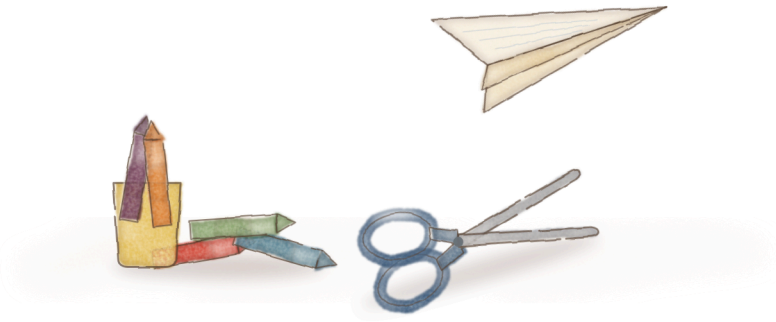
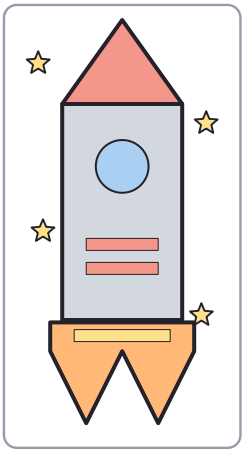
FREE SAMPLE CRAFT · LEVEL S3

Scissor-to-Craft

Zigzag Dragon & Rocket Flames

Zigzags are corners that come one after another. Cut big rocket flames, then dragon spikes, then a kite tail with smaller points: stop and turn at every point and every dip.





Rocket Flames, finished (drawing)

THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

S0	S1	S2	S3	S4
Get ready	Snip	Cut straight	Turn and curve	Build

IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A corners-and-triangle warm-up
- Rocket pieces at true size
- Two big flame points to cut
- A glue base and a finished drawing
- Safety and grip notes
- A low-ink cut sheet

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · Always with a grown-up and child-safe scissors · Practice and play, not a therapy program

Before you begin

About 20 minutes. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and crayons.

A zigzag is a row of corners: cut up to a point, stop, turn the paper, cut down to the dip, stop, turn again. These rocket flames have just two big points.

SAFETY FIRST

- A grown-up stays with the child for every cutting activity.
- Use child-safe scissors with rounded tips that fit the child's hand, and left-handed scissors for a left-handed child.
- Cut sitting at a table. Walk with scissors closed, holding the blades.
- Glue sticks only. Keep small paper scraps away from children who still put things in their mouths.

