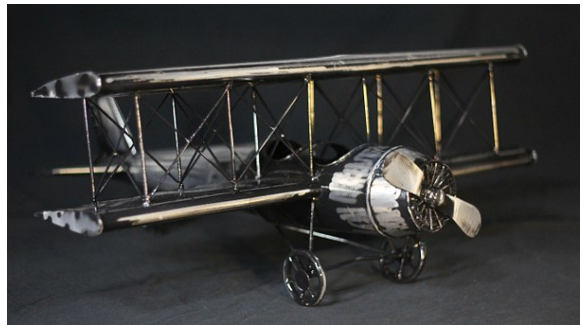
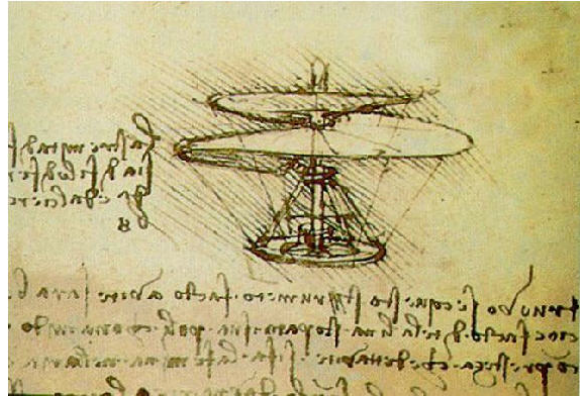


## Model Aircraft

A model aircraft is a small sized unmanned aircraft. From Ancient Egyptian times to the present day, hundreds of people, worldwide, fly these carefully constructed models. Read on to find out more about the history of model aircraft and the different types of aircraft.

### A brief history of model aircraft

In the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, Leonardo da Vinci, a scientist, mathematician, engineer, and inventor designed one of the earliest helicopters. It involved a flying machine which used a revolving platform to move upwards. The first model aircraft was unearthed during an Egyptian excavation in 1898 and was believed to be a wooden bird model. The first actual manned flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright in 1903, fuelled the passion for model airplanes many have today. Once the Wright brothers took flight, children put together model airplanes, flying them and imagining they were either Orville or Wilbur.



### Different types of model aircraft

Model aircraft are divided into two basic groups: flying and non-flying (static). Some flying model aircraft can be very large, especially when used to research properties for a real airplane. There are many different types of flying model aircraft from gliders to radio-controlled aircraft, which are operated using a controller. In recent years, drones have also become incredibly popular.

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