A child’s alter ego takes flight to nightly space adventures in his BlastOff! Bed. 

BlastOff!™
Award-winning 3D Animated Short Film (Series Pilot)
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OFFICIAL SELECTION FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

- 2006 2D OR NOT 2D ANIMATION FESTIVAL
- 2007 GEM CITY FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 DAM SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 BIG DAMN Film Festival
- 2007 EAST LANSING CHILDREN’S FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 FOURSITE FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 DELRAY BEACH FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 THE OTHER VENICE FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 REBEL PLANET SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF HOLLYWOOD
- 2007 BARE BONES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
- 2007 DANVILLE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S FILM FESTIVAL
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BLASTOFF! BED ALSO SEEN ON HGTV'S LOOK WHAT I DID!

Inspired by the Real BlastOff! Bed™ As Seen on HGTV's Look What I Did!

Build your own BlastOff! Bed with the included construction guide and watch the film & other behind the scenes content.

BlastOff! Special Edition DVD available at Telebites.com

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Pilot Synopsis

BlastOff! tells the story of how the worlds of reality and fantasy easily blend together in the fertile imagination of a young child, especially when supplied with creative toys and environments.

The story begins at dawn with a child’s wishful drawing of a space ship. During the day his father builds him a custom designed space shuttle bed and fills his room with toys. As the sun sets, one of the child’s toys, a little green alien, comes to life and is excited pretending to pilot the space ship. As his imagination soon takes over completely, the room fades away and the shuttle bed blasts the little alien out into space for a wild rocket ship ride through the rings of Saturn. The alien finally comes crashing back to reality as the child returns home to find his room is a complete mess.

Potential Series

The initial BlastOff! short film is a pilot for a potential 3D animated series where each night when a child goes to sleep in his BlastOff! Bed, his astronaut alter ego rises and flies through various space adventures. The 3-minute pilot simply shows the BlastOff! Bed being constructed and its maiden voyage. In order to keep the overall production time of the pilot as short as possible I used an alien character that I had previously designed to fly the ship. In the future series however I would design a boy character and his night time astronaut alter ego who would fly the ship accompanied by his little toy alien who would serve as his co-pilot and trusty sidekick.

Inspired by the Real BlastOff! Bed as Seen on HGTV

BlastOff! was inspired by the real BlastOff! Bed that I designed and built for my son MJ when he was three and ready to graduate from his crib into a “big boy’s” bed. Rather than simply buying an ordinary children’s bed, I wanted to create something unique that would foster his budding imagination, so I designed the BlastOff! Bed. Not only is this bed a real blast for MJ but it’s also quite functional as well. The wings serve as integrated night stands while the nose cone is composed of dual toy shelves and/or convenient play tables. The footboard sports a steering wheel and control panel to pilot space adventures while the lighted engine nozzles behind the headboard serve as an integrated night light for when the ship’s pilot is finally tuckered out and needs some shut-eye on those long range nightly star treks.

The story behind the design and construction of the original BlastOff! Bed was featured on HGTV’s Look What I Did! episode #HLWID-106, which aired on HGTV over a dozen times. I’ve included the original plans and construction guide that I used to build the original BlastOff! Bed on the BlastOff! Special Edition DVD for anyone that would be interested in building a BlastOff! Bed for their own space cadet.