

# WOW! A Golden Age The SKYMAN



BASED ON THE CHARACTERS AND STORIES  
CREATED BY *Gardner Fox & Ogden Whitney*

POSABLE MODEL CHARACTER TOY  
of YOUR VERY OWN!

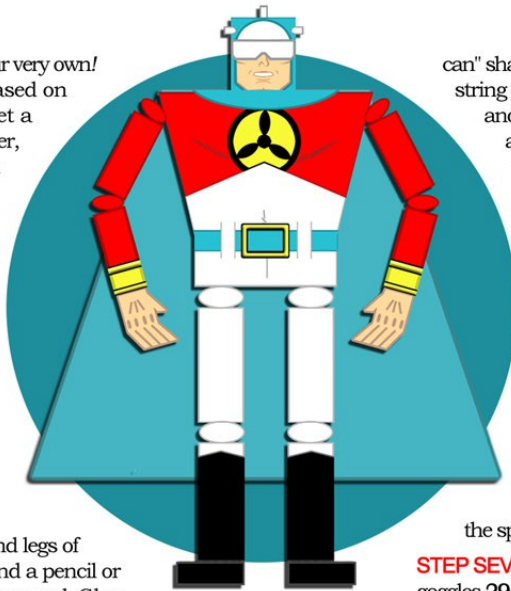
DESIGNED BY THE PROFESSOR ON CHRIS WARE'S TEMPLATE

Wow! A paper "Skyman" action figure of your very own! What could be cooler? It's a new model based on artist Chris Ware's fun toy. I hope you'll get a "rush" out of it! It looks just like Allen Turner, "America's National Hero" during the Golden Age of Comics in the late 1930s and early 1940s. This model is for entertainment purposes only, and it must not be used commercially in any way!!! Now that the legal stuff is out of the way, get your tools ready, and let's get started!

**STEP ONE:** Study all the text instructions and building diagrams, and test fit parts before gluing together. Cut parts out along the heavy black outlines, and use a scoring tool like an empty ballpoint pen, or a dull old butter knife. This will help create clean, sharp, folds. Most of all, take your time and have fun!

**STEP TWO:** First, we will build the arms and legs of our paper superhero. Roll pieces 1-8 around a pencil or other cylinder shaped object to get the proper curl. Glue them together to form tubes. If you plan to use the original spring joints, simply cut and fold the tabs into the center and glue the tube ends closed. If you are planning to string your model together with yarn, or make it posable with wire or pipe cleaners, you will need to punch holes in the flaps at the ends of each tube before gluing them closed. Then, either fold up all of the spring joints, 9-16, and attach them to the tubes following the instruction diagrams on page 2, or roll up the beads on page 3, and "string up" the pieces, with a bead at each joint.

**STEP THREE:** Next, fold up the torso assembly 17. Begin by making the "sardine



can" shape of the torso, then the tapered shape of the chest. If you plan to string or wire the limbs, you will need to punch holes at the shoulder and hips and run the wires or strings through before closing off the assembly. I also suggest reinforcing the areas around the holes with thin cardboard. If you want to make the head turn, don't close up the shoulder flap just yet. Wrap and glue down belt 18.

**STEP FOUR:** Next, roll up Skyman's head 19 and glue down the top flap. If you want the head to turn, you can create a neck pin (see special instructions below & diagram on pg. 3).

