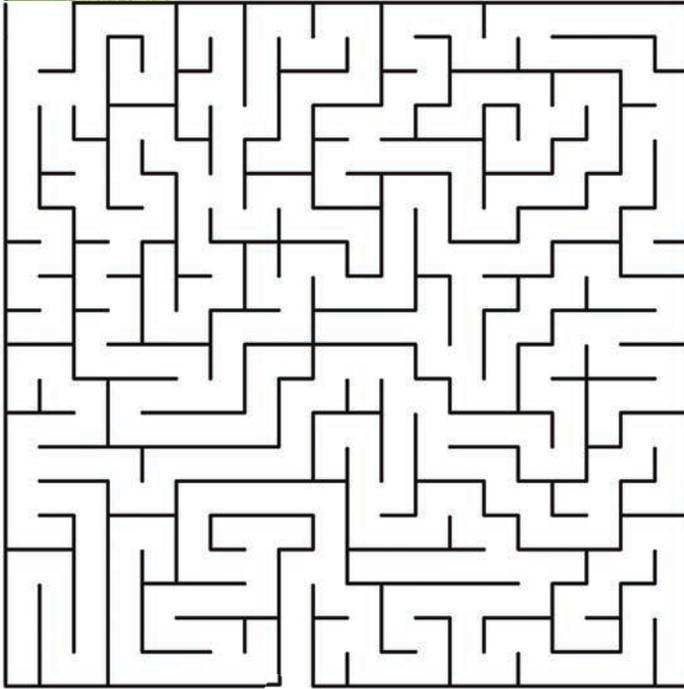




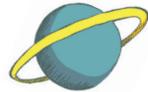
## HELP ZITA FIND HER WAY HOME!



Even the most adventurous heroes eventually return home.



Complete the maze to help Zita find her way back to her parents.



## INTERPLANETARY WORD SEARCH

Circle the words from the word bank in the letters to the right.

- |          |            |            |
|----------|------------|------------|
| planet   | adventure  | friendship |
| monsters | forcefield | crystal    |
| galaxy   | spacegirl  | chompers   |
| prison   | zita       | danger     |

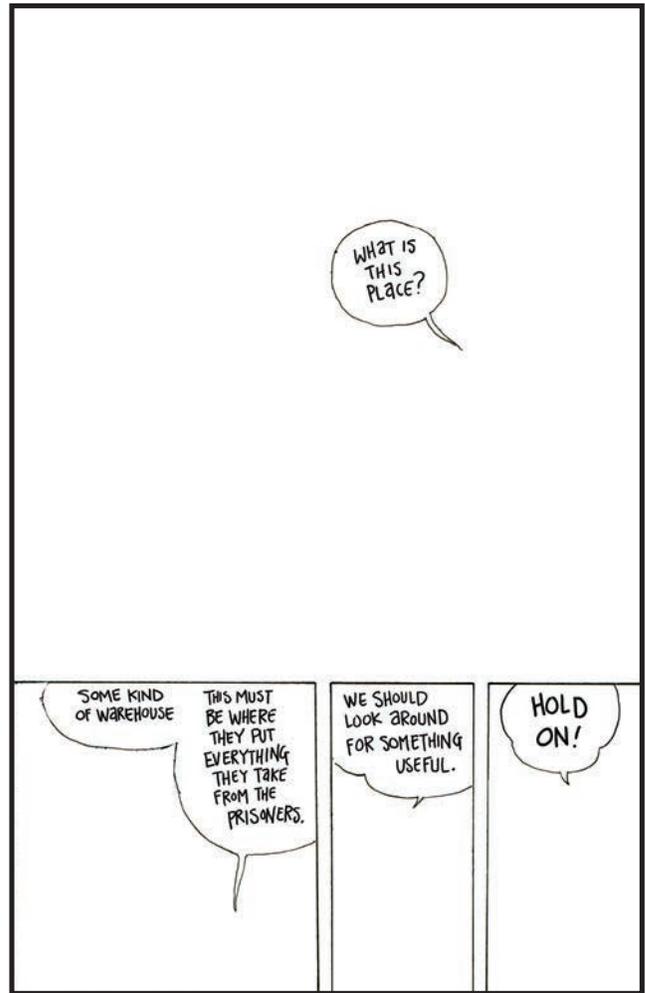
W Q F D A N G E R P K L G W N M  
 D L W O Y A U Y L P S F M X D O  
 O I D R P B F A D R J R O J G N  
 O E G H H M T N E O B I L M I S  
 B T H P X S Z P Z N N E D T E T  
 F Y N M Y A M M I Q Z N C M W E  
 O R B R N O D R T X Q D Y T U R  
 R N C P H W N V A V C S D Z Z S  
 C G E C R V N K E Z N H J Z Y L  
 E F A B L I A S P N M I I S P U  
 F F G L T M S I L G T P J K V F  
 I L N X A Z C O A C K U F J A P  
 E H T V P X Q Y N G G Z R I H K  
 L J A F U O Y Y E M X V M E V Y  
 D D W Q E J U G T T L G F H N D  
 S P A C E G I R L C Y R P Z E M



