# Building the year 6 model solar house

Model Solar PV System Challenge





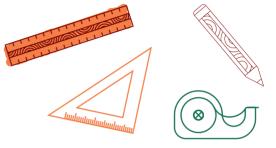
Design and build an approximately 3.3 W rooftop or free-standing solar PV system using the Horizon Power Bright Horizons mini solar PV panels.

# **CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES**

In order to keep the competition fair, the following rules apply to construction of the solar house / community models.

#### Only the Standard kit parts are to be used.

The solar panels provided in the Bright Horizons kit must be used and cannot be swapped with different solar panels.





#### Approved additional construction materials and modifications:

- Material to help angle the solar panel such as foam, cardboard or balsa wood;
- Alternative self-designed house frames and material;
- Additional house circuitry.

# Your Model must:

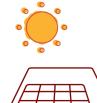
- Use the included model house cardboard template;
- Be constructed correctly, with the model house sturdy when freestanding;
- Include an approximately 3.3 W rooftop or free-standing solar PV system;



- Include an electrical circuit:
  - o connecting the solar system to the house
  - o with a switch and globe
  - o with a separate battery pack circuit
- Your school name on the house.

## **Designing the model house**

- 1. Students work in teams of 2-4 members, to build a model 3.3 W rooftop or free-standing solar PV system.
- 2. Students decorate and use their creative skills to design a unique house.
- 3. Students are able to connect a device like a globe outside the house, or cut out the doors and windows and have the globe inside the house.



## Judging the best model house

 Hold an event or identify a display location where students and teachers can view each house;

Use a ballot (secret or similar) for



students and teachers to vote for the

Share your student's model houses at horizonpower.com.au/brighthorizons





- You will be in the sun for these activities so make sure you wear your hat and sunscreen.
- Follow all safety instructions when using cutting tools such as scissors.
- Solar panels are fragile handle them with care. They will break if dropped.
- Keep the panels covered away from fluorescent globes and other sources of light until you are ready to use them. They deteriorate with excess exposure and over time.



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