

Airplane

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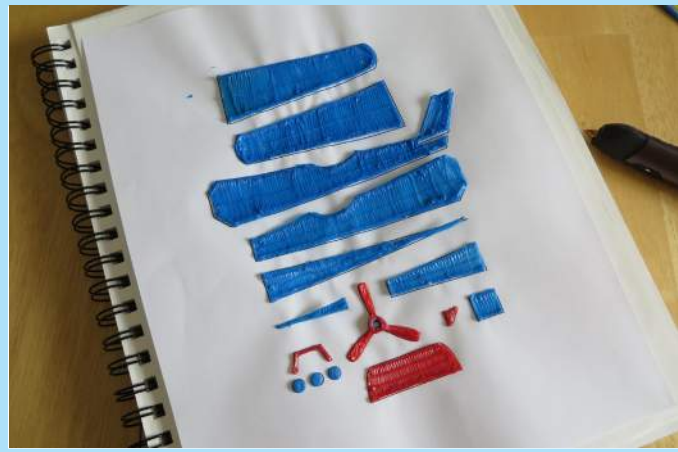
This tutorial will guide you through using a stencil to create a classic fighter plane. The propeller really spins! The plane pictured above took about 5 strands of plastic. Don't stop here though! This is just the base model, customize it with your squad's insignia! Add stars, stripes, a windshield! Doodle another set of wings and make a biplane!

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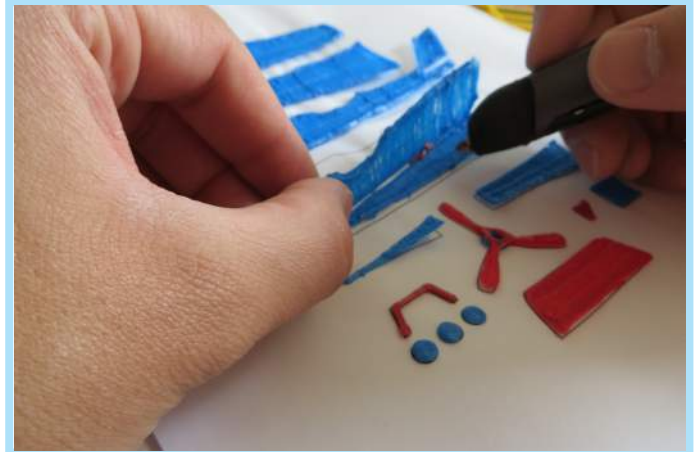


Step 1



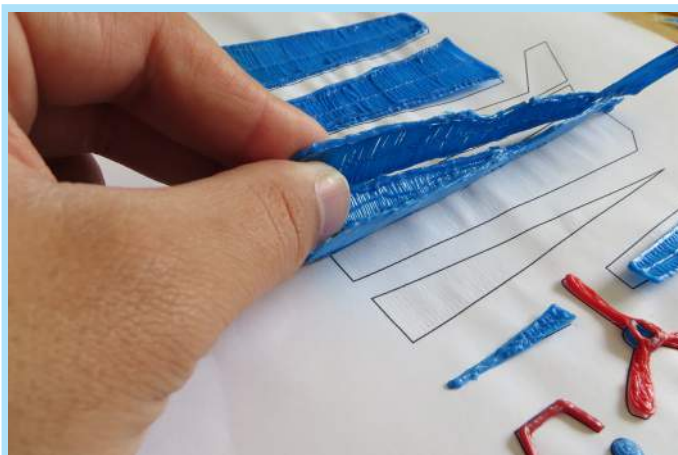
Fill in the pieces of the stencil. Use all the same color or mix it up!

Step 2



Start assembly by connecting one of the sides to the long triangle piece.

Step 3



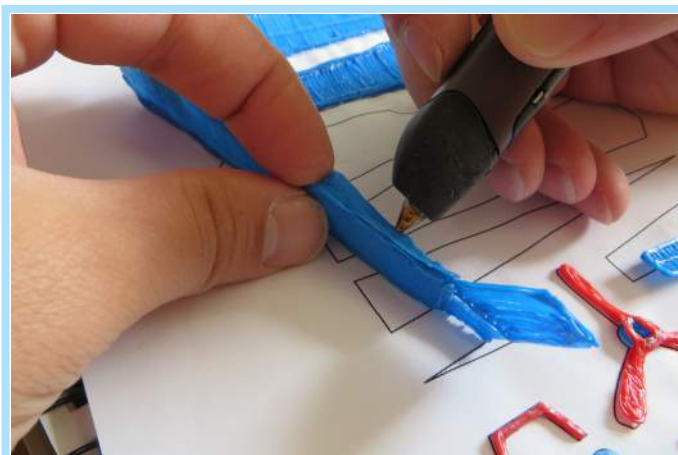
Attach the other side piece to the long triangle piece.

Step 4



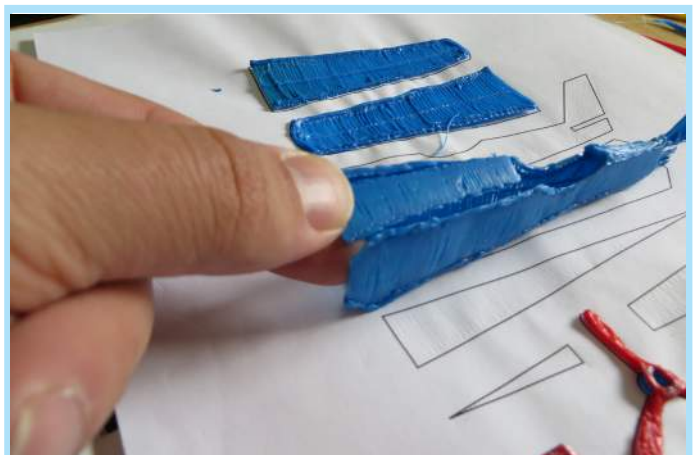
Reinforce the edges!

Step 5



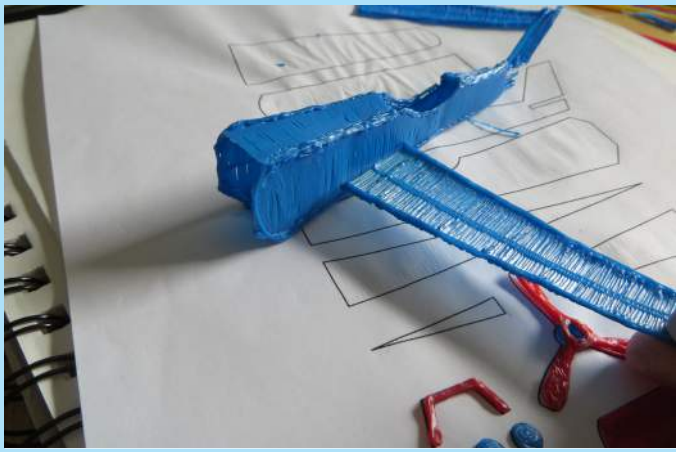
Attach the small triangle piece on the top with the point of it going towards the tail of the plane.

Step 6



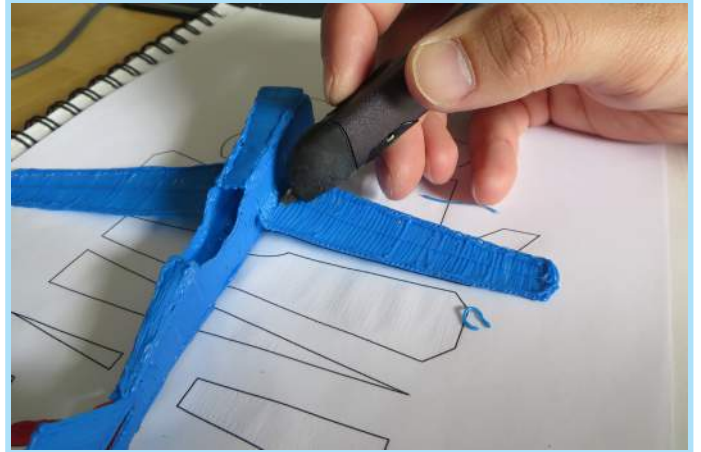
Attach the trapezoid piece to the top of the plane as well. Don't cover the cockpit!

