**Goonybird**

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**SKY SHRIEK Flying Model Rocket**

**WARRANTY:** Goonybird model rockets are guaranteed by Estes Industries against manufacturing defects. Any part found defective will be repaired or replaced without charge providing the defective part is returned post-paid to Estes Industries, Customer Service Department, Penrose, Colorado 81240. For fastest service, please send only the defective part.

In addition to the materials included in this kit, you will also need: white glue, plastic cement, modeling knife, scissors, sanding sealer, medium and fine grit sandpaper, paint or dope. IMPORTANT: Use white glue for all balsa-body tube construction. Use only plastic cement for nose cone assembly.

**1 THE ENGINE THING**

**HOLD-DOWN STRAP (FROM DECAL SHEET)**

Cut a 1/8" slit in the engine mount tube, 7/16" from one end. Apply a drop of white glue to the slit and also straight along the tube for approximately 3/4". Push one end of the metal engine hook into the slit. Press the hook into the glue and align straight along the tube. Wipe away any excess glue.

Tightly wrap the hold-down strap (from decal sheet) around the hook and tube as shown. Center the notched paper ring over the hook and glue to the tube REAR. Hook must be free to move as shown. Glue the other ring to the front of the tube. Run lines of glue (known as "glue fillets") around the front and rear ring/tube joints. Allow mount assembly to dry completely.

**CONSTRUCTION TIP:** Why not have one of your parents or big brother or sister join in the fun of constructing your Goonybird? They are sure to have a great time, and their assistance will be helpful. Remember good construction is essential if you want your Goonybird to fly correctly. When launch day arrives have the whole family take part in the excitement and fun of launch preparation, countdown, tracking, and recovery. It's a real thrill for everyone to watch your Goonybird lift off and return gently to earth ready for another freaky flight. A "well-constructed" Goonybird will bring you many hours of family fun and enjoyment.
GROOVE ON

Insert engine mount into the rocket body tube. End of metal engine hook MUST be even with body tube end. (For quickest alignment, simply press body tube end against table top and engine mount will automatically move forward to align with tube end.)

Apply a line of glue, or "fillet", around the REAR ring/tube joint. Apply a glue fillet also to the FRONT ring/tube joint. A stir stick, soda straw, or paint brush will be helpful to apply glue inside body tube.

Cut out the body tube marking guide from the instruction sheet. Wrap it around the rear of the tube so its ends match. Temporarily tape the guide in place. Mark the tube at each arrow point. Remove the guide and draw straight lines connecting matching front and rear marks. Draw the launch lug line forward the length of the tube.

3 WINGS AND THINGS

Glue the launch lug to the body on its alignment line, 2" from the body rear.

Sand round all balsa part edges as noted by this mark (*) in drawing. (You may wish to sand part sides smooth before removing them from the balsa sheets.)

Apply glue to the "body tube edge" of one wing and glue it to the body on its line as shown. The rear of the wing must be even with the rear of the body. Adjust the wing so it sticks straight away from the body and allow the glue to set. Following the same procedure, glue the other wings to the body.

Slide the balsa struts through the wing openings and glue into place. (NOTE: Each wing strut is purposely made longer so that you can sand away the ends after the glue has dried.)
4 RECOVERY STUFF

Cut out the shock cord mount and prefold along dotted lines. Apply glue to section 1 and lay shock cord end into glue. Fold this first section over. Spread glue over back of first section and exposed part of section 2. Lay shock cord as shown and fold over again. Clamp the unit together with your fingers until the glue sets. Apply glue to the mount as illustrated. Press the mount into position against the tube wall and hold it until the glue sets.

Trim away any excess plastic from the two nose cone pieces. Run a line of PLASTIC CEMENT around the nose cone just inside from the end. Push the adapter piece firmly into the nose cone until it stops.

Cut out the parachute on the edge lines marked on the plastic. Cut the shroud line into three equal lengths. Attach the line ends to the 'chute corners with tape discs as shown.

5 GETTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Pass the shroud line loop "centers" through the nose cone "eye". Now pass the loop centers around the nose cone as shown and pull lines tight to secure parachute. Tie the shock cord to the nose cone "eye".

