

## OROYAL RED AIRFORCE RED ARROWS



The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, is the public face of the Royal Air Force and assists in recruiting, contributes to defence diplomacy and supports UK industry. The Team consists of nine display pilots, all of whom are from frontline squadrons and are experienced, highly-skilled officers in the Royal Air Force. Each has previously operated other fast jets, such as the Tornado or the Typhoon multi-role combat aircraft – helping the Royal Air Force to protect the nation and its interests at all hours, 365-days a year at home and overseas.

There is more than 100 talented support staff in the squadron, which is based at RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire and operates the BAE Systems Hawk T1. The Red Arrows' support team is known as the Blues, because of their distinctive coveralls. Representing many of the various, skilled roles in the Royal Air Force, they include operations and flight planners, engineering technicians, photographers, safety equipment experts, drivers, a public relations department, suppliers and administrators. Their hard work is crucial to the success of the Team.

Since the Team's first performance in 1965, the Red Arrows have flown more than 4,500 displays in 55 countries. The Red Arrows are celebrating their 50th display season in 2014. To mark the milestone, a Union flag design has been unveiled on the tailfins of the Team's fleet of jets in a display of Best of British.

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Instructions on how to make your own Red Arrow.

1. Press out the aircraft parts.

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2. Pick up the main body of the Red Arrow.

3. Pick up one of the side body pieces and place against the main body.

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4. Pick up the other side body piece and place against the other side of the main body.

5. Push the wings through the main body and side pieces, centre the wing and slide gently into the slot in the wing.

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6. Push the tail into place at the back of the plane.

7. Your Red Arrow is ready to fly, you can experiment with tape or paper clips on the nose of the model to add weight and stability.





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