Step 7



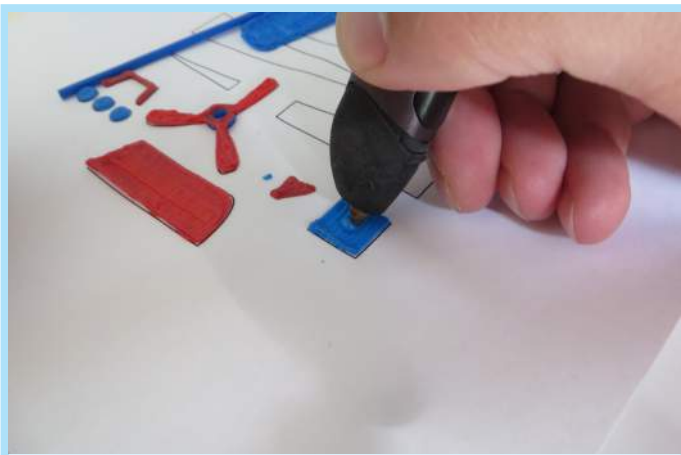
Attach the wings towards the bottom of the plane and ahead of the cockpit.

Step 8



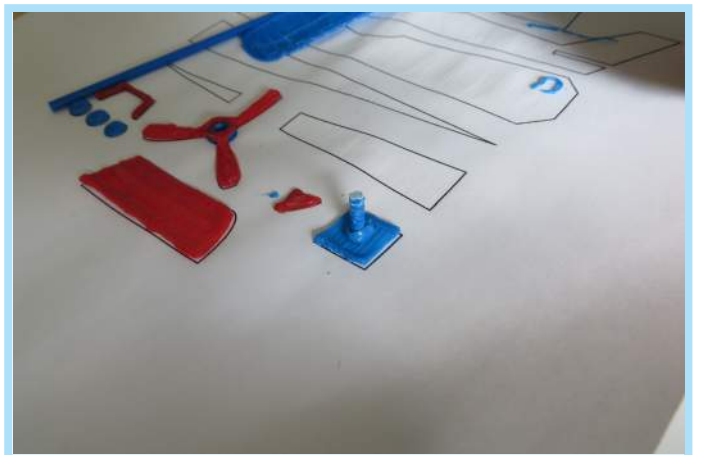
Make sure to line the other wing up with the first one when you attach it! Reinforce them in place!

Step 9



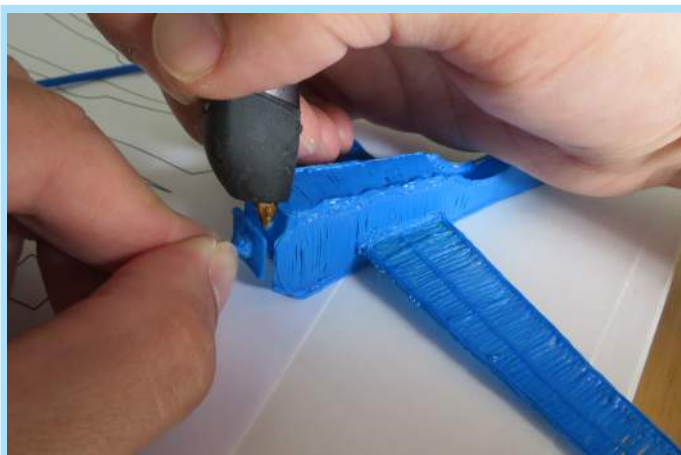
Cut a small piece of fresh plastic, then extrude a ball of plastic in the center of the square piece.

Step 10



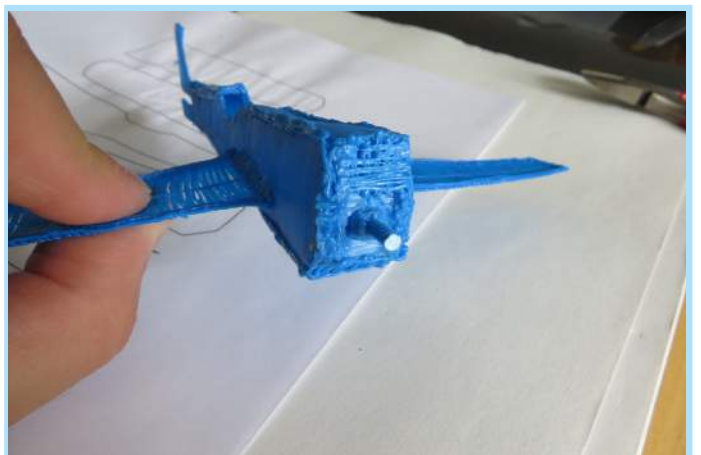
Push the cut piece of plastic into the ball that you just extruded onto the square piece. Make it straight!