Apply a "glue fillet" to both sides of each fin/body joint. After applying glue, smooth fillet with finger. Fillet should be smooth and bubble-free. Allow glue fillets to dry several minutes before proceeding to next fin joint. Support model horizontally while the glue dries.
6 FINISHING TOUCHES

NOTE: Use only enamel paint for nose cone. Dope paint will damage plastic surface.

DECOR SCHEME

DO NOT GLUE ROCKET TO STAND

DISPLAY STAND (N)

ROCKET NAME FROM DECAL SHEET (P)

Apply two or more coats of sanding sealer to balsa surfaces. Sand lightly with extra-fine sandpaper between coats. Repeat until balsa surfaces are smooth.

Spray the rocket ahead of the wings with a light coat of red enamel paint. Allow to dry. Apply a light finish coat of red and allow to dry overnight. Cut out the mouth marking guide from the body marking guide and wrap around body at the launch lug. Trace pattern edge onto body with soft pencil. Use masking tape and paper to cover the front of the rocket. Spray the wings and body rear black. Allow to dry overnight. Apply the stick-on decals as shown in the instructions and decor scheme. Assemble the display stand as directed in the instructions on the back of the stand.

COUNTDOWN CHECKLIST

12. □ Crumple four squares of recovery wadding very loosely and pack them into the rocket body from the front. Gather the parachute into a triangular shape. Fold the 'chute as shown and wrap the shroud lines loosely around it. (For maximum opening reliability, lightly dust the 'chute with ordinary talcum powder before each flight, especially in colder weather.)

11. □ Pack parachute, shock cord and shroud lines neatly into the rocket and slide nose cone into place. Nose cone should separate easily from rocket body tube, but not be extremely loose. If fit is too tight, sand inside of body tube end and shoulder of nose cone with fine sandpaper.

If nose cone is too loose, add a wrapping of transparent tape or masking tape to the shoulder of the nose cone.

10. □ Select an engine and install an igniter as directed in the engine instructions. (Use A3-4T engines for first flights.) Insert engine into rocket.

9. □ Remove key from launch panel.

8. □ Slide rocket onto the launching rod. Clean the micro-clips and attach them to the igniter.

7. □ Alert all personnel that rocket is ready for launch.

6. □ Arm the launch panel.

Begin Final Countdown: 5-4-3-2-1 BLAST-OFF!

EASY STEPS TO LAUNCH YOUR ROCKET

1. WHAT YOU WILL NEED:
   To fly your Goonybird you will need the following items not included in this kit:
   a. Estes model rocket engines and igniters
      1/2A3-2T, A3-4T, A10-3T engines or Estes Firing Line Relaunching Components No. 0709.
   b. Recovery wadding
      RP-1A
   c. Launching system
      Estes Firing Line Launcher No. 0702; or Solar Launcher, Solar Igniters and Porta-Pad Tripod.

   See your local Estes retailer or fill out the enclosed request card for more information on model rocketry and Goonybird launching supplies.

2. WHERE TO LAUNCH:
   Goonybird rockets are ideal for small cleared areas away from buildings, power lines or tall trees. Choose a field at least 100 feet in diameter. A neighborhood park or baseball diamond will serve quite nicely. Other suitable sites are school yards, football fields or large parking lots.

3. ROCKET FLIGHT PROFILE:
   A typical model rocket flight is shown at right:
   a. Ignition and lift-off.
   b. Acceleration and coasting.
   c. Parachute deployment.
   d. Recovery and touchdown.

   Your rocket may be flown many times. Simply discard used engine and replace with new engine, igniter and recovery wadding as instructed.

4. Follow the COUNTDOWN CHECKLIST below for each flight.
DISPLAY STAND ASSEMBLY

1. Prefold sides and tabs on creases.
2. Glue tabs UNDER sides using white glue.
3. Glue paper casing to assembled base.
4. Use black marking pen to darken casing and to touch up white base edges.
5. Add model and builder’s name.

GLUE TABS UNDER

GLUE CASING TO BASE

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