The origins of the Saturn V rocket begin with the US government bringing Wernher von Braun along with about seven hundred German rocket engineers and technicians to the United States on “Operation Paperclip”, a program authorized by President Truman. In August 1946 with the purpose of harvesting Germany’s rocket expertise, to give the US an edge on the Cold War.
The Saturn V Rocket still holds the record for being the tallest, heaviest, and most powerful rocket ever brought to operational status.

**Materials:**
- Printed Pattern on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Makes 3 rockets.
- You only need one Straw
- Scissors, Glue Stick, Pencil, and Tape
- Crayons or markers to decorate

**Instructions:**
1. Cut out three strips of paper for three rockets.
2. Turn your papers over and decorate your rocket.
3. Put glue along the edge of the paper you didn’t color.
4. On the side opposite from the glue, take a pencil to roll paper into a tube.
5. Remove pencil. Fold the top of the rocket into a point, and tape.
6. Insert a straw into the bottom of the rocket, and blow to launch!

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