GRIP AND HELPER HAND

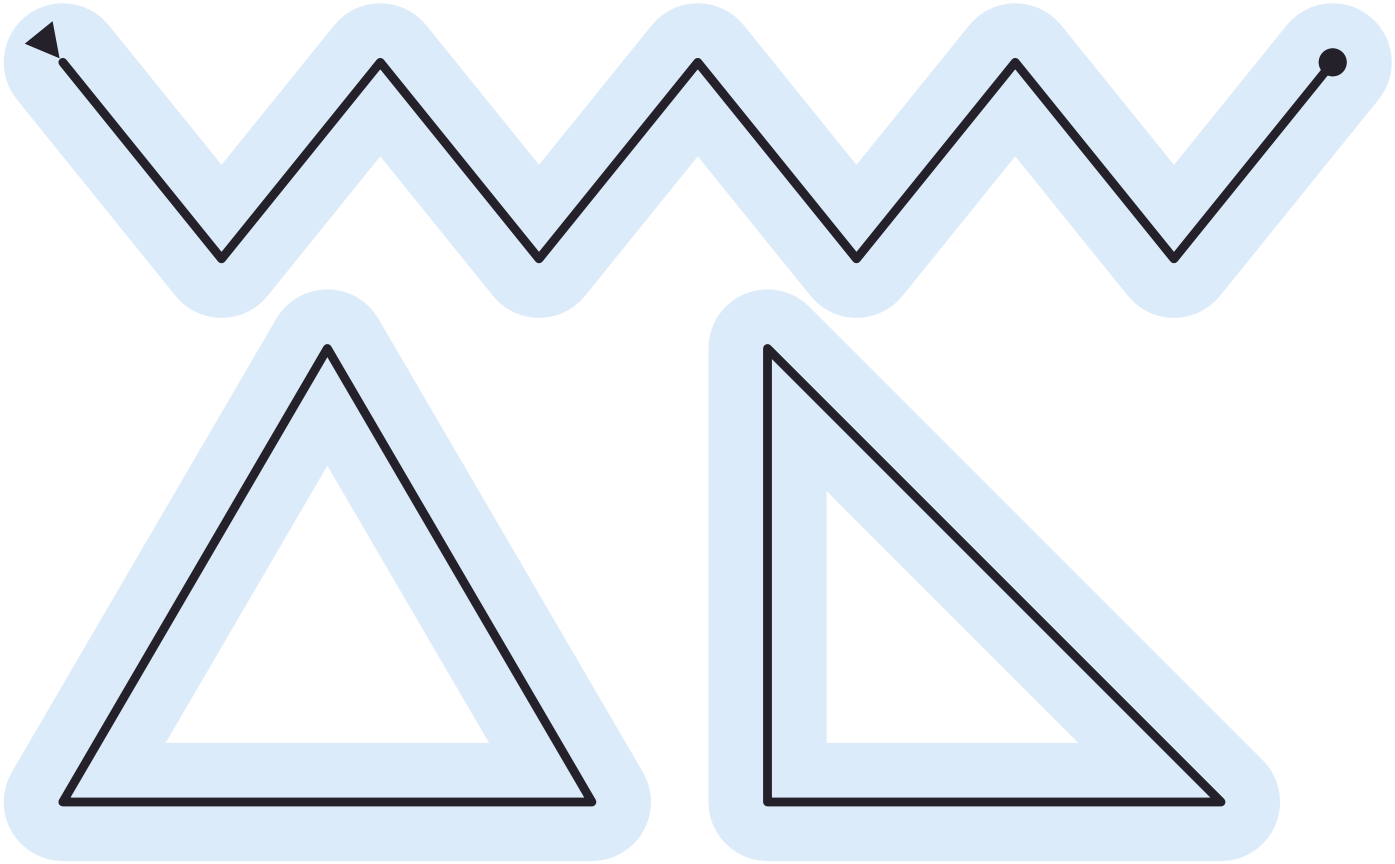
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

PRINT CHECK

Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

Warm-up: Corners and a triangle

For Rocket Flames. Cut the corner track, then cut out the triangle.



GROWN-UP: WATCH FOR

- Thumb on top ("thumbs up"), scissors pointing away.
- The helper hand holds the paper, fingers away from the blades, and turns it at corners.
- Left-handed? Use left-handed scissors. Any direction that keeps the line in view is fine.

