

Discover:

Transport through Time

Key Facts

- The earliest forms of transport (except feet) were animals and canoe-type boats dug out of tree trunks. It is hard for archaeologists to say when each type of transport was first used.
- Wheels are known to have been used since at least 3500BC in Mesopotamia and central Europe.
- The Romans are known for building straight and sturdy roads. They were designed for armies to travel across the empire quickly.
- Getting around became much quicker from the 18th and 19th centuries, with the development of the steam engine. They could power large ships, and soon railways were built across the world.
- The earliest car as we know it was created by Karl Benz in 1886. Its first journey was made by Benz's wife, who used it to visit a family member.
- Hot air balloons were the first form of air transport, but were not very good at crossing great distances. The Wright brother's airplane took its first official powered flight in 1903.
- The launch of the Sputnik satellite in 1957 marked the beginning of space travel.

Where to find more:

- Cars, bikes and busses: view the collection highlights from the [Coventry Transport Museum](#).
- Traffic jams and busy commutes are not new. See videos of early transport from the [London Transport Museum](#)
- The Wright brothers revolutionised transport with their invention, the airplane. See a clip of an early test flight from [British Pathé](#)
- Read about the life of Warwickshire engineer [Frank Whittle](#), who invented the jet engine.

How to make:

A Race Track

You will need:

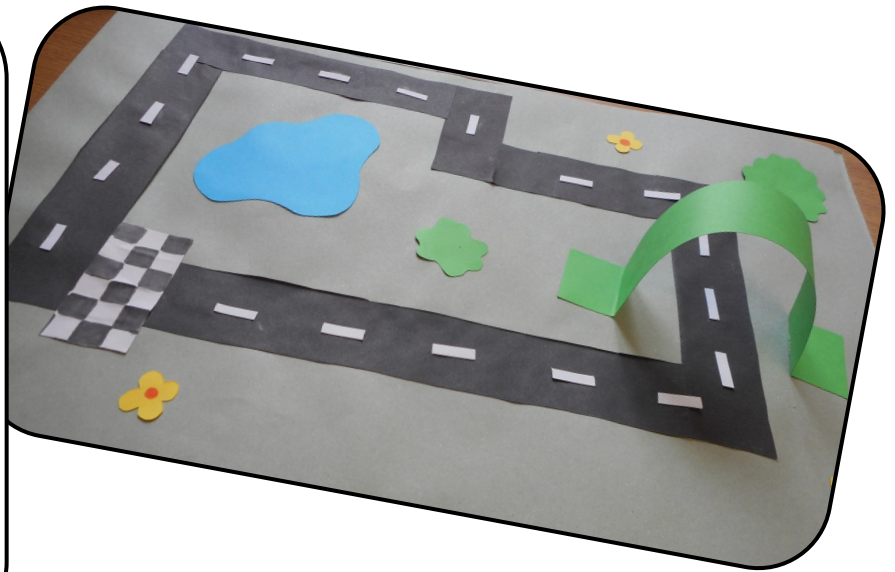
A3 green sugar paper

Black sugar paper

White, and colour
card

Black sugar paper

Glue

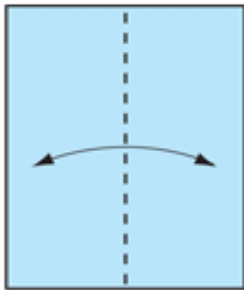


1. Cut the black sugar paper lengthways into five 4cm strips
2. Arrange the strips into a racetrack. You may want to cut some of the strips shorter to create bends and shapes and then glue these to the green sugar paper
3. Cut some small pieces of white card to create road markings and glue them to the track
4. Use another small piece of white card and a black crayon or pen to create the starting line
5. Cut out trees, flowers, bridges and lakes to decorate around the track
6. Now you are ready to try out a car!

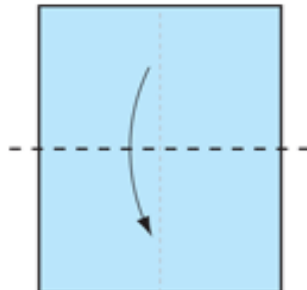
How to make:

A Paper Boat

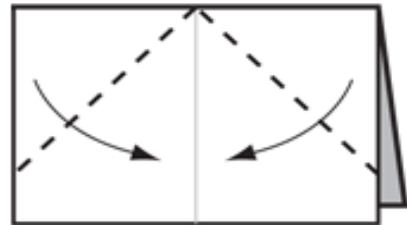
All you need to make your own boat is a piece of A4 paper. Where would you travel to in your boat?



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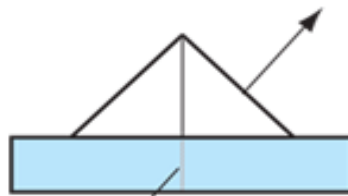
2. FOLD IN HALF AGAIN



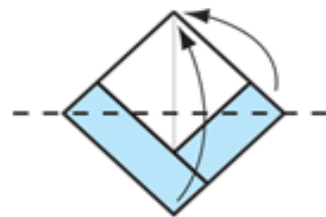
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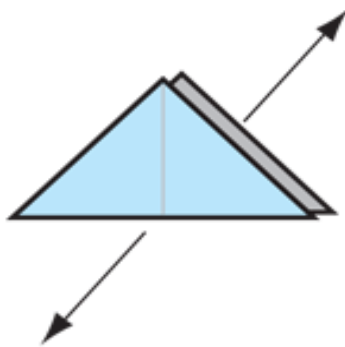
4. FOLD UP EDGES ON BOTH SIDES