# CREATE YOUR OWN ZITA THE SPACEGIRL ADVENTURE!

★ Fill in your own dialogue to Zita's adventure in the comic below.

★ Now, draw your own comic to accompany the dialogue in the frames below.



ZITA THE SPACEGIRL SERIES by BEN HATKE

firstsecondbooks.com



# CREATE YOUR OWN CAPE!

Everyone can be a superhero with the right outfit! Create a cape just like Zita's with these simple instructions.



## ★ What you'll need:



- 1½ yards of knit fabric (choose your favorite color)
- 1 yard of ribbon
- Scissors

## ★ Instructions:



1. Lay your fabric flat across a table or the floor



2. Along one of the long ends, fold the edge of the fabric over 1"



3. With a grown-up's help, use scissors to make several snips down the length of the fabric, 1" apart



4. Open the fold and weave the ribbon in and out of each slit



5. When the ribbon has been woven through the entire slit, gather the fabric toward the center



6. Loop each end of the ribbon back through the last slit, and tie a knot

7. Tie the free ends of ribbon on either side loosely together around your neck to wear the cape



## CREATE YOUR OWN CRYSTAL CANDY!

While Zita searches for the jump crystal, you have the ingredients to make your own crystal right in your kitchen!

### What you'll need:

- 2–3 cups white sugar
- 1 cup water
- Food coloring
- Jars or glasses
- Clothespins
- Wooden skewers
- Large saucepan



### Instructions:

- With a grown-up's help, add the water to the saucepan and bring to a boil
- When the water is boiling, add the sugar  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup at a time, until it no longer dissolves
- Remove the mixture from heat and allow to cool (about 15 minutes)
- In the meantime, add some sugar to a plate
- Dip the skewers into the liquid and then into the plain sugar to coat the stick
- Set out the jars or cups, and add a few drops of food coloring to the bottom of each
- Carefully fill each jar or glass  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with the sugar mixture to each glass or jar, and mix it with the food coloring
- Place one skewer in each glass (with the sugar side in the liquid mixture), using a clothespin across the top of the jar or glass to ensure that the skewer doesn't touch the bottom or sides
- Cover the jars or glasses with plastic wrap, and get ready to wait
- Wait 2–3 days, then watch your crystals form on the skewers!
- Let the crystals grow for up to 2 weeks before gently removing the skewers with your finished crystal candy

## KITCHEN KABOOM!

Zita is used to things exploding around her, but did you know you can create a mini-explosion (with a grown-up's help) by using ingredients you have at home?

When vinegar (acetic acid) mixes with baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), it produces a chemical reaction and forms carbon dioxide gas. If the reaction takes place in an enclosed container, the gas can create enough pressure to make the container—POOF!—explode!

Just make sure everyone is wearing goggles to protect their eyes, and be sure to try this project in the kitchen or outside for easy cleanup.

### What you'll need:

- Facial tissue
- Teaspoon
- Baking soda
- Vinegar
- Plastic 35mm film container
- Goggles

### Instructions:

- Find a grown-up to help you with this project.
- Tear the tissue into 4x4-inch squares, and put one teaspoon of baking soda into the square. Wrap it into a ball.
- Put three teaspoons vinegar into the film container.
- Put on your goggles!
- Hold the lid of the film container in one hand, and then put the tissue ball into the container.
- Quickly put on the lid and snap it completely shut.
- Stand back and watch the kaboom!

