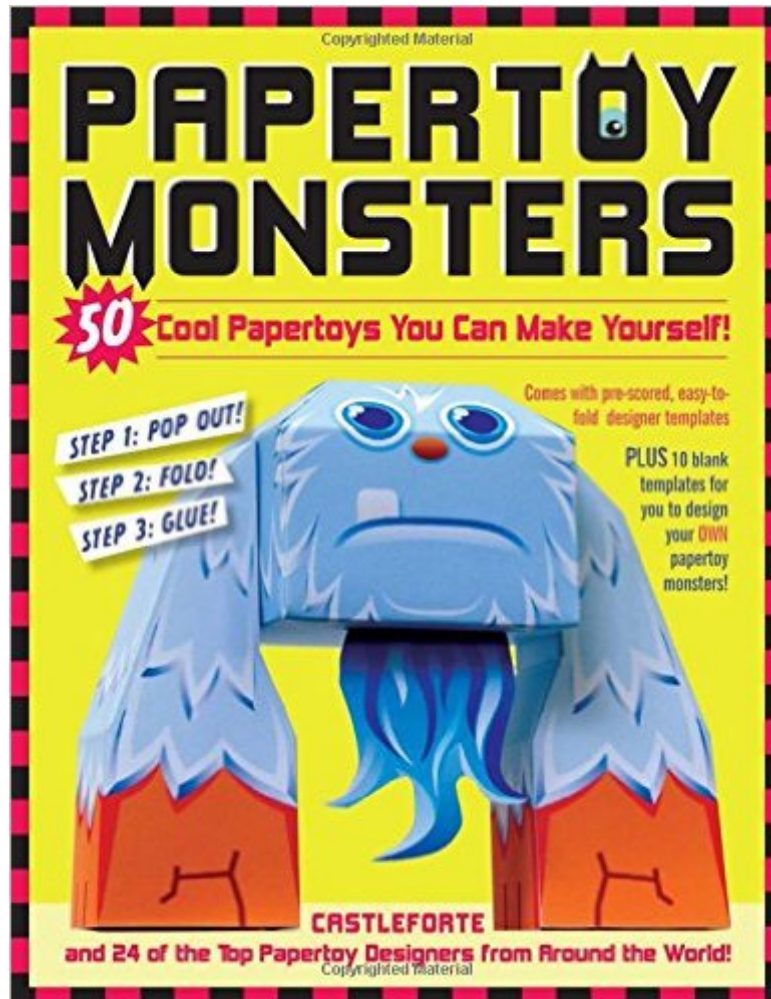


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Papertoy Monsters: 50 Cool Papertoys You Can Make Yourself!



Synopsis

A breakthrough paper-folding book for kidsâ •paper airplanes meet Origami meets Pokemon. Papertoys, the Internet phenomenon thatâ™s hot among graphic designers and illustrators around the world, now comes to kids in the coolest new book. Created and curated by Brian Castleforte, a graphic designer and papertoy pioneer who rounded up 25 of the hottest papertoy designers from around the world (Indonesia, Japan, Australia, Italy, Croatia, Chile, even Jackson, Tennessee), Papertoy Monsters offers 50 fiendishly original die-cut designs that are ready to pop out, fold, and glue. The book interleaves card stock with paper stock for a unique craft package; the graphics are colorful and hip, combining the edginess of anime with the goofy fun of Uglydolls and other collectibles. Plus each character comes with its own back-story. And the results are delicious: meet Pharaoh Thoth Amon, who once ruled Egypt but is now a mummy who practices dark magic in his sarcophagus. Or Zumbie the Zombie, who loves nothing more than a nice plate of brains and yams. NotSoScary, a little monster so useless at frightening people that he has to wear a scary mask. Yucky Chuck, the lunchbox creature born in the deepest depths of your school bag. Plus Zeke, the monster under your bed, Nom Nom, eater of cities, and Grumpy Gramps, the hairy grandpa monster with his very own moustache collection.

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

I bought this for my 9-year-old nephew for Christmas, and it was a great success--except that I spent three days making papertoy monsters for him instead of watching him do it himself! The concepts are absolutely great. The monsters are so original--they are inspired by a combination of manga, skateboard culture, and mythology and folktales. Some, like Lil Vamp, are inspired by a folktale but brought up to the modern day, but others, like Polyphemus, are identical to their original source (in this case, The Odyssey). Others still are completely original creations. The stories about each monster are really good and super fun for kids to read aloud, and my nephew was thrilled to provide me with each step of the instructions to build each monsters. However, when he tried to pop the paper pieces out himself, he couldn't help but rip the paper with his little hands, and it was too hard for him to apply glue very accurately to very small areas, pull the paper together, and hold it long enough for it to adhere. A 9-year-old with excellent motor skills and a very long attention span might be able to do the easiest of the easy patterns. I don't have kids myself so I may not be the best judge, but this 9-year-old would have gotten very frustrated and sad if he hadn't had his auntie around to make a bunch of monsters for him. That said, as an adult I admit I was sort of glad that I got to make the monsters because it was so fun. The pattern pieces are clearly labeled, the instructions are excellent and very clear, and it was really easy to put them together with a very good quality glue stick.

Most of the monster designs are little too tedious for our 7 yr old but my husband & I are happy to help! Actually we have almost finished the book (in just 1 week) while my son sleeps or is away at school. We're very impressed with the design of some of these monsters & they all have a little backstory. Our son reads aloud while we work away so we all learn about the history/personality of the creature we're crafting. Each monster has a difficulty (easy, intermediate, advanced) on the top corner of the assembly instruction page, the backstory at the bottom half of the page & the following page has thicker, good quality card stock with the perforated template. A few basic folds & you'll see how the tabs come together & will need to be glued (connect tab 1 to gray area 1, match 2 to 2 & so on...). The tricky part can be the glue. Glue 1 tab at a time & you may be there all day. Glue too many & you'll end up with a sloppy monster. I use Elmer's glue applied with a small paint brush. My husband uses super glue (I personally don't recommend that... he's a little extreme). My kid could manage 1/2 of the monsters in the book with a glue stick (& a much greater supply of patience than the average 7 yr old boy) but he's happy to get us to do the "work" while he kicks back & watches us power through these pages! I just bought a paper airplane paper craft book (for \$17!) because it was the only one at the bookstore similar to this one. Bad idea for a few reasons... Paper airplanes just

work great by folding paper, not delicately crafted from punched out parts. It's kinda like trying to reinvent the mouse trap. Anyway. The book was pale & bland in comparison so I'm off to search for another book that can keep us all entertained & amused for days before we finish these last few monsters!

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