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# Tuskegee Airmen

## Paper Airplanes



The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. During World War II, the army needed to expand their forces. Until then, no Black American had been a U.S. military pilot. At the time, the U.S. military was still segregated, and blacks and whites trained and fought separately. These airmen trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field and proved that they were some of the best pilots in the U.S. Air Forces. Their amazing service was a major steppingstone for the integration of the U.S. military. To honor their achievements and contributions, the Tuskegee Airmen were collectively awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 2007. Today we'll show you how to create two kinds of paper airplanes. Test them out and see which works the best!

### GATHER MATERIALS



- Paper
- Double Sided Tape (optional)

### THE DART

1



Fold the paper in half vertically.

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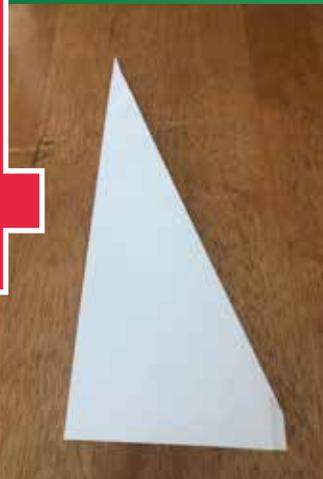
Unfold the paper and fold each of the top corners into the center line.

3



Fold the top edges into the center line.

4



Fold the plane in half toward you.

5



Fold the wings down, matching the top edges up with the bottom edge of the body.

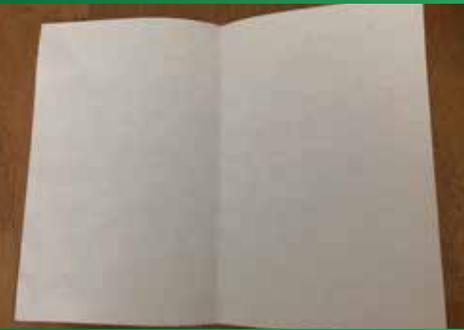
**PRO-TIP:**

Add double sided tape to the inside of the body.



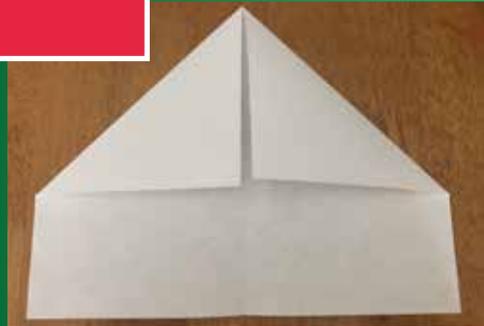
## THE BUMBLE

1



Fold the paper in half horizontally.

2



Unfold the paper and fold each of the top corners into the center line.

3



Fold the peak down to meet the edge of the previous fold.

4



Fold the upper sides into the center line.



5



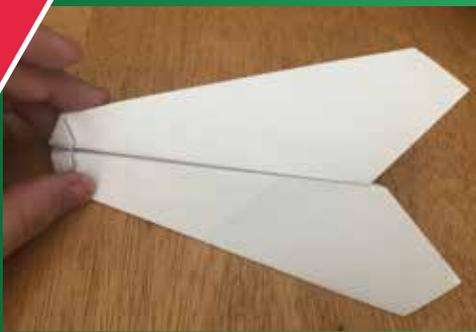
Fold the top edge half an inch toward you.

6



Fold the plane in half toward you.

7



Fold the wings half an inch from the bottom of the plane.

8

Measure and compare your distances! Which plane flew the farthest?

**PRO-TIP:**

Add double sided tape to the inside of the body.