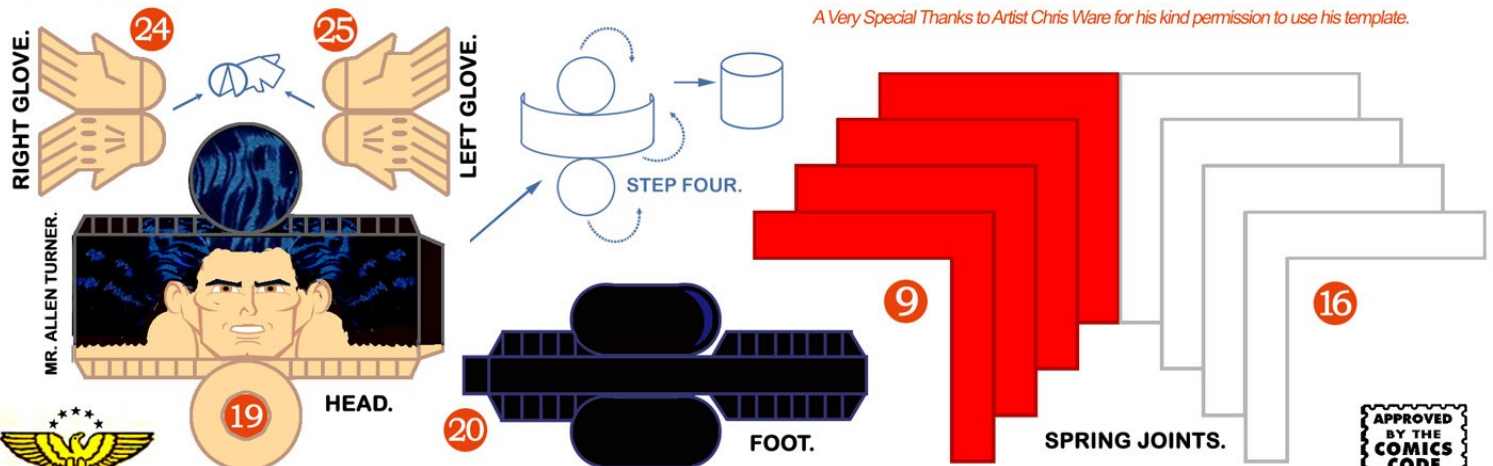
**STEP FIVE:** Now assemble the "sardine can" feet 20-21, and glue them to the ends of the shins. Roll up the gauntlets 22-23 and glue them to the forearms, then fold up the hands 24-25 and them to the ends of the forearms. Glue cape halves 26-27 together and attach at shoulders and fold over the back.

**STEP SIX:** If you're using the spring joints, attach them to the ends of the arm and leg assemblies and then to the torso at the shoulders and pelvis. If you're using string or wire, see the special instructions below and the diagram on pg. 3.

**STEP SEVEN:** Finally, follow the diagrams to assemble mask 28, adding goggles 29, and fins 30-32. Slip the mask on Turner's head, assemble the "Stasimatic" gun 33-37, put it in his hand, and - *It's the Justice of the Airways!*

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** If you decide to use string or wire to hold your model together, I suggest you strengthen the model by rolling strips of paper around a toothpick and inserting them into the arm and leg tubes before gluing them shut. This will make them "solid" while still leaving a hole to pass the string or wire through. The head can be made solid in a similar fashion, and if the paper strips are wrapped around a pencil, a large enough hole will be left to allow an axle of paper to be rolled up, inserted into the head, passed through the shoulder plate, and fixed in place with a thin strip wrapped around the end (see pg.3).

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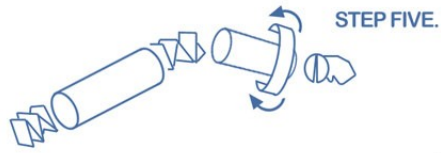
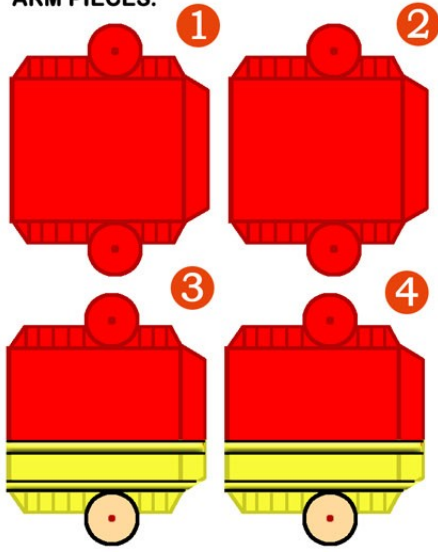