Step 11



Attach the square piece to the front of the plane, right in the center.

Step 12



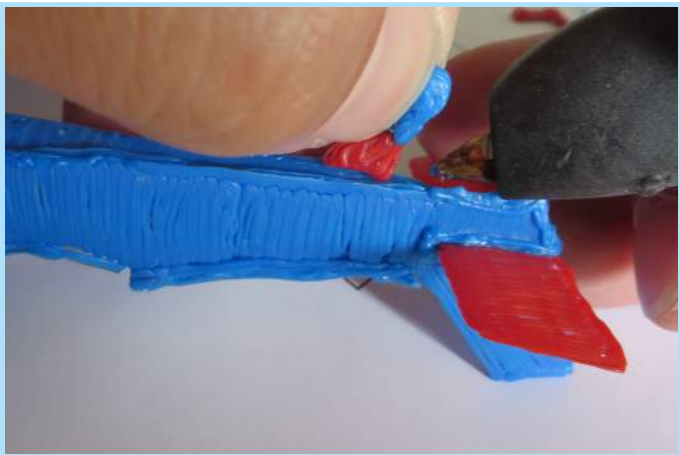
Fill in the small gaps left at the top and bottom of the square piece.

Step 13



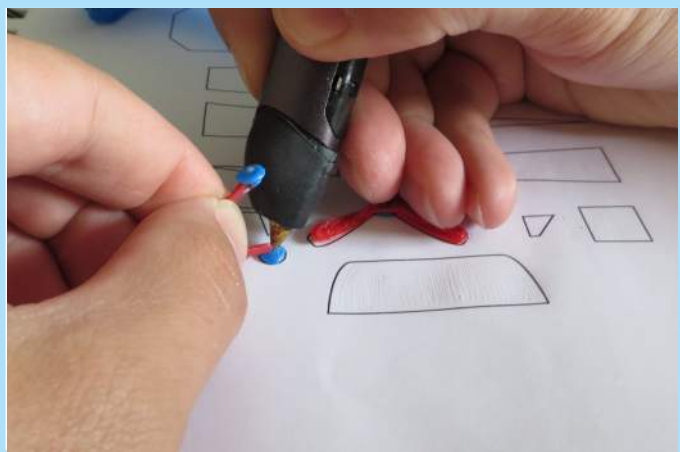
Slide the back wing in the slot under the tail of the plane and doodle it into place.

Step 15



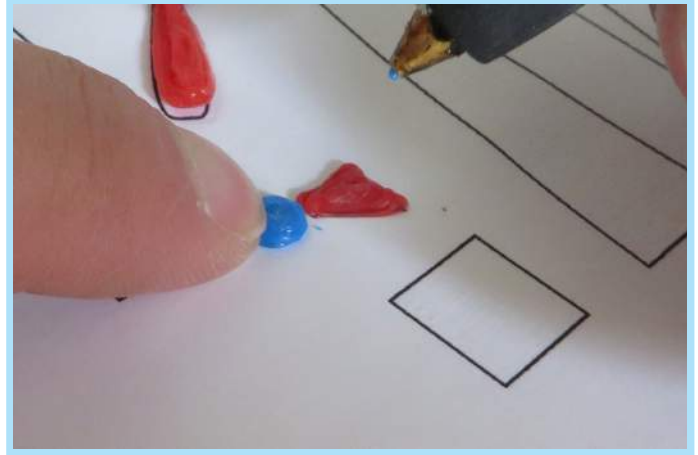
Attach the triangle piece to the bottom of the plane just ahead of the rear wings.

Step 17



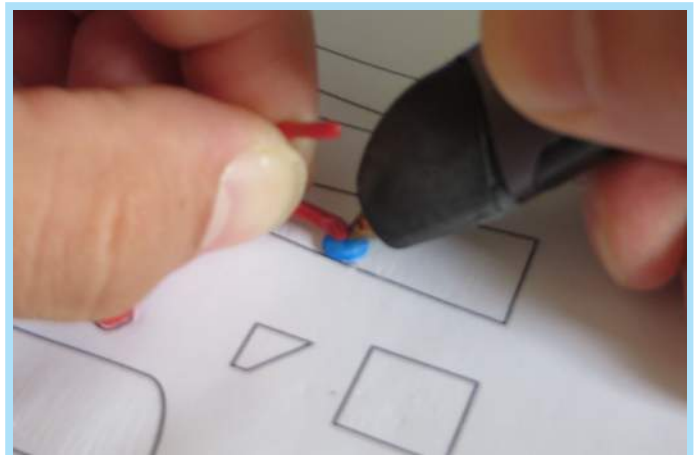
Reinforce them on both sides so they don't break off.

Step 14



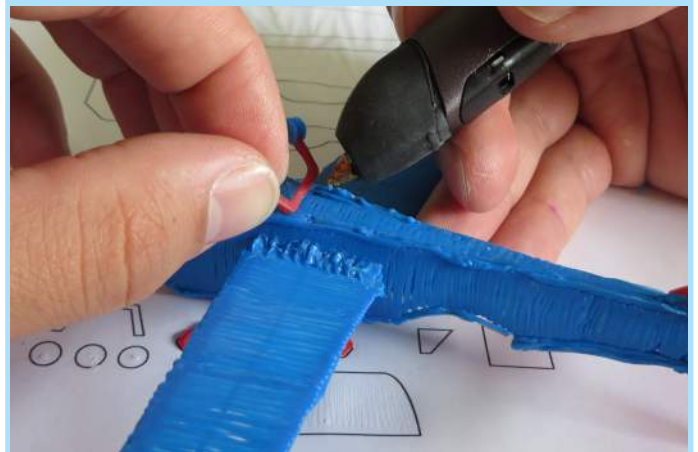
Attach one of the small round pieces to the tiny triangle piece. Rear landing gear ready to go!

Step 16



Attach the other two wheels to the front landing gear.

Step 18



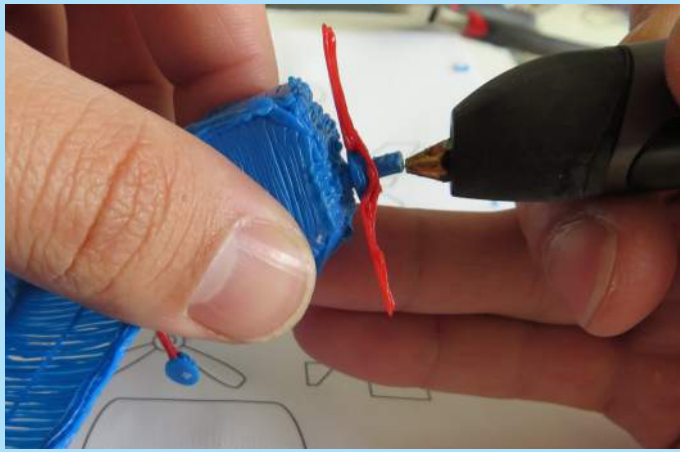
Attach the landing gear to the bottom of the plane in line with the front of the wings.

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Step 19



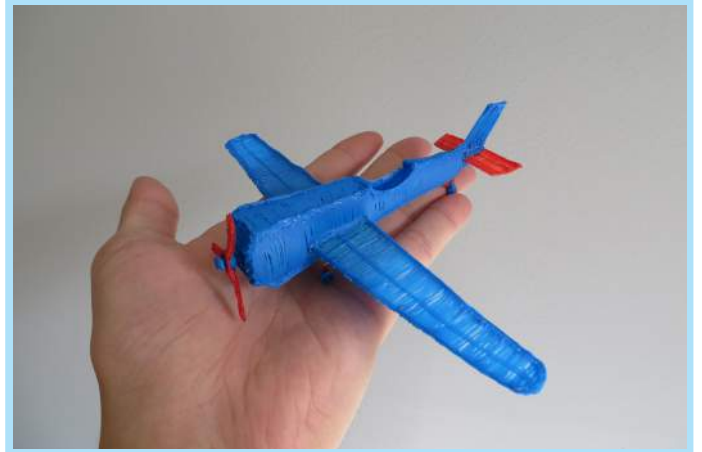
Slide the propeller onto the front of the plane and extrude some plastic on it to lock it in.

Step 21



I added a few more details in red. Pinstripes, windshield, color around the fuselage and at the tips of the wings.

Step 20



You're ready to take to the skies! But don't stop there! Add another color! Add all the colors! Add details!

Stencil

