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Super Simple Paper Airplanes: Step-By-Step Instructions To Make Planes That Really Fly From A Tri-Plane To A Jet Fighter



Synopsis

Set your imagination flying with 40 stellar paper airplane designs to choose from. There's no need for glue, scissors, or tape; just follow the directions on selecting and folding the paper, and use the principles of flight (explained in the book) to get great results. Start with some classic designs, including the dart and gliding toy. For something extra-aerobatic, make a stunt plane that will loop the loop, and even return to you after you launch it. Stunning color photographs of the finished models, plus detailed diagrams and hints, help novice pilots soar!

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Age Range: 10 and up

Grade Level: 5 - 12

Customer Reviews

I'm giving this book such a poor rating, not because the airplanes are bad, or that it's a bad book, but the title is very misleading. With an appropriate title, it would earn 5-stars. The cover entices you with two very cool designs and shows off what can be made, but you'll need some very good folding skills, be able to follow 2-3 pages of directions, and understand origami drawings & terminology to make them. This is more of an "origami paper airplanes" book than a super simple airplanes book. While the instructions are clear and the designs varied and unique, the vast majority of them are not "simple". This is not a good book for children who have never had an introduction to origami. It does give a couple of basic designs, but I'd say that younger children would do better with a different book. There's an entire introduction dedicated to explaining the various symbols used to denote

various types of folds, explain origami principles and terminology (like "mountain" vs. "valley" folds). While this is great for one that wants to learn these techniques, it just doesn't fit with the title. Similar to origami, many of the designs require a square piece of paper. This also adds to frustration with the expectation of easy to build and fly airplanes. If this book was more appropriately titled, it would be 5 stars. Buying it expecting a good book for airplane beginners earns it two stars.

This library book was beaten up: pencil marks, folds, dog-eared pages, and food stains. I can see how it might be so popular. This book features clear instructions on making so many paper airplanes--I can't even imagine how many classmates fell victim to the pointy ends of these low-tech flying machines, but judging by the many types found in this book, the number must be formidable. The author uses some highly technical language on how planes work, on aerodynamic principles, on drag, launching techniques, names of axes on these contraptions, etc. For the truly interested reader, there's a huge amount to learn...and for the hands-on or mischievous one, some blueprints to myriad of really neat planes. There's a lot in this book, and while it is quite advanced, even younger readers will have fun looking at the colorful folded paper and the possibility of making and launching an aircraft far more interesting than the old-school original we have seen so many times.

This book covers origami, as well as the principles of flight in easily understandable language. The folding instructions, for over 40 planes, are complete and easy to follow and the results are all excellent performers. The book is beautifully illustrated with photographs of the finished planes. The book can be enjoyed by both children and adults and makes a great gift.

I got this book from the library and now am buying it because it is such a hit with my 3 and 6 year old boys. I am able to make all the designs easily and my six year old is able to make most of them by following the pictures. I highly recommend it.

I don't have any experience in origami etc., so maybe that's why the title "super simple" has seemed surprising to me. These planes are really cool! And just the right gift for my three kids (8, 5 and 4)--they let me decipher the instructions, and then we make planes for hours.

When my boys were around 3 and 5 they really got interested in paper airplanes. We went to the library and borrowed several books. This was by far the best. They borrowed it again, and again.

Until, we finally bought our own. Some of the folds were a bit tough, but what a great way to spend time with your child? Paper is cheap and it is so good for them. Following directions, copying the pictures. Sure beats video games! It actually inspired them to draw their own instructions for airplanes that they made up! My recycle bin was FULL of airplanes :)The family has grown now to 5 kids and the paper airplane phase is starting up once again : However, someone came over and....the book is gone : So we bought 4 more on ! 2 for us, and 2 for gifts. My boys favorite planes were "The Little Nick" and "The Hawk Dart". Great book.

The reviewer "hackedad" is 100% correct in reviewing this book. While there may be some models in the book that are "super simple," there are many that are very complex - way too complex for a beginner. If you don't know origami, you should expect to have difficulty making many of the models in the book.

Paper airplane books and paper folding books can be very difficult to follow. Paper Airplanes instructions are clear and easy to follow. It does help to have played with origami a little but most of the planes use only simple folds.I have used Paper Airplanes which shows as publisher out of stock. I'm only assuming that Super Simple Paper Airplanes is very similar. The cover art is the same.

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