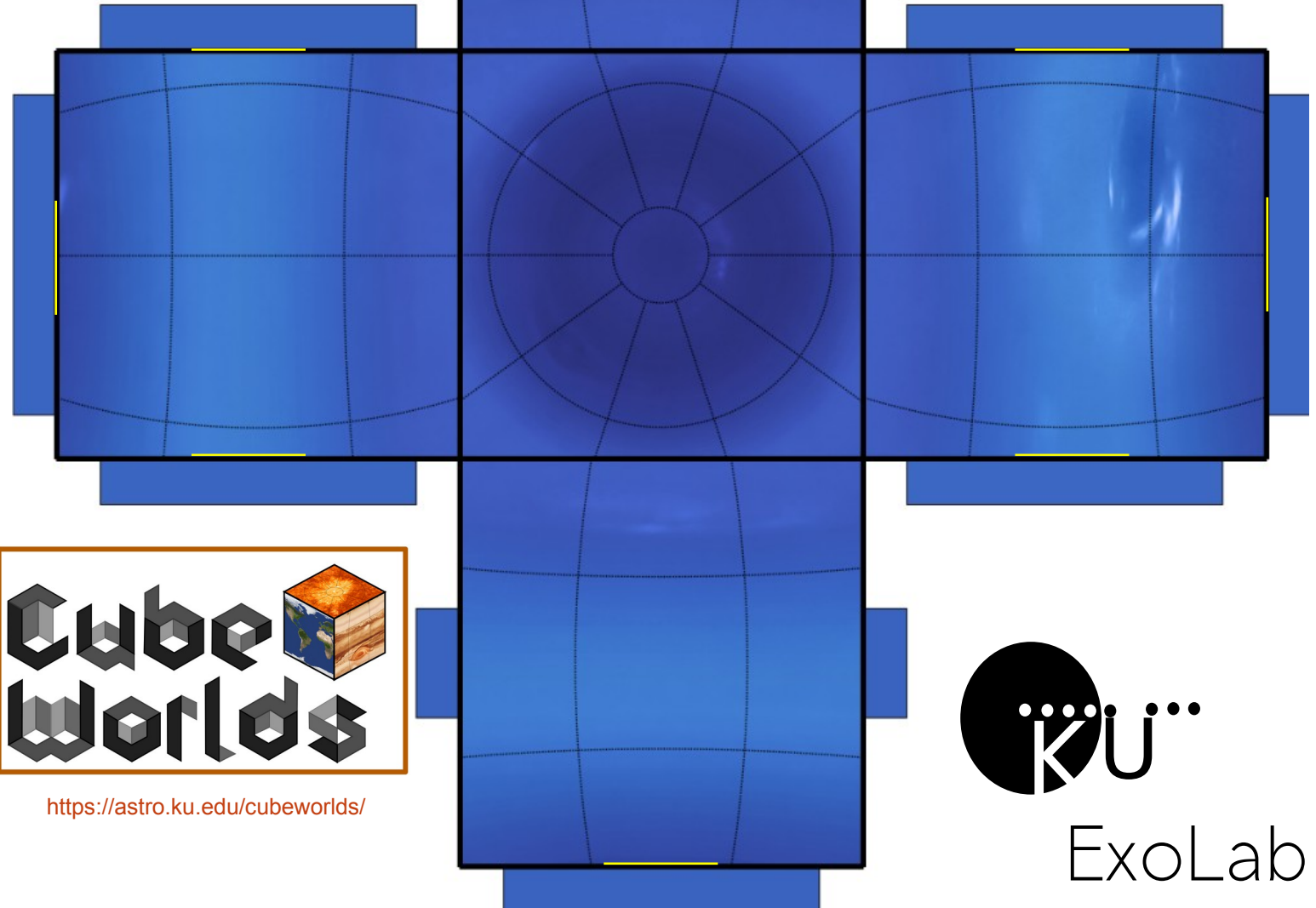
## Neptune: The Most Distant Planet

Neptune is the furthest planet from the Sun in our Solar System: roughly thirty times further than the Earth. This means that Neptune's temperature is far, far below freezing – but there's no surface to freeze on, because the planet is a small "gas giant" roughly four times bigger across than the Earth, and made mostly of gas and ice. It's the cold methane gas in Neptune's atmosphere that give it its distinctive blue color. Neptune also has at least one large, prominent storm, which you can see here. Only one spacecraft has ever visited Neptune, so there's still plenty left to learn about it!

## Instructions:

Just cut out the colored region, and make small slits at the yellow lines. Then fold up the sides of the cube, fold down all the tabs, fold along the thin grey lines, and slip the smaller tabs inside the slits. (Even easier: just cut off all the tabs and stick everything together with tape). Voila: your own gas-giant exoplanet!

Of course, real planets are spherical, not cubes – but we think you'll agree that a cube is easier to cut & fold!



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