



DID YOU KNOW?

PLANETSSPINNING the wrong way?

All the planets in our solar system orbit the Sun in a counter-clockwise direction. They rotate on their axis in a counter-clockwise – west to east – manner. However, there are two exceptions to this rule – Venus and Uranus.

Venus, which is the second planet from the Sun and sixth in the solar system in size and mass, rotates clockwise – east to west. On the other hand, Uranus, which is the seventh planet from the Sun, rolls on its side while orbiting the Sun.

There are hypotheses that Venus and Uranus originally used to rotate counter-clockwise like the Earth and other planets. However, at some point, they were struck by massive objects, probably other planets or asteroids, which sent them spinning in different directions. Had that not happened, they too would have been spinning like the rest of the planets in our solar system.

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Custom-made keycaps conjured up by YOUNGKEYBOARD ENTHUSIAST

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Rohan Ahmed is a 15-year-old seventh grader from Banani Bidyaniketan School and College. Much like other teenagers in his age group, he is also enamoured by video games. However, what makes him and his gaming rig stand out from many others are the keycaps on his keyboard.

Rohan makes the keycaps all by himself, using clay, markers, and glue, among other things.

Having stumbled upon custom-made keycaps on the internet, Rohan really liked the idea of it. He then scoured the internet looking to buy some for himself, but his search came up short. This sparked his eureka moment. Inspired and driven, he thought of designing his own keycaps.

"The design of the keycaps really fascinated me, and that spurred me on to make my own set," he said. "While I design the keycaps by myself, I read instructions online and watch tutorials on YouTube. I initially only used clay to make the keycaps, but you need more than just clay. This is something I learned only after watching the tutorials."

He conjures up characters from his favourite TV shows, anime, and video games and transforms them into miniature caricatures of themselves. From Poké balls to Finn from *Adventure Time*, his ensemble of keycaps is diverse. When asked which of his keycaps he liked the best, he said, "My favourite key that I have designed is the Zoro keycap."



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