HIGH POWERED PAPER ROCKETS

# Rocket Construction Guidelines

Independently, you will create a paper rocket with a nosecone, cardboard fins, and one of the following materials for the fuselage (body) of the rocket:

* Notecard
* Piece of paper
* Piece of cardboard paper



You must also decide on the shape and number of fins you will be using! Anywhere from 3 – 5 is optimal. Use one of the two methods shown below, or devise your own way of attaching fins!

**Note: you can make your rocket body as small or as large as you want.**



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Length of Body (centimeters): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fins: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Time of Flight (seconds): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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