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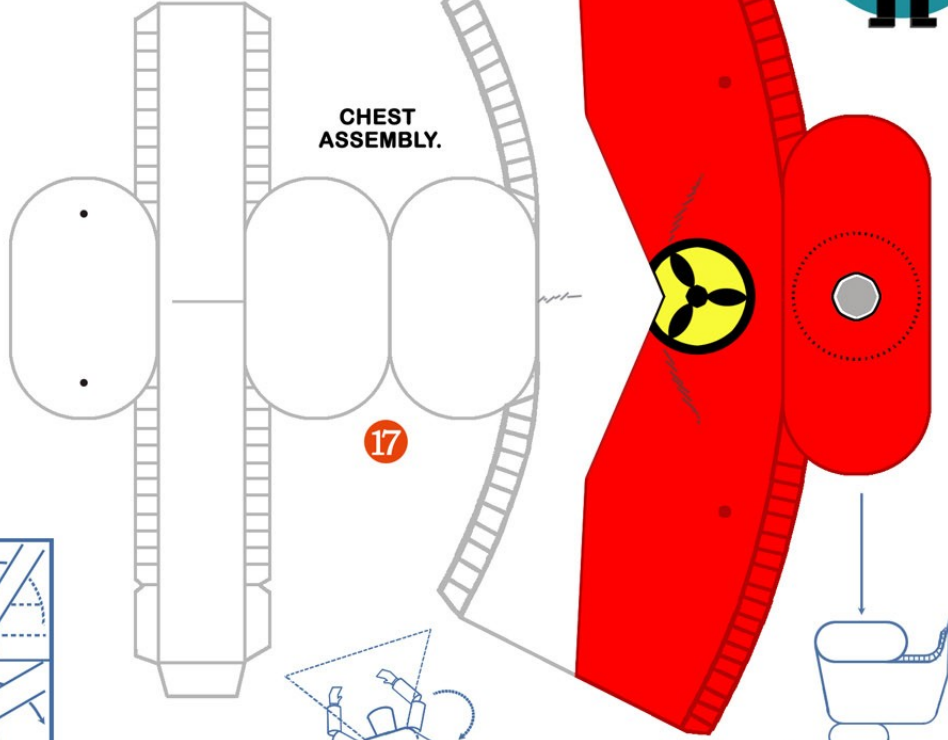
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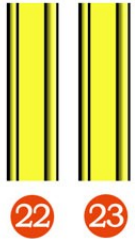
STEP FIVE.



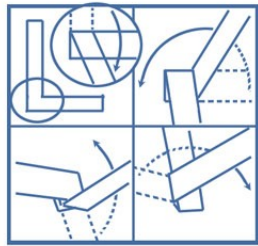
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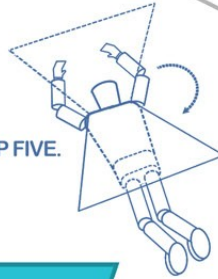
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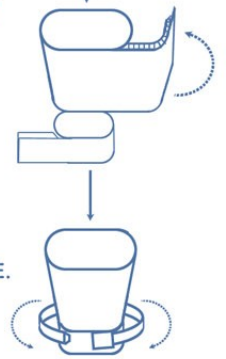
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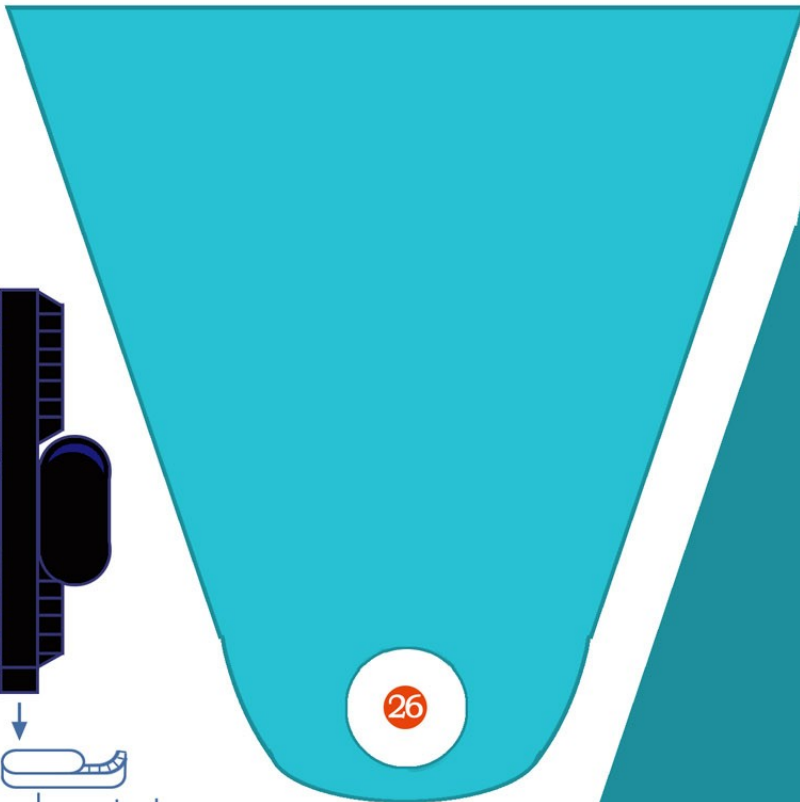
STEP FIVE.



STEP THREE.



CAPE OUTSIDE.



FOOT.



STEP FIVE.



