



Writing About the Moon

Design a Moon mission patch

Did you know? A unique patch is designed for every NASA mission!

Following the tradition set by earlier missions, astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins — the [Apollo 11](#) crew — were given the task of designing their mission patch. This patch was important because the mission was so historic!

Here's the patch they designed:

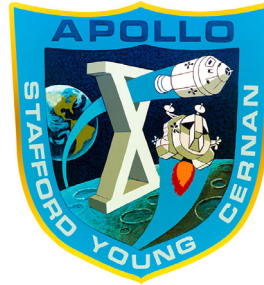


The eagle represents both the United States and the [Lunar Module](#) and the olive branch is there as a symbol of peace.



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Here are more examples of NASA mission patches:



Tell kids to imagine that they are astronauts going on a new mission to the Moon — Apollo 18. Their challenge is to design their own mission patch.

Encourage kids to think about the elements they want on the patch and what they mean. Have kids make a few sketches, then choose their final idea and draw the patch in pencil first, then fill in with color.

Blank templates are provided on the next page.

Space mission patch design

