UAMN Virtual Early Explorers: Solar System



Make a Planet Mask

Explore the eight unique planets in our Solar System!

Materials: Planet mask printable (or draw your own), tape, scissors, crayons or markers.

Click on the links to download each planet mask:

<u>Mercury</u>

Venus

- <u>Earth</u>Mars
- <u>Jupiter</u>
- Saturn
- <u>Uranus</u>
- <u>Neptune</u>

Instructions:

Step 1: Choose which planet mask to make. If drawing your own, make the planet about the size of your head, and mark where the eyeholes will be.

Step 2: Color your planet. Make it look realistic, or use your imagination! Cut out the planet shape and eyeholes on the dotted lines. *Hint: Hold the mask up to your face first to make sure the eyeholes are in the correct spot!*

Step 3: Cut out the three strips of paper on page 2 of the template. If drawing your own, cut three strips of paper, each 10 inches (25 cm) long and 1 inch (2.5 cm) wide. Tape the ends together to make one long strip.

Step 4: Wrap the paper strip around your head until it fits snugly. Have a friend tape the ends of the paper strip so that the ring will stay the right size.

Step 5: Tape the ring to the back of the planet cutout near the top of the planet.

Step 6: Wear your mask and see the world through a planet's eyes! You can even tell your friends fun facts about your planet.

Discover more about the planets: <u>spaceplace.nasa.gov/planet-masks</u>

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