Grades: 1-3

Objectives: Your junior astronauts will create their own unique retro rockets using multiple art media.

Sources: Painted Paper Art

Materials:
- 12x 18 sheets of black construction paper
- fluorescent tempera paints
- circular items for printing planet shapes
- traceable rocket and flame outlines
- assorted collage materials
- glue sticks and white glue
Creating the Background
During the first class period, students create a background with fluorescent paint and found objects or circular stamps dipped in the paint and added to the background to represent planets.
Creating the Rockets
During the second class period, students can create their rocket using previously painted paper. If you feel it would help them focus on design, you can offer them tracers of spaceships and flames to get them started.

Designing the Rockets
After students trace and cut out their spaceship they can use collage materials to make their designs unique.

Note: You don’t have to provide them with every art material on earth, but a variety of supplies will spark creativity and help them decide what colors, features, textures will their rockets have.

Students complete their rockets and then add two paper rings to the back of each spaceship to “pop out the spaceship” creating a 3-D effect against the background.

Samples

https://www.paintedpaperart.com/2014/02/retro-rockets/e bit of body text retrieved 05.09.22