

# **SUOMI NPP**



1/22 Scale Detailed Model

## Hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards, heat waves!

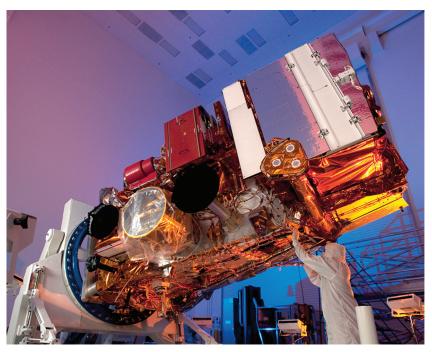
Extreme weather events have pummeled the United States the past few years. We rely on satellites orbiting Earth to predict and track these events and to monitor our global climate.

Using its five instruments, the Suomi NPP spacecraft gathers vital data for weather forecasting and climate modeling. Ball Aerospace built OMPS, the instrument that measures atmospheric ozone. Ball also built the spacecraft's bus, the main structure that carries and enables the instruments.

In October 2011, Suomi NPP was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. The spacecraft travels in a polar orbit about 500 miles above Earth.

Build your own Suomi NPP with this realistic model kit. It requires some patience, but it's actually fairly easy to build.

Learn more at: www.nasa.gov/npp www.ball.com/aerospace



A Ball technician works on Suomi NPP inside a cleanroom.



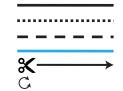
## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### Number/Color Code

- Parts are numbered in sequence of assembly.
- · Black denotes the part.
- Blue indicates where to glue one part to another.

## **Line Code**

Part outlines (cut lines)
Score and Mountain Fold (bend down) - 
Score and Valley Fold (bend up) - 
Location of an attaching part
Cut here
Roll or curve part



## **Tools You'll Need**

- Small scissors (for cutting all curved lines)
- A hobby knife with a new blade (but scissors are OK)
- A scriber, ball-point pen, small knitting needle or large smooth sewing needle (for scoring folds)
- A metal-edged ruler
- Dowel or round pencil; table edge is OK (for forming curved parts)
- A cutting board, if using a hobby knife (tagboard or cardboard is OK)
- Rubber or foam pad (for forming curved parts)
- Tweezers (for holding and bending small parts)White glue

## • Write glue • Toothpicks (for glue applications)

## Procedure

- 1. Score each part before cutting out.
- Cut out and assemble in numerical sequence.Caution: Hobby knives are extremely sharp!
- 3. Fold parts as instructed by line code.

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- 4. Checkfit each part before gluing, matching alignment as indicated.
- 5. **Assemble** using minimal glue; wipe off excess.

## Forming the Parts

#### **Scoring**

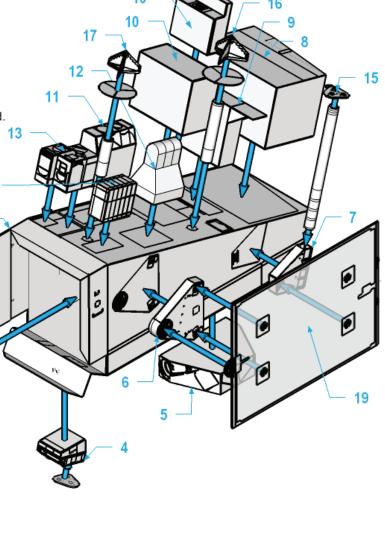
Always score a part before you cut it out! Scoring slightly weakens the paper so you can make perfect folds. To score, line up a metal-edged ruler with a score line. Then use a scriber or other round-tipped tool, and firmly draw along the ruler.

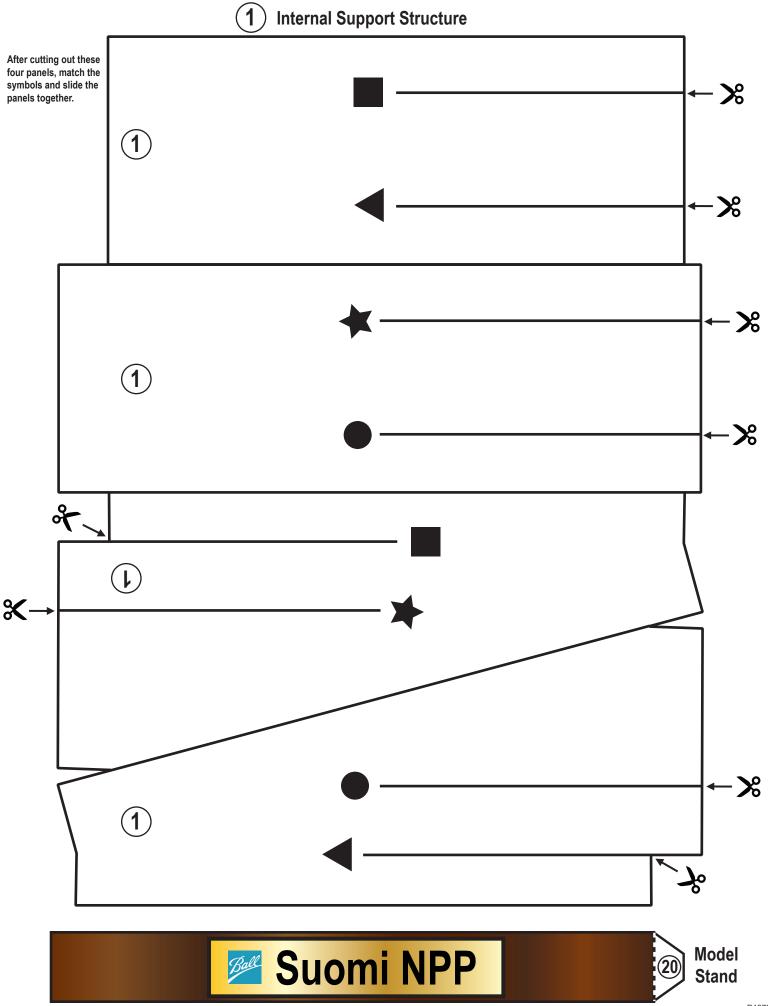
#### **Making Cylinders**

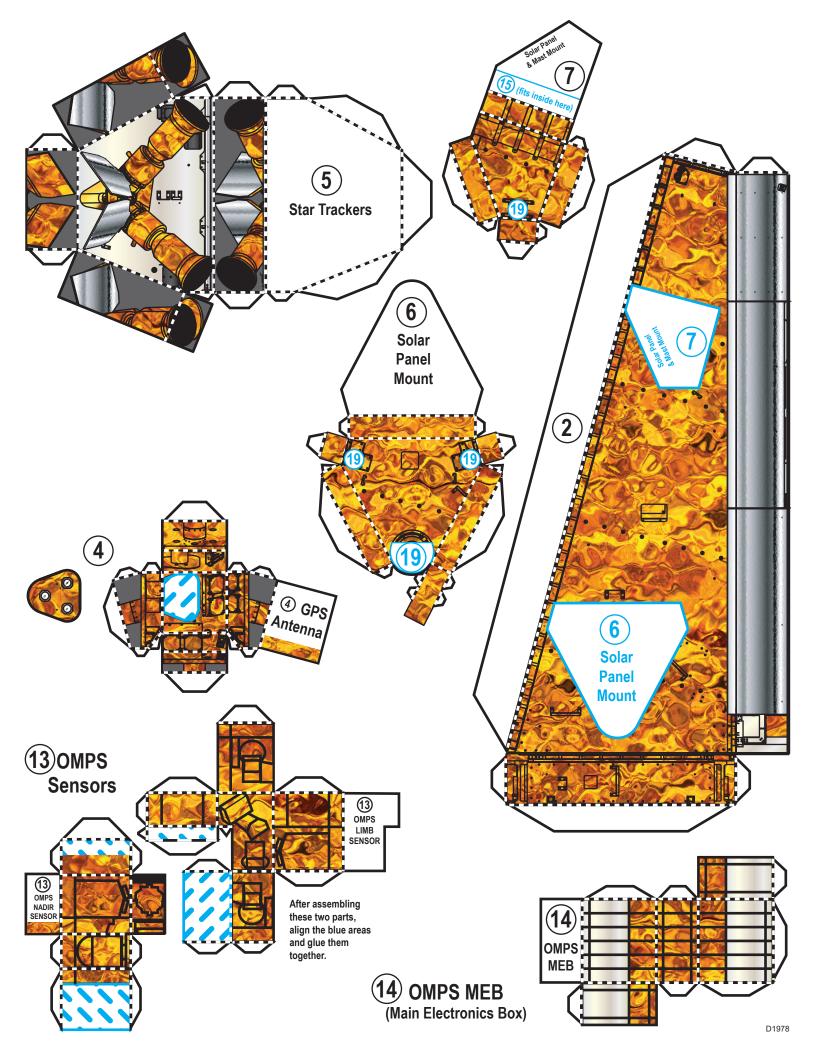
Glue tabs or strips should remain attached during forming. To form a cylinder, slide a dowel or round pencil over the part, using a rubber or foam pad underneath. Face part up or down as required. Part will curve up at the ends, becoming cylindrical. Repeat forming process until desired shape is attained. **Drinking straws cut to size will also work.** 

