



Wrap a piece of aluminum foil around a cardstock circle to make a blank medallion. Try to keep the foil as smooth as possible on one side. This is where you will engrave your design.



Imagine you're joining a mission to explore space! Where are you going? What are your goals? What part of your adventure do you want to share with people back on Earth?



Think about the shapes, symbols, or words you want to include on your medallion to represent your voyage.



Now engrave a design onto your medallion by drawing with different tools.



Space travel is an impressive achievement—requiring complex teams and lots of resources.

Space-flown medallions help commemorate NASA missions and human exploration of space.

These tokens have been made to commemorate every crewed NASA space flight since the first crewed Gemini mission in 1965. They are often designed by the astronauts themselves, and are typically made of sterling silver. The medallions are approved by NASA and stored in the spacecraft to be flown into space. Many collectors and space enthusiasts feel more connected to the people and purpose of space travel through medallions, and believe the tokens are very valuable because of their history. Are there objects in your life that have extra value because they've traveled somewhere with you or were gifted by someone special?



This silver medallion is made from melted-down metal flown aboard the Apollo 13 mission launched in 1970. The medallion was reminted to reflect changes to the crew and the absence of a lunar landing due to equipment problems.

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Silver Snoopy Awards, which are given for outstanding performance of NASA mission crews, have been flown in space.

Objects that have been to space are prized as rare and valuable.

Many people want to own a piece of history, and some collectors will pay a lot of money to own medallions or other objects that have been to space. Space-flown medallions are relatively rare, with only a few hundred produced for each mission. However, Artemis 1 flew with nearly 10,000 artifacts and mementos on board. As space travel becomes more common, do you think space-flown objects will become less valuable?

