

How to make... paper boats

Suitable for ages 4 - 7

You will need:

- Paper (any colour)

Optional:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Cocktail sticks/bamboo skewers
- Cork
- Felt tip pens



If you enjoyed Hannah Kumari's reading of *The Brave Tin Soldier*, why not make your own armada of paper boats and let them set sail across puddles and bathtubs! See who will forge their way across troubled waters and who will sink beneath the waves.

Instructions

Step 1:

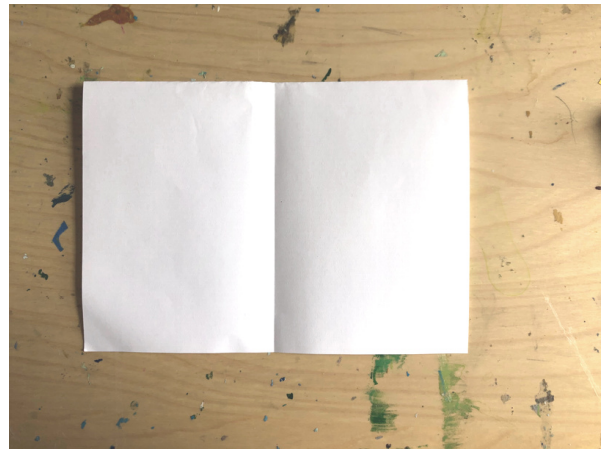
Fold your piece of paper in half.



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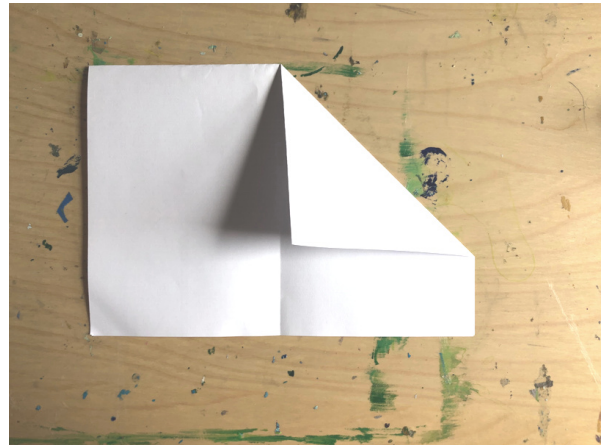
Step 2:

Fold your piece of paper in half again and then open back out. Your fold should be across the top.



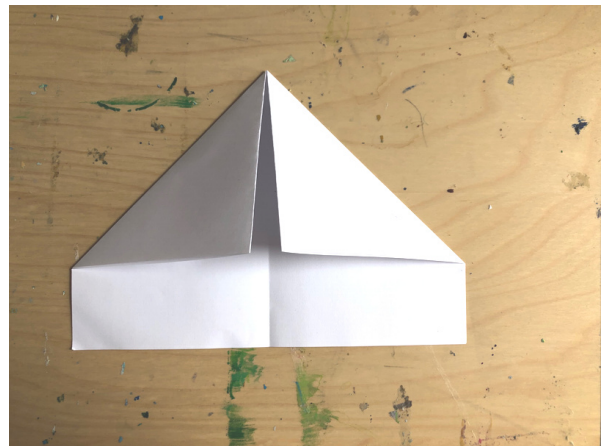
Step 3:

Fold one corner down to form a triangle, in line with the centre fold.



Step 4:

Repeat with the other corner.



Step 5:

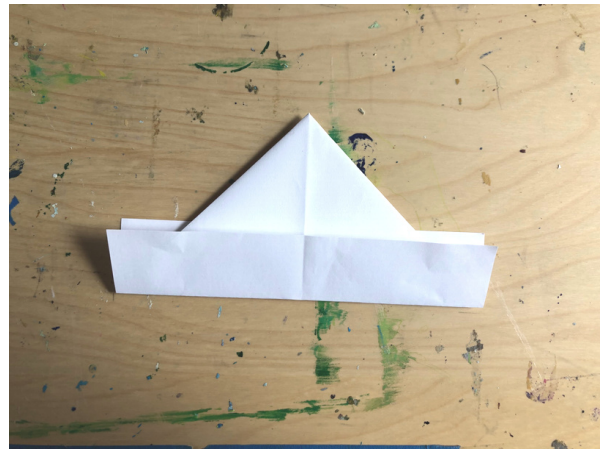
Take hold of the top layer at the bottom and fold this upwards.



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Step 6:

Turn your paper over and repeat with the other side.



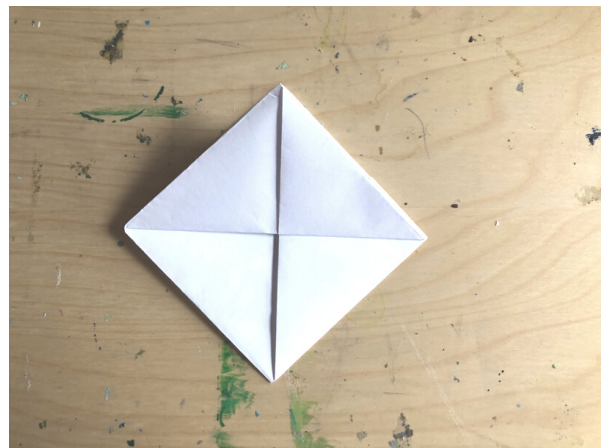
Step 7:

Open this up from the bottom and fold down to create this diamond shape. Tuck the flaps at the corners into one another so they lie flat.