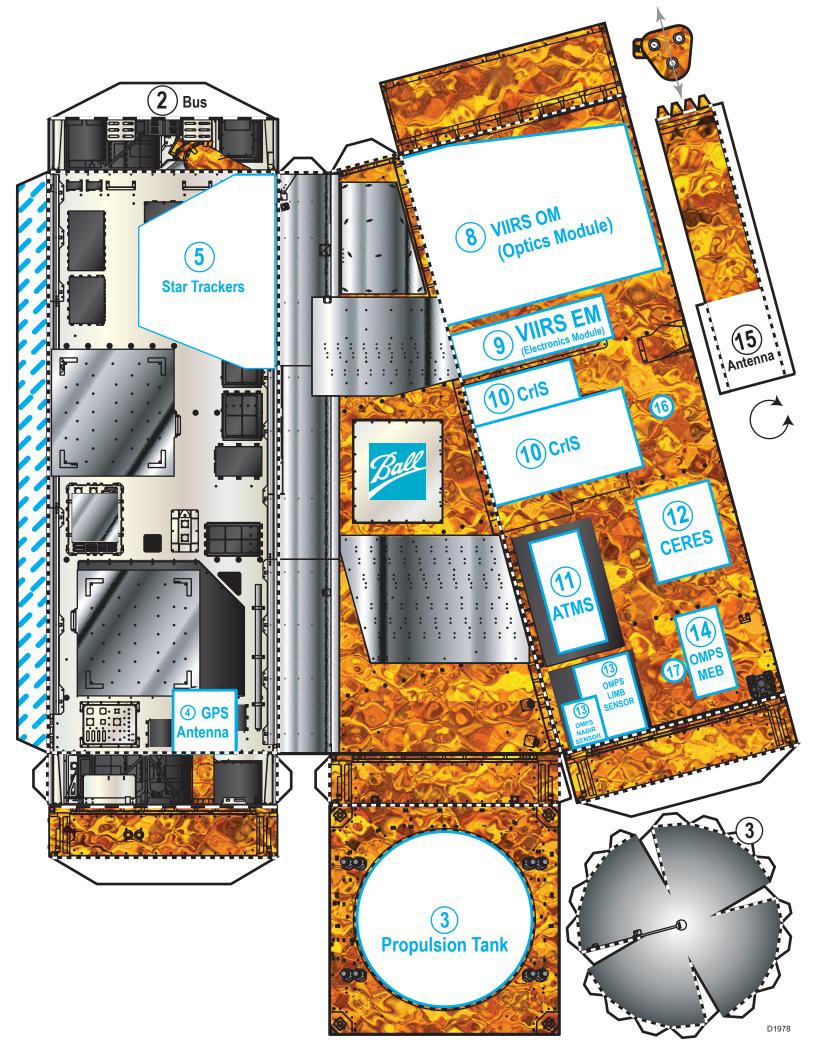
#### Gluing

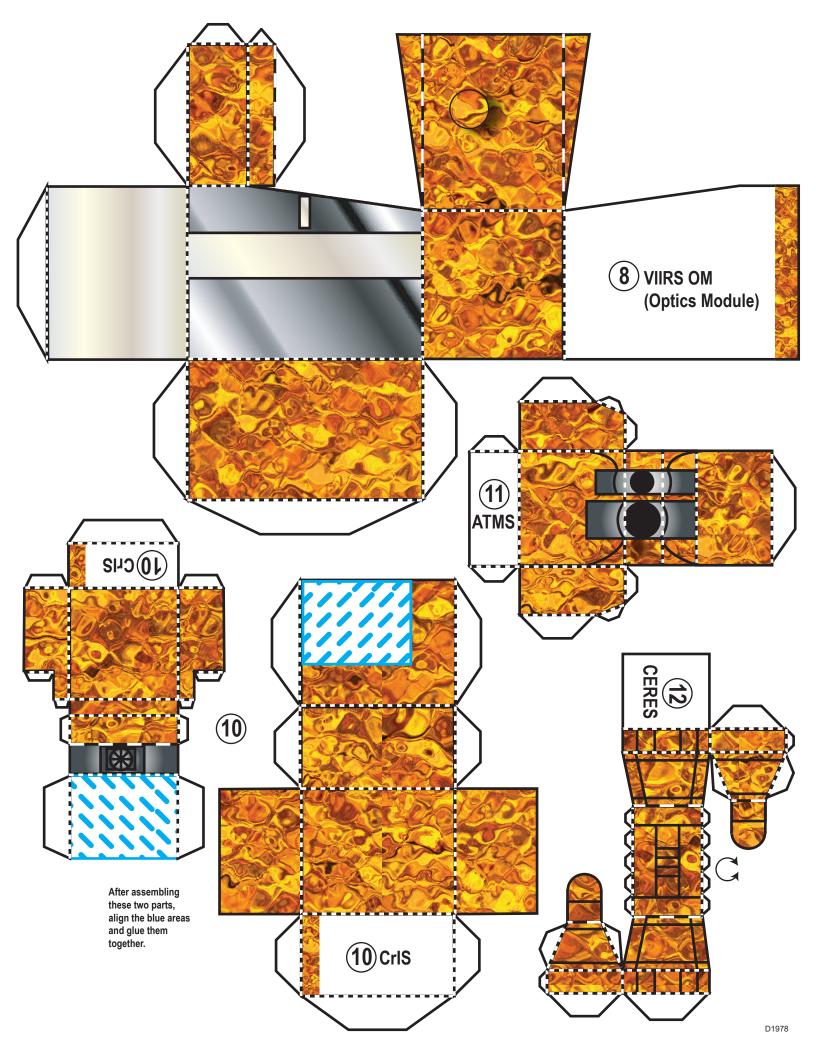
It is best to use glue very sparingly; too much results in warping and excessive drying times. Use a toothpick with a small puddle of glue on scrap paper. Do not try to glue too much at a time on any part. Glue only 4 or 5 tabs at a time, and let them dry before moving on.

