



Three things to make and do

STRANGE VISITORS?

There were 957 reported UFO sightings in the UK from January 2021 to May 2023.

What you need

- Camera or camera phone
- Simple photo-editing software on computer
- Frisbee or paper plates

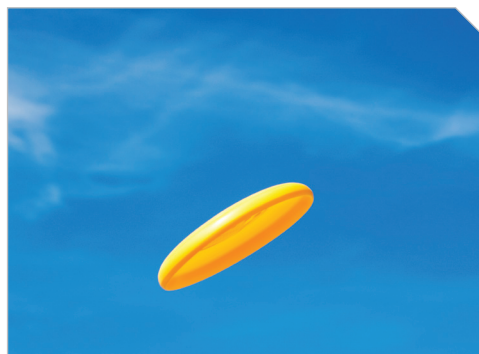
With a touch of blur and by turning the image upside down, this ordinary plastic bowl has become a pretty convincing UFO. Experiment with different objects and effects.

3 Make your own UFO hoax

Fool your friends by photographing a fake sighting of an alien spaceship.



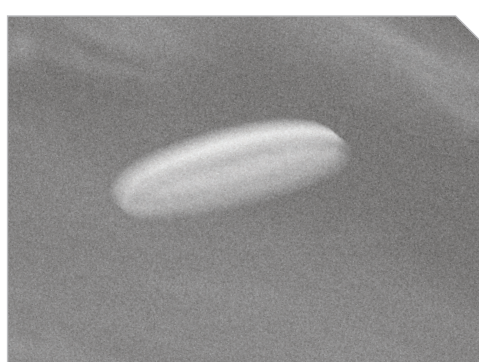
1 Take your frisbee to a clear outdoor space, and throw it in the air. If you don't have a frisbee at home you could make your own alien spaceship out of paper plates.



2 Ask a friend or family member to snap a photo of the frisbee while it's in the air. You might want to try this from different angles. Shaking the camera will create a nice blurred effect.



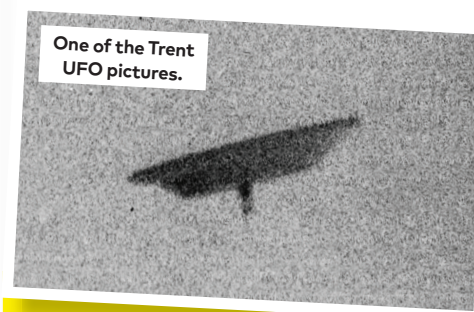
3 Edit your picture to make it look convincing. If you took your photo on a camera phone, then you could use the phone's built-in filters, or use basic photo-editing software on a computer.



4 A black and white photo is sometimes more believable. Now, invent a spooky story behind the UFO sighting, and you're ready to share your picture – but will it fool anyone?

How does it work?

UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) or UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) are sightings of things in the sky that can't be explained (see page 20). Some are genuine mysteries, while others have been revealed to be hoaxes. A photo of a UFO taken in Belgium in 1990 was seen around the world, but in 2011 one of the people involved said it was just a piece of polystyrene. Some of the most famous UFO pictures ever were taken in Oregon, US, in 1950. The couple who took the pictures, farmer Paul Trent and his wife Evelyn, claimed they were genuine, but it is thought they faked them by hanging a model from overhead wires.



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