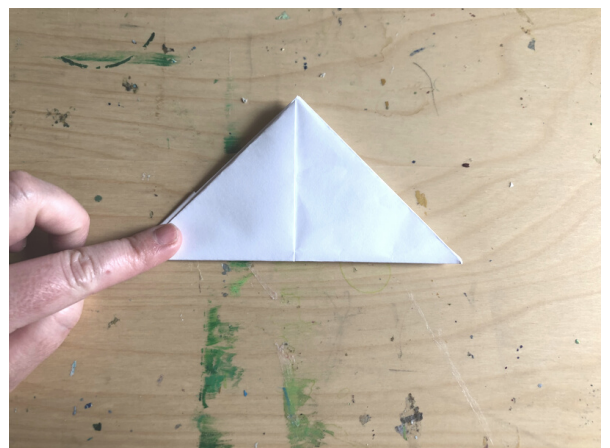
Step 8:

Fold up the bottom corner to meet the top.



Step 9:

Turn your paper over and repeat with the other side.



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Step 10:

Open up this shape from the bottom and fold down to create this diamond shape.



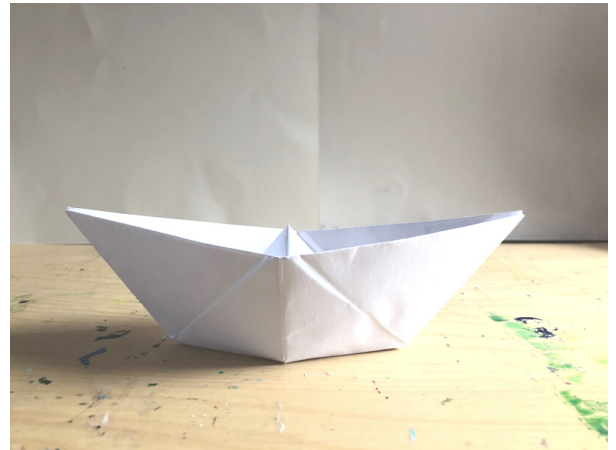
Step 11:

Take hold of the top corners and pull down and out to create your boat.



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Open up the middle triangle a little from the bottom to allow your boat to stand up.



Congratulations! You have made your boat.

Now you could colour it in and decorate it. Why don't you name your vessel?

Send your boat off on its adventure the next time you're running a bath or come across a puddle in the garden.

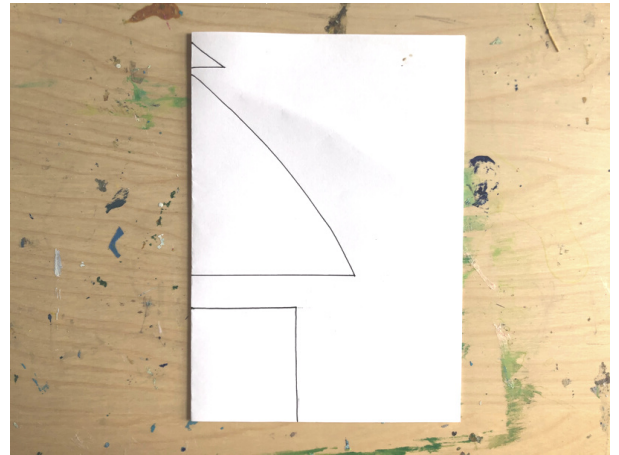
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Here are a few extra suggestions you could add to your boat:

Sails:

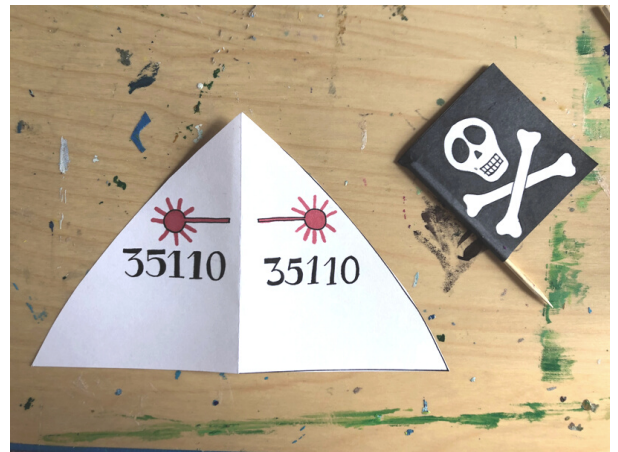
Step 1:

Fold a piece of paper in half. Draw the shape of your sails along the fold.



Step 2:

Cut them out, through both layers of the paper. Open them up and decorate them on both sides.



Step 3:

Put glue all over the other side of your sail. Put your cocktail stick or bamboo skewer along the centre fold.



Step 4:

Sandwich the sail closed around the cocktail stick or bamboo skewer. Really push your nail down the side of the skewer to secure it in place.



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Step 5:

Cut off a very small amount from the top of the central triangle and insert the stick. Tape in place if necessary.



If you have a cork and some felt tip pens you could make a little soldier like in *The Tin Soldier* or perhaps even a jolly pirate.

Step 1:

Divide your cork into 3 sections.



Step 2:

Colour each section in with felt tip pens. The top third is the head, the middle third is the torso and the bottom third becomes the legs.



Step 3:

Draw on little details to finish off your character including eyes, mouth and clothes.

