

The New
Art Gallery
Walsall

Arty Alien by Kate Tilley

Make this colourful martian mate
with your crafty bits & bobs.



Yinka Shonibare is a British, Nigerian artist who often uses Dutch wax fabric to make artworks. Through the use of this fabric, he explores ideas around identity.

Yinka Shonibare

Alien, 1998

mixed media

*The New Art Gallery Walsall Permanent Collection
Purchased through the Contemporary Art Society
Special Collections Scheme, with lottery funding
from Arts Council England, 1999.*

Materials:

*Newspaper, fabric, or paper strips
(coloured with crayons), sticky tape,
scissors.*

Pipe-cleaners or card.

PVA glue or needle and thread.

Buttons or card for the eyes.





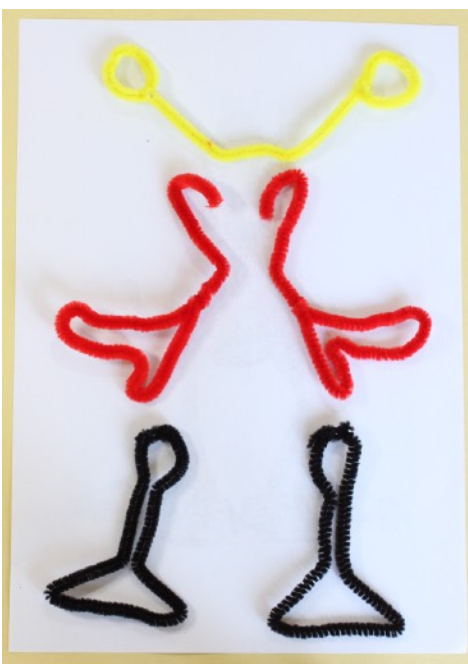
For the body, take 1 sheet of newspaper and scrunch it into a ball, then wrap another sheet around it.

Scrunch up another sheet for the head and just a quarter of a sheet for the nobble on the top of the head.

Lay these out on 1 more sheet and wrap them all up.

Squash and mould with your hands to make the right shape.

Secure with tape, wrapping a final bit round the neck.



Next comes the antennae, arms and legs and you can use the PDF template to get the right shapes, using either pipe-cleaners or cardboard, or both!
(the PDF is located on the last page)

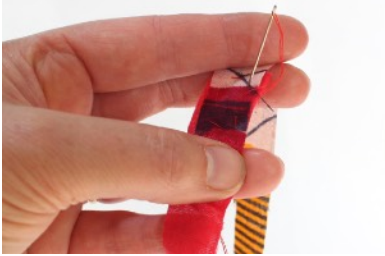




Add these to the body with sticky tape or glue.



*If you're using paper for your strips, colour them with crayons to make your own wax patterns before you cut them up.
If your grown-up's got some spare fabric or left over scraps, that's great– any pattern or colour will look great!*



You'll need to join the strips together, this can be with glue, sticky tape or you could get a grown-up to help you sew them together.

Attach one end of the strip to the body then just wind it round and round and up and down over the whole body, adding more strips as you go.

You don't have to cover the whole thing, just stop when you're happy with it.



For the eyes you can just cut some circles out of black card, or paper and stick them on, or why not use your sewing skills again and sew on some black buttons?

For the last bit of nose and mouth detail, like on Yinka's 'Alien', just cut out a bit of your patterned paper or fabric to finish off your galactic buddy!

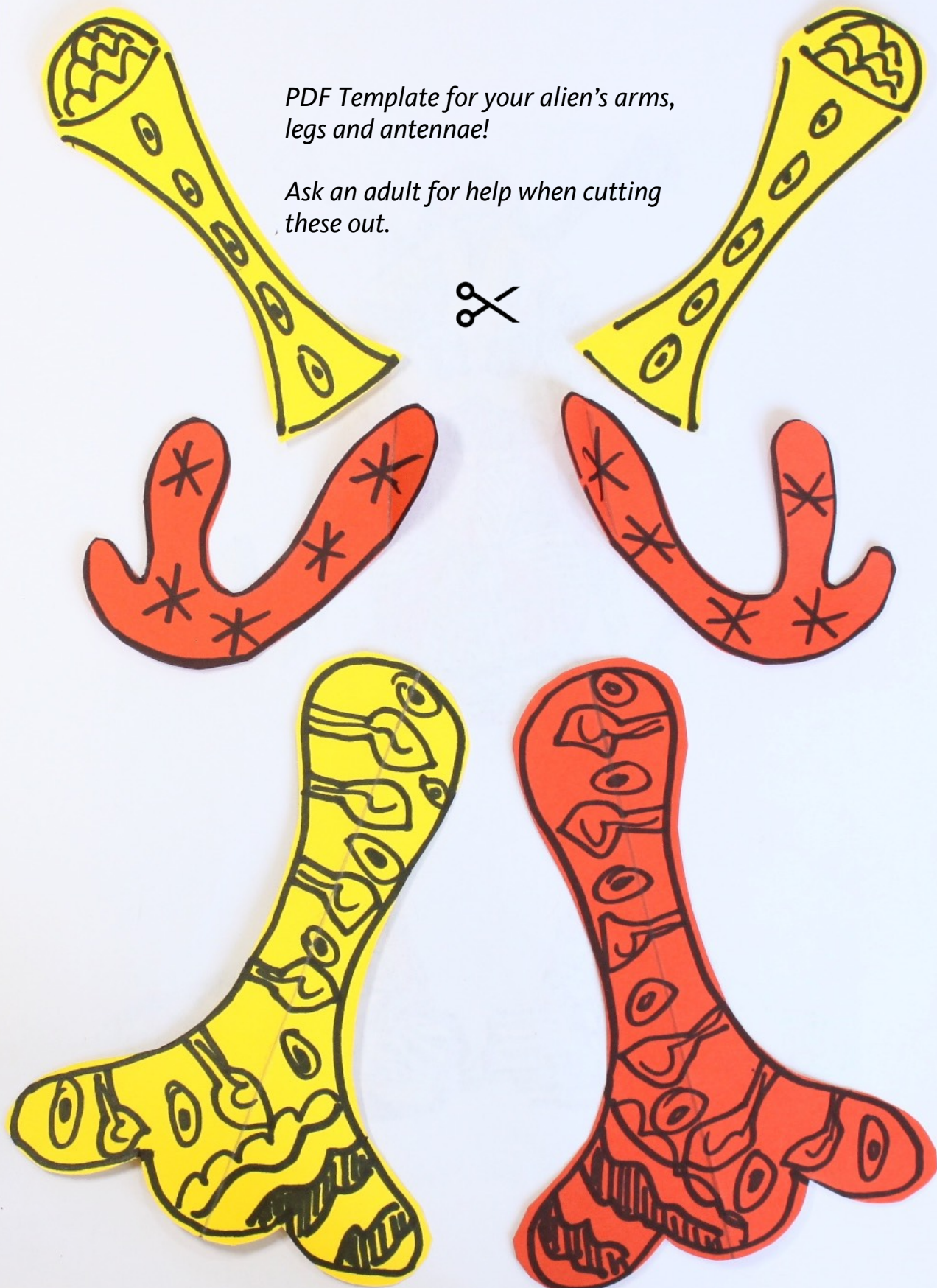


Now you're ready to blast off with your inter-galactic buddy for some out-of-this world fun!



*PDF Template for your alien's arms,
legs and antennae!*

*Ask an adult for help when cutting
these out.*



These children's workshops have been created by our team of artist-educators and are available as films or downloadable worksheets on our website: www.thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk/families-kids/childrens-online-digital-activities