The Homunculus Nebula is about 1 light-year long from end to end. The scale on this stand is accurate for a 2.36 inch (60 mm) model when printed at full size. Scale the print accordingly as needed for other sizes.

Assembly instructions

1. Print out this sheet. For best results, use heavy paper or light card stock and use a straight edge to help with folds and cuts.

2. Carefully cut out all parts.

3. Cut along the dashed lines in the Display Base.

4. Fold the end flaps of the Support upward. Fold the side flaps in flat. From underneath the Display Base, insert the upright flaps through the two similar slots. Bend the upright flaps toward each other, then unfold the side flaps.

5. Fold back the flap on the Name Plaque and insert it into the front slot. Tape it into place beneath the Base. Adjust the angle as needed.

6. Place your model onto the Base so that it rests on the Support. Adjust the flaps to best display your model.

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The image at top, which serves as the background for the stand, is a view of the Homunculus Nebula as seen by the Hubble Space Telescope. The nebula was produced by the doomed binary star system Eta Carinae during an eruption in the 19th century. The image below is part of a Hubble view of the broader Carina Nebula complex that hosts Eta Carinae. Credits: NASA, ESA, and the Hubble SM4 ERO Team (top) and NASA, ESA, N. Smith (Univ. of California, Berkeley), and The Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA).