



Katherine Johnson was an exceptional person whose fascination and skills with numbers and math allowed others to reach the stars. Beginning in 1953, Katherine worked as a human computer at NASA's predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, or NACA. At NASA, she not only calculated the path Alan Shepard, the first American in space, traveled, but she also checked the computer calculations for the mission carrying John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth. After a stellar NASA career involving the space shuttle program to satellites, she retired in 1986. Read more about her at:

<https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/stories/nasa-knows/who-was-katherine-johnson-k4>

Art Instructions:

1. Color the Chalkboard
2. Color Katherine
3. Glue paper to cardstock to make cut-out sturdier (if desired) and allow time to dry
4. Cut along the dotted lines
5. Add a few drops of glue to a wooden stick
6. Attach wooden stick with glue to the back of Katherine cut-out
7. Allow 5+ minutes for glue to dry