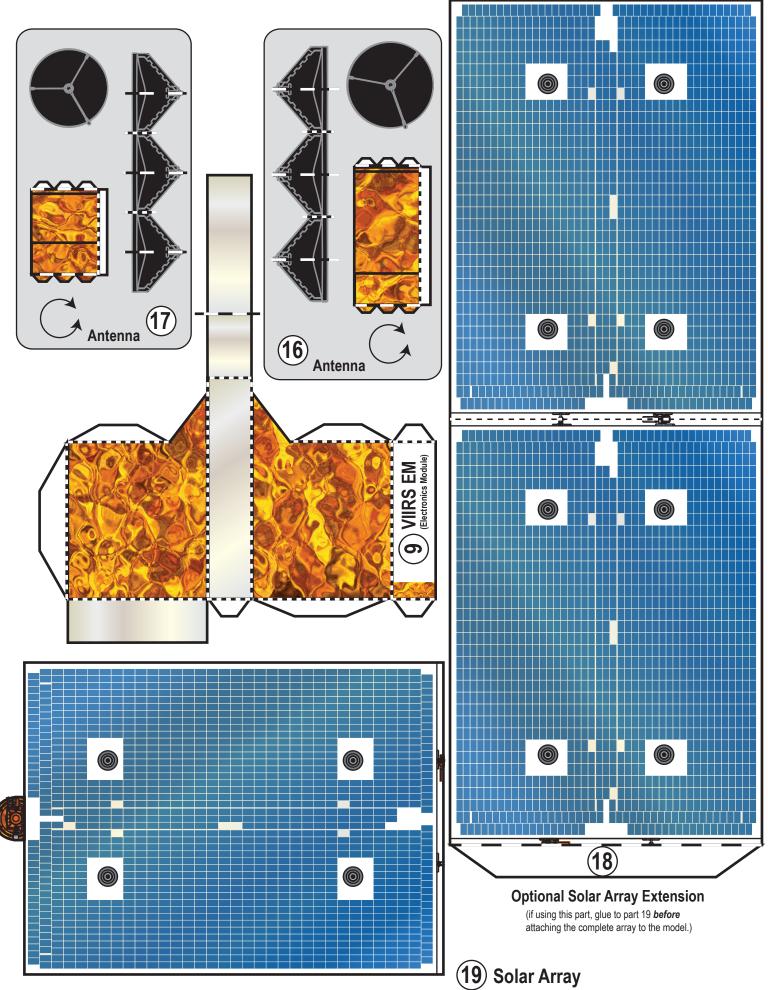


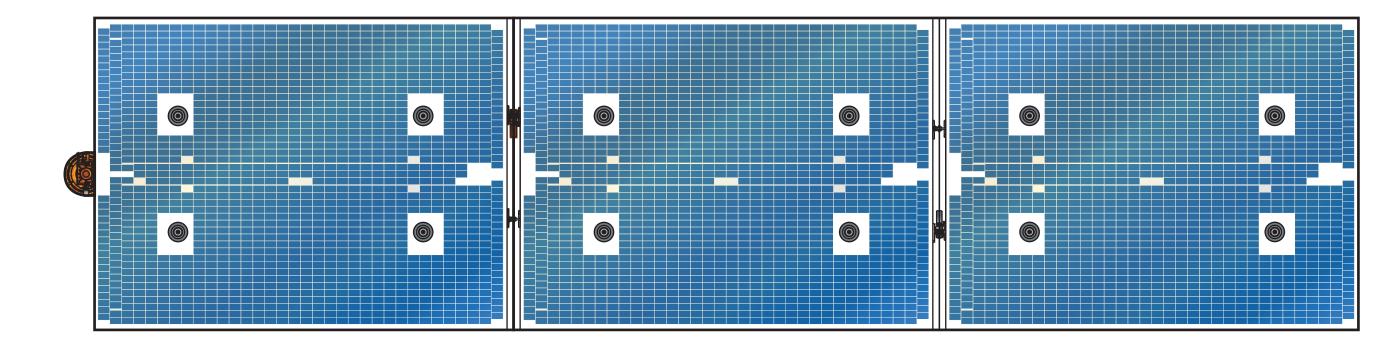












## **Finished Suomi NPP Model Parts**



Internal Support Structure



Bus



Propulsion Tank



**GPS Antenna** 



Star Trackers



Solar Panel Mount



Solar Panel Mount and Antenna



VIIRS Optics Module



VIIRS Electronics Module



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**CERES** 



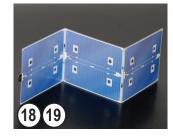
**OMPS Sensors** 



OMPS Main Electronics Box



Antennas



Solar Array



Model Stand



