

Make a Viking longboat

Viking longboats were designed to travel long distances and navigate shallow water for journeys across great oceans and along narrow rivers. Oarsmen rowed, ate and slept on deck in their 'room'.

To make your longboat you will need:

- A large piece of cardboard (e.g. a cereal box)
- Coloured paper
- Masking tape, blue tack and glue
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Coloured pens or paint
- A long wooden skewer

Instructions:

1. Cut out the boat hull template (on page 2) and use it as a stencil to copy the shape onto your cardboard.
2. Cut out the cardboard hull. Draw on or paint your hull to make it look like planks of wood. Don't forget to add some colour to the figurehead design.
3. Fold the hull in half along the dotted line and stick the two ends together using a small piece of masking tape.
4. Cut out the boat seat (on page 2) and use it as a stencil to copy the shape onto your cardboard.
5. Cut out the cardboard seat and fold the edges along the dotted lines. Use a holepunch to make a hole in the middle of the cardboard. Stick the edges to the inside of your hull.
6. Make a striped sail using strips of coloured paper. The stripes should be vertical, but you can make them any thickness.
7. Cut out the shield shape (on page 2) and use it as a stencil to copy 10 shields onto coloured paper. You could make them in different colours or decorate them with paint. Don't forget to include the boss in the middle of the shields.
8. Glue the shields onto the sides of the hull.
9. Use the wooden skewer to make two holes on either end of your sail (top and bottom). Thread the skewer through the sail and the seat hole and hold it in place in the bottom of the hull using blue tack.
10. Use two small pieces of blue tack to make your boat stand in place!



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