The First Dinosaur in Space

by Priscilla
Materials

- Cardboard or any heavier paper approximately 6x4 inches folded in half like a book. (Can also cut an empty cereal box).
- Pencils
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils etc.
- Glue or glue sticks
- Scissors
- Scrap paper for sketching and planning your book.
- If possible, pictures printed from our collection.
- Pictures out of magazines
- Extra supplies such as googly eyes, paint, oil pastels, ribbons, strings, and stickers if available.
1) To make the book, fold the paper in like a hamburger making sure the ends meet.
2) Then press down on the fold. Now it will open up like a book.
3) Your story should have a **setting** (where the story takes place), a **plot** (what will happen in the story), and the **characters** (who or what is in your story).
4) Once you have decided upon your story, create the front cover. There should be a **title**, the **author’s name** and a **picture** that will hint at what the book will be about.
5) My story is about the first dinosaur in space.
6) Next open your book up and design what the inside will look like. Remember you can use printed pictures from the NBMAA’s collection, magazine cutouts, photos you have taken and your own drawings.

7) Pictures can be placed right over the fold if desired.
8) These are the pictures from the NBMAA’s collection that I used in my book.

Cover illustration, The Braggin’ Dragon
Robert J. Lee
1989

Mew-Hew-She-Kaw, The White Cloud, Chief of the Ioways
George Catlin
1816-1872

The Book of North American Owls
Jean Day Zallinger, 1995

Figures in Landscape
Werner Groshans
1948
9) Continue to layout the rest of your drawings and/or pictures that will tell your story.

10) You should also write at least 3 sentences that tell the plot of your story, or help to describe what your book is about. You can also use speech bubbles.
Here’s the finished book.

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When he went to see one, all the people ran away. So he walked right into the ship. The ship was launched and that's how Derby became the first Dinosaur to ride a bicycle on the Moon!!

Best book about Dinosaurs in space I ever read. "

Look forward to Derby’s next adventure — “The First Dinosaur to Drive a Car.”

This is Priscilla’s first book. Ms. Porcupine lives in the woods with her husband Hernan, and her friends Zeke and Francine.

Price: $19.00

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