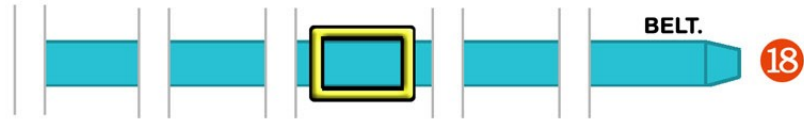
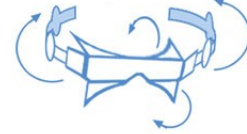
CAPE INSIDE.



A base for your figure.



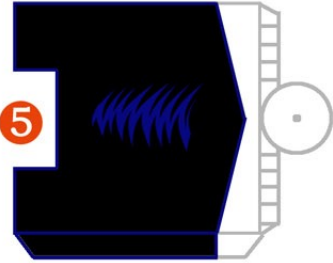
GOGGLES.



BELT.

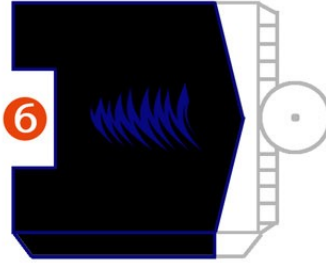
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SHIN.



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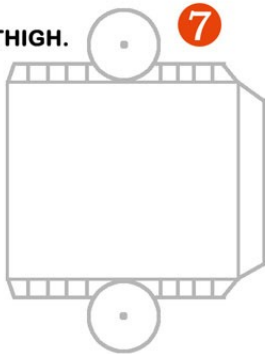
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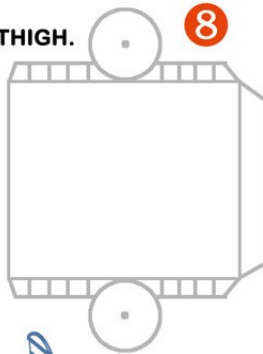
THIGH.

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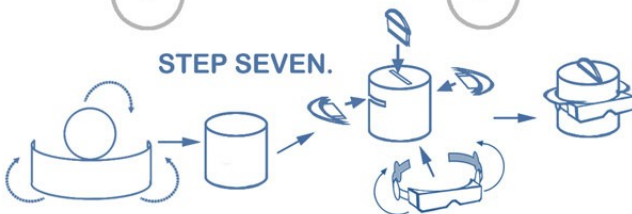


THIGH.

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STEP SEVEN.



MASK FIN.



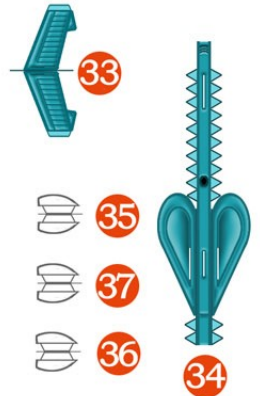
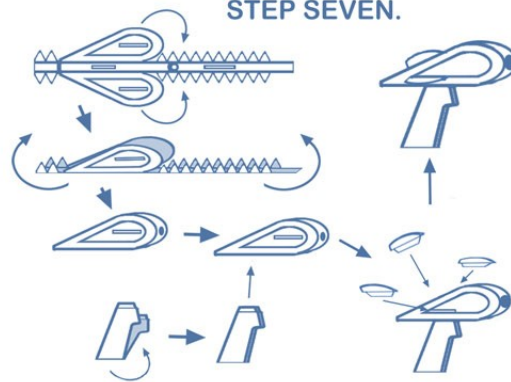
MASK.

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STEP SIX.



STEP SEVEN.



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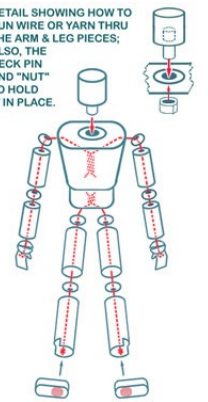
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Roll these triangles up around a toothpick from thick end to point and glue down to create beads to use at joints.



DETAIL SHOWING HOW TO RUN WIRE OR YARN THRU THE ARM & LEG PIECES; ALSO, THE NECK PIN AND "NUT" TO HOLD IT IN PLACE.



SMALL, STRONG MAGNETS IN THE FEET WILL HELP FIGURE STAND. (ON METAL SURFACES OF COURSE!)

These beads are designed to be used in place of the spring joints when assembling the figure using pipe cleaners, string or yarn. Punch holes in the ends of each leg and arm cylinder and into the torso, then run the pipe cleaners, string or wire through, inserting a bead in between them at the shoulders, elbows, hips and knees. Twist or tie them off inside the torso and at the ends of the limbs, hiding the ends in the hands and feet. The pieces above are for the elbows, the ones below are for the shoulders, hips and knees.

