

# DIY ROCKET LAUNCHER

Homemade rockets are a great way to make lots of topics come to life: talk about gravity, introduce astronauts & their work, explore the solar system by "traveling" from planet to planet on your custom ride--the possibilities are endless.

This rocket craft is safe and forgiving. Substitute the mini cups with any small, cup-like item and the ribbon with yarn, string, or strips of tissue paper!

## MATERIALS

Mini (3oz) cups

1/8"-1/4" ribbon (ex. red, yellow and orange)

Scissors

Tape or hot glue gun

Spring-loaded toilet paper roll holder (to use as the launcher)

Optional: Small photo of your child, Art supplies for decorating cups

## DIRECTIONS

1. Have your child decorate the outside of the cups however she'd like.
2. Cut many 1.5-inch lengths of each colored ribbon.
3. Tape ribbon to inside of cup rim. If using hot glue, add a line of hot glue to 1/3 of the cup rim at a time, then quickly attach ribbons. Allow the glue to harden and dry fully before playing with it.
4. If you are using a photo of your child, cut it into a small circle and glue it to the side of the cup to look like an astronaut looking out the window.

Launch time! Hold the toilet paper roll holder in one hand and the rocket in the other. Push the cup down onto the launcher and count 3-2-1 Blastoff! BOING!

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