

Make a Roman milestone model

Ages 7+ with an adult | 30-45 minutes

YOU WILL NEED

The two printed pages, paper or thin card, pencil, ruler, scissors, glue stick and optional tape.

Print the template

Print both A4 pages single-sided at actual size. Check that the printed measurement line is 5 cm long.

Make your message

Colour your marker. Add a place name and a distance in Roman numerals to one blank panel. This is an invented route for your tabletop.

Cut and fold

Ask an adult to help cut the single outside outline. Keep all four tall panels and the top square joined. Fold the dashed lines, including the side tab.

Close the pillar

Glue the shaded side tab behind the opposite edge to make a square pillar. Fold the top square over the opening and secure its edge with a small piece of tape. The bottom stays open.

Plan a journey

Stand it beside a road drawn on spare paper. Add a second marker or your paper house. Which direction does a traveller need to go?

Roman milestones carried inscriptions along roads. Our square paper marker leaves room for your own place and distance. The finished pillar is 2.5 cm square and 7 cm high.

Make up a place name and a distance. Your road can be imaginary.

Milestone: fold-up template

Print at actual size. Keep the top square and four tall faces joined.

PLACE	DISTANCE	DRAW	DESIGN	

Top square: fold over and tape its free edge to close the pillar.

Keep the bottom open. Stand your marker beside a paper road.



Print check: this line is 5 cm.