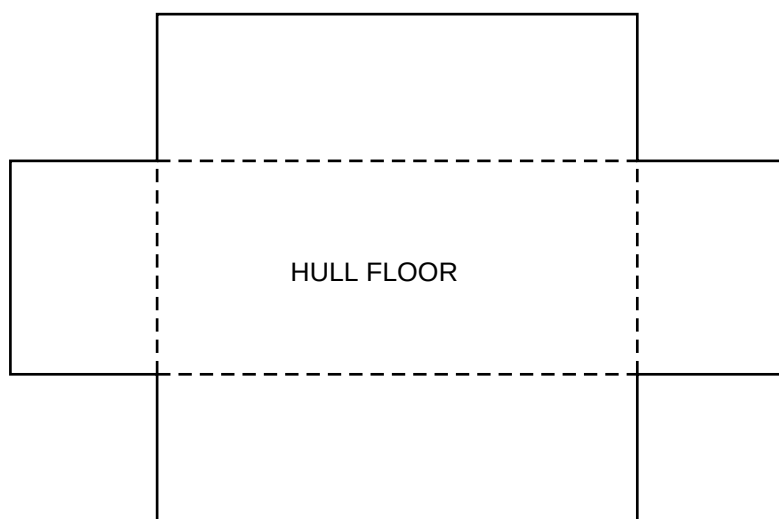


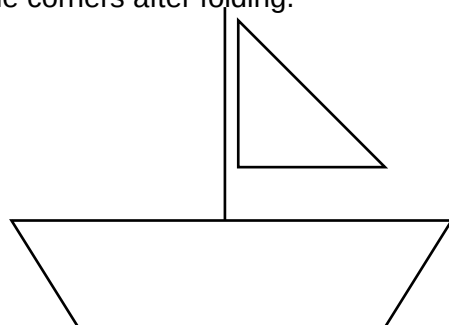
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Suggested ages 7+ with adult help | Template and activity sheet

Solid outside edge = cut. Dashed line = fold. Print at actual size.



Colour the walls. Tape the corners after folding.



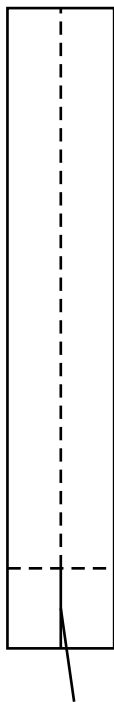
Simple assembled shape (diagram, not to scale)

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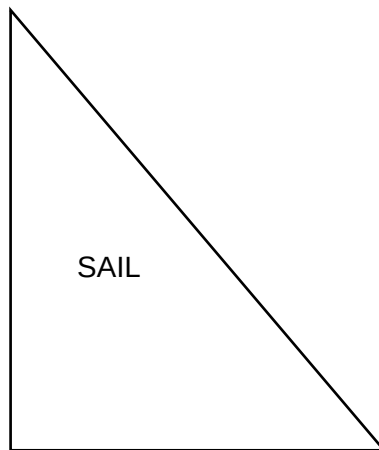
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MAST



Cut this short slit



Fold the mast into an L. Tape its two feet to the hull floor.

Tape the sail near the mast top. Add your own cargo labels.

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You will need

Two A4 sheets of light card, scissors, pencils and tape.

Try it together

1. Colour the hull net on page 1 and cut only its outer cross-shaped outline. Fold the four walls up and tape the four vertical corners from outside. 2. Cut the mast on page 2. Cut its short central slit only as far as the first horizontal dashed line. 3. Fold the mast lengthways into an L shape. Fold the two foot tabs in opposite directions and tape them to the hull floor. 4. Cut the sail and tape it to the top of the mast. Add drawn cargo labels. Keep the paper boat dry.

Check, discuss and extend

The rectangular hull floor has four walls of equal height. The two mast feet help it stand on the floor. Use light card and small pieces of tape to keep the top light.

History and context

Ships connected Britain with wider trade networks. This box-shaped paper hull simplifies boat construction for a craft project and is not a historical ship plan.

Explore the evidence

British Museum: Roman Britain

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