

I was always fascinated by Space!

My thoughts were always aiming toward it, toward those alive ever blinking lights dancing in the infinity of the sky. It simply captured my heart and unleashed imagination beyond frontiers. Whole my childhood I spent on that dance floor staring at those lights and listening to the music of silence.

Hours and hours spent in front of TV watching the Cosmos of Carl Sagan were additional imagination triggers. Exactly that imagination had a strong impact on my life. I grow up and became a designer... someone who uses that universal force for creating things.

The challenge

The moment I saw The Space Poop challenge, I knew I had to apply. It was simply a perfect match for me... a chance to be involved into space program... to give even a smallest contribution in exploration of space.

Not so long time ago I got a daughter Darya... Her eyes are blinking same way like those stars in the sky. She is my universe. She is my inspiration. And she is wearing diapers. By time I got well familiar with the process of changing diapers and all other stuff that follows. Doing all that I couldn't not to think of my daughter growing up and getting chance to fly into space. Touristic space flight is something that future will bring, but we all have to give our best to make it happen. So, this challenge was my chance to use all my imagination, knowledge and experience in order to MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Stardust

What is common for a designer, a space lover and a dad changing diapers?

-The space poop challenge!

Here is why I decided to take part in it!

Only what was left is to generate the idea, think of all the details, make the illustrations, and fill the application. This last one was the hardest.

It was not an easy challenge. So many limitations... But, the worst of all was the deadline.

I had to find the time. Obligations at work and home simply didn't let me to have free time at all.

During days I was working. After work I was doing housework and playing with daughter. Only time left for challenge was late at night, when everyone is sleeping. That usually means after 2 AM because of my daughter who is a night owl.

The idea

The Idea for space challenge came exactly from those blinking eyes owl.

I was vacuum cleaning and one and a half years old daughter of mine took her part in the process. She was simply sitting on the vacuum cleaner and blinking, just the way stars do in the sky. Here was the key moment; here was the solution for astronauts! They can use special kind of vacuum cleaner for solving their problem. But that is not enough. There should be more...More like special designed underpants.

#### Hard work

Next several days I shared my passion with colleagues and friends in order to get their opinion about the topic. I always like to see things from other points of view. Their opinion helped me to develop my concept and to get it more into details.

During that time I was simply enjoying. I like designer work, but this was even better. This was pure pleasure. Fact that I was sleeping for 3-4 hours per day and going to work during almost a week didn't bother me a lot. At the end of the week I felt tired a lot. But it was worth of it.

There were also hard things like explaining the idea and filling the form in language which is not my native. But I managed all in time.

#### Finish

At the end there was a fair concept in my hands. I was satisfied. That is the main. It is 100% truth what people are saying that path is more important than the aim, but still, I'd like to hit my aim – to help space travels even with something so small like this challenge... cause, when it is about space, there are no small things...everything is huge..Huge like love and support from my wife and child!

Maybe guys from NASA will like my solution. Maybe they won't. Maybe my idea will help some future astronauts, maybe not. But, I'm sure that at the end problem will be solved. We all contestants will solve it with the NASA specialists, together as it should be when it is about exploring the universe.

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