



Guillow's Foam and Balsa Wood Gliders + #Giveaway

My daughter received several products from [Guillow's flying toys](#). We received many different models made from precision laser cut balsa wood, as well as several others made of foam. The reason that I was excited about receiving these gliders was because they are like a little project where my daughter can actually build them herself. Lately it seems like all the new toys she's been getting are just made of plastic and come pre-made. I appreciate the value in having her learn to put things together for herself. The planes are not difficult to assemble and include simple instructions. My daughter felt a sense of accomplishment putting her planes together to fly them. The gliders arrived packaged in poly bags.



Guillow's products are proudly made in the USA, and the company has been in business since 1926. The planes are designed for ages 8 and up. My daughter said her favorite wood glider was the Jetstream, which has a 13 ¼" wing span. The Jetstream is a motorplane that operates using a rubber band. It can fly either by being hand launched or rising off the ground. It has green printing on its wing, canopy, and tail to show a pilot as well as the plane's name. The Jetstream has formed wire landing gear and a red plastic propeller and nose bearing. I realized while assembling the [balsa wood planes](#) that we had to be extremely careful because the wood is very thin and can break easily when putting them together.

The wonderful thing about these gliders is that the prices are so affordable. Parents can easily purchase several models without spending a lot of money. My daughter really enjoyed flying the foam planes. She received the Sky Raider which has a 24" wingspan. She was delighted that she was able to easily throw this foam plane. The Sky Raider can either glide through the air, or, when thrown with a stronger arm, can go on a looping flight. She also tried the Delta Dart which comes as a set of two small planes molded of EPS foam plastic, each with a 4" wingspan. Her favorite foam product was the [Space Shuttle](#), which has a 10" wingspan and comes with a with a large elastic and launch handle. My daughter had a ton of fun with this catapult launching model. The shuttle comes with realistic decals so that my daughter was able to decorate it and make it look even more like a real space shuttle.

I admire this company because the man who founded it, Paul Guillow, was a World War 1 aviator. This company has been helping children follow their imagination for 80 years by allowing families to create memories with their old fashioned airplanes. They also carry [historic planes](#) that are authentic WWII models. Nowadays, so many children spend their days cooped up in the house staring at the TV screen or playing video games, but these products allow kids to get outside for a fun activity, although there's no reason that they cannot be flown indoors on a rainy day. It's nice that they are so inexpensive because I hate to spend a lot of money on a toy and then it either gets broken or my daughter loses interest in it. For only \$3, it's not the end of the world if one of them gets stuck in a tree. They also sell replacement parts in case some of the accessories get worn out or broken. I can purchase several of these to use at her birthday party as favors, or to take to the park on a sunny day and have a picnic.

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