

Make a Canoe

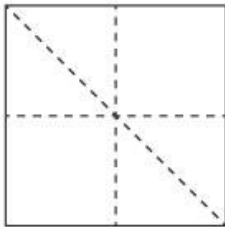
Canoes are associated particularly with the Native Americans of Canada, but as a boat type have been found across the world in all sorts of cultures. The oldest ever found was in the Netherlands and dates from about ten thousand years ago. The long narrow shape usually comes from hollowing out a tree, but they are also made from wooden frames with skins or thin strips of wood stretched over them and more recently fiberglass and plastics.

We're not asking you to cut down a tree and hollow it out! No-one has the time, tools and skills to do that in Bagshot (except probably Mr Bauld!). We have two different ways you can make a canoe out of paper. Have a go at one or both and then decorate them to show us at the teatime gathering.

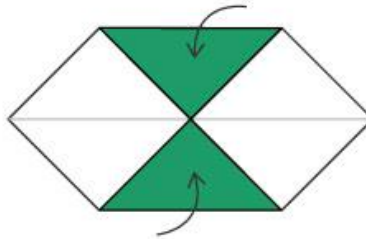
Origami Canoe

Pictures of the steps below and a video talking you through it can be found [here](#).

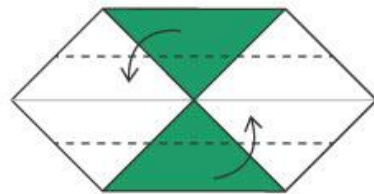
Make these folds marks



Fold corners to center



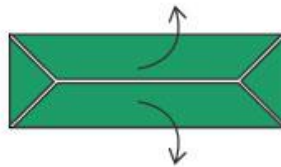
Fold sides to center



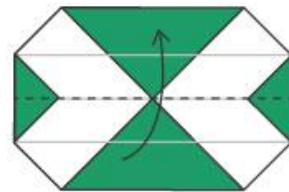
Fold corners in



Reopen side folds



Fold in half



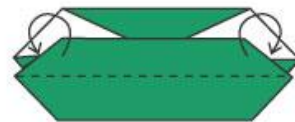
Make these fold marks



Inside reverse fold bottom corners



Fold side over the inverse corners



Fold remaining side in

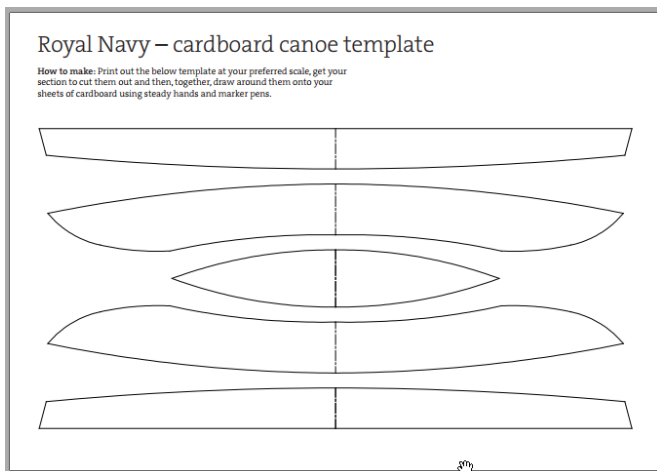


Smooth inside boat



Cut-and-stick Canoe

One common way that people make their own canoes at home is using plywood and the 'stitch-and-glue' method. Flat plywood is cut out to a template and then string or cable ties are used to pull it together into shape and lastly glue and fiberglass is used to make it watertight.



We're not asking you to make one of these either, but to get the feel of how it works we have a [downloadable template](#) you can use to have a go. There's a video [here](#) showing the steps too. You'll need paper and optionally card plus scissors and sticky tape.

It's not easy to decorate these once you have taped them together so we recommend decorating them before you stick them together.