

Neptune: The Furthest 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:



- 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!