Cut it out: Rocket Flames

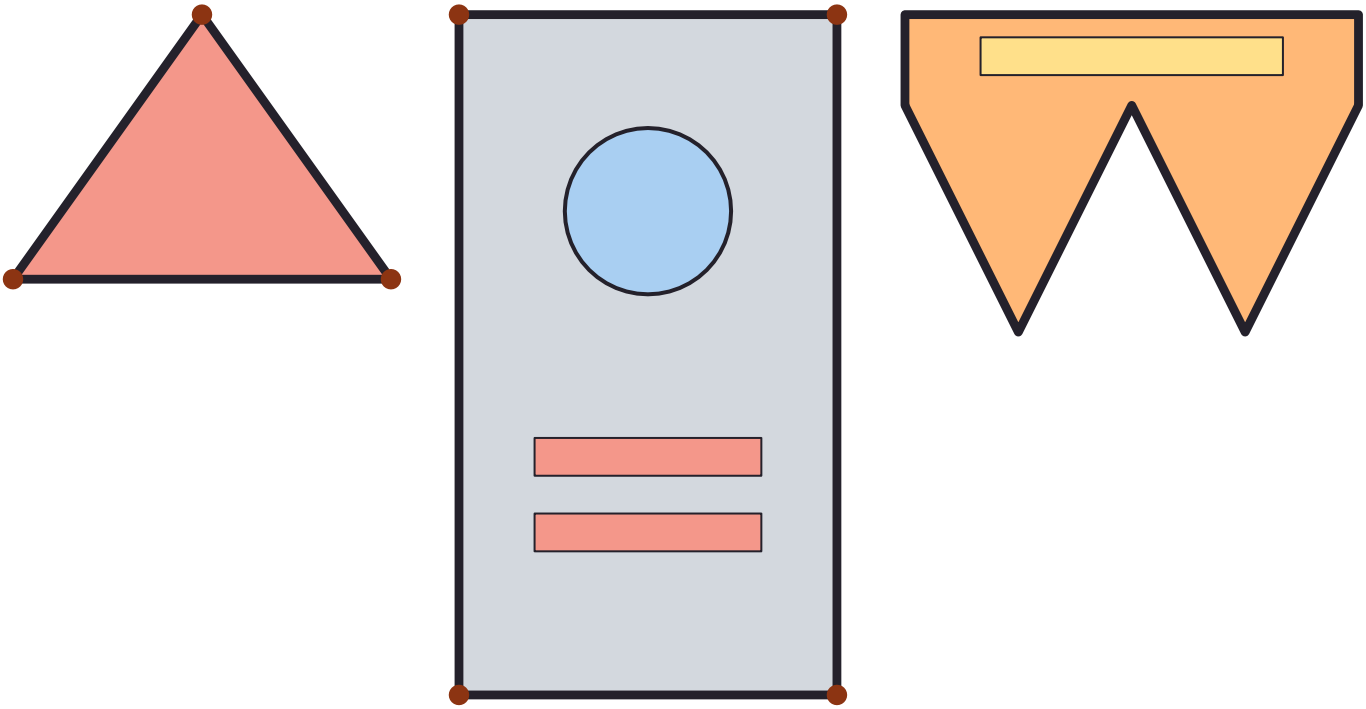
cut on the line

snip, stop at the bar

fold

glue

grown-up cuts



Make it: Rocket Flames

1. Cut out the body: stop and turn at each corner.
2. Cut out the nose: up to the point, stop, turn, down the other side.
3. Cut out the flames: down to each point, stop, turn, up to the dip, stop, turn.
4. Glue the nose, body and flames on the rocket base, top to bottom.

EASIER

The grown-up cuts the flames; the child cuts the body and the nose.

