

HOW DO YOU BUILD A ROCKETPACK?

THE DESIGN FOR A PROPER-WORKING ROCKETPACK (JETPACK, ROCKETBELT) HAS BEEN AS ELUSIVE AS THE ALCHEMIST'S QUEST TO CREATE GOLD FROM IRON, OR THE DISCOVERY OF THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE. BUT AS TECHNOLOGY HAS BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED, THE DREAMS OF BUILDING A FUNCTIONAL ROCKETPACK HAVE BEEN REALIZED. BUT, ASSUMING YOUR BUDGET IS LIMITED AND THAT YOU LACK THE DESIRE TO BLOW YOURSELF UP WITH DANGEROUS MATERIALS, WE ARE SIMPLY GOING TO HELP YOU TO APPEAR LIKE YOU ARE STRAPPED INTO A ROCKETPACK AND BLASTING INTO THE STRATOSPHERE. FOLLOW CLOSELY AS WE GIVE YOU STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING YOUR VERY OWN PROP ROCKETPACK.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:



1

Remove and set aside the canvas part of the rigid-framed backpack so that you only have the frame left. This will serve as the skeleton to your rocketpack.

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Attach the fire extinguisher upside down to the frame using the epoxy and string. The extinguisher will provide the "smoke" that will be emitted from your pack.

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Using the PVC joints, attach an extension to the nozzle of the fire extinguisher with epoxy. Fashion the extension so that it will force the extinguisher powder away from your body and rocketpack. You want to avoid making a mess.

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Find the canvas from the backpack that you removed from the frame. You're going to cover the frame and extinguisher with the canvas. Measure the canvas against the frame and fire extinguisher to see how much you will need to make it fit snugly, giving it maximum aerodynamic movement.

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Using your razor, cut the canvas to the specs you measured.

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With your duct tape, tape the canvas tightly against the assembly so there is very little wiggle room. Use your creative prowess to make any adjustments to the frame, canvas or extinguisher.

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Spray paint the whole device. Silver or black is your best bet.

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Loop one end of the heavy string around the trigger of the fire extinguisher and run it through the pack. When you pull the string it should set off the extinguisher.

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You're now ready for lift-off! Strap on the jet pack, pull the string, and pretend you're rocketing through the sky. Be sure to film this because your fire extinguisher will only provide about ten seconds of "rocket smoke."