

The daily planet: One small staircase



It was hard enough to land a man on the moon, but Sweden wants to land a house. So far the only evidence of human contact on the lunar surface is a flag, some footprints and possibly a golf ball.

By 2011, these will be joined by a little red cottage of the kind that dot the Swedish countryside. The Swedish Space Corporation is running a competition for the best design for the project, which is estimated to cost more than 730 million Swedish Krona (\$130 million).

Swedish artist Mikael Genberg, who initiated the project, said the red cottage would be "big enough for two people to stand in" and would be made from a thin, foldable material such as polyester. The folded package would be placed on board a rocket, which would then eject the inflatable or self-building house onto the surface of the moon, and not an Allen key in sight. Genberg has even contacted Ikea to sponsor the project, but the homewares giant is yet to respond. If Sweden can do this, what are we doing? Is this a project for James Packer?

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