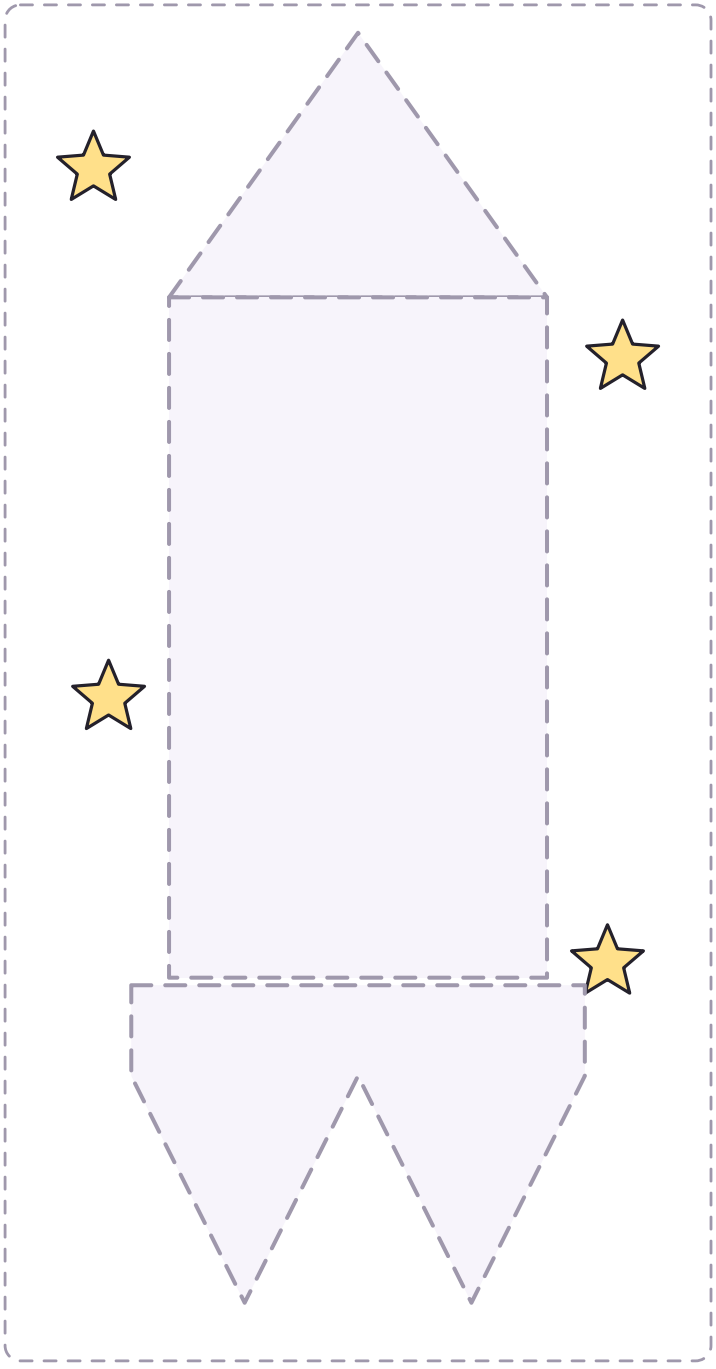
HARDER

Cut a third flame point into a strip of scrap paper, by eye.

GROWN-UP CHECK

At each flame point, does the child stop and turn the paper, or cut past the point?

GLUE THE PIECES HERE



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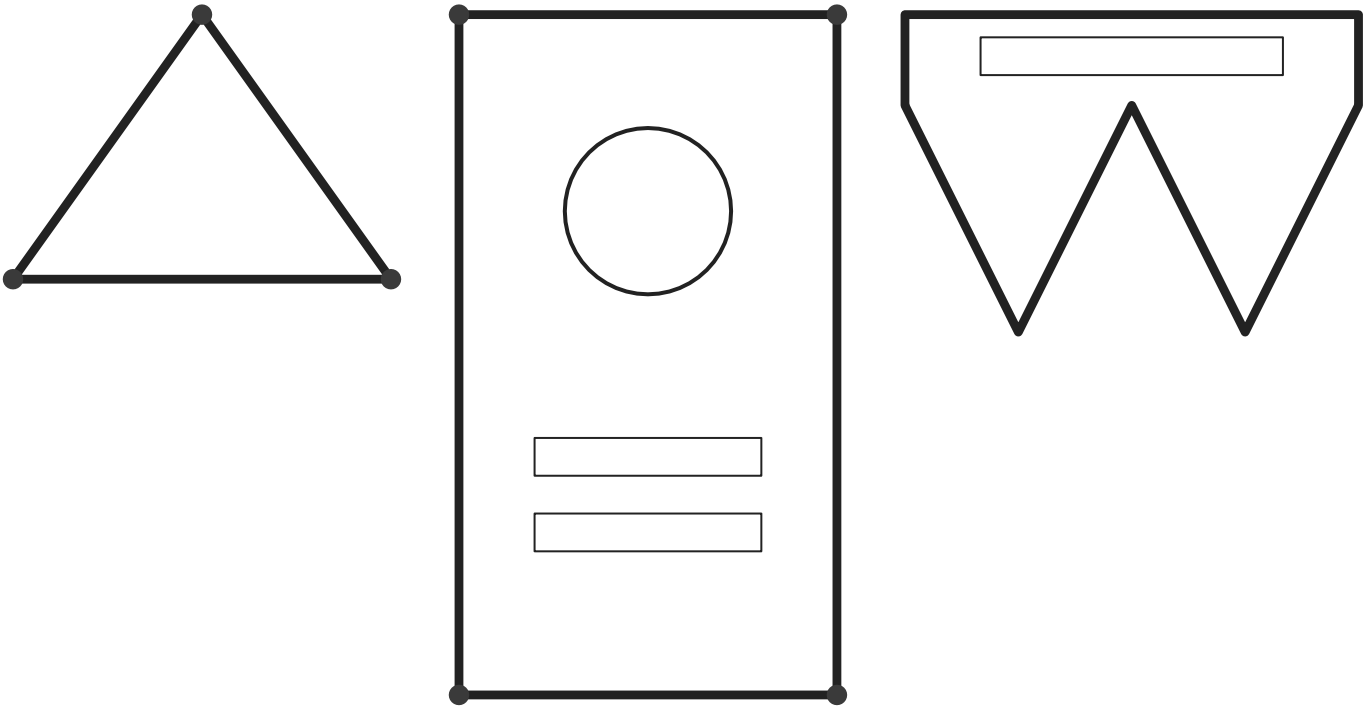
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