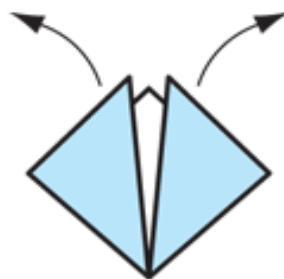
5. PULL THE SIDES OUT AND FLATTEN



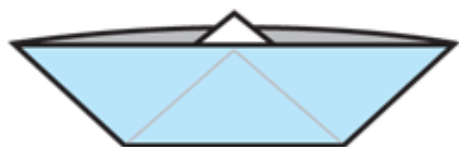
6. FOLD FRONT AND BACK LAYERS UP



7. PULL SIDES APART AND FLATTEN

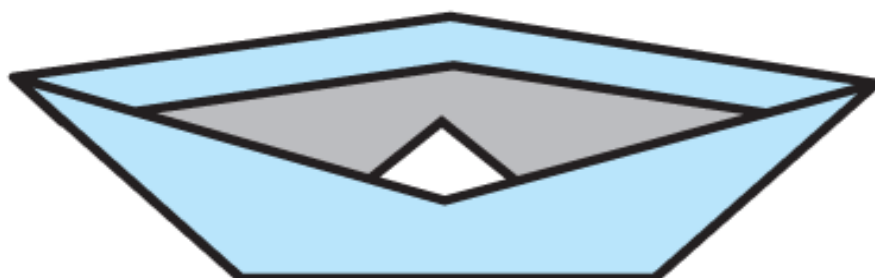


8. PULL TOP FLAPS OUTWARDS



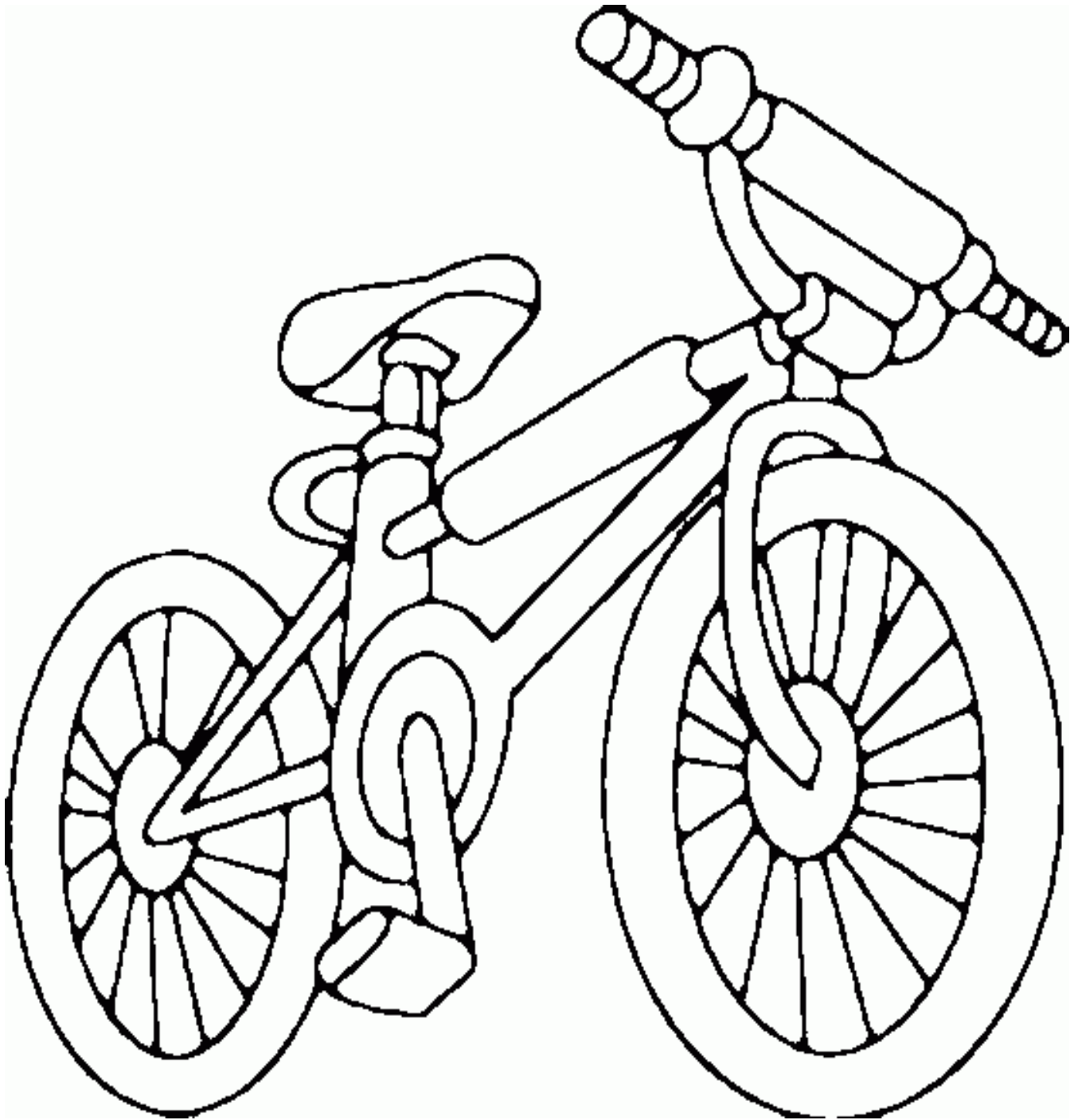
9. SQUISH THE BOTTOM AND PULL THE SIDES UP

10. TA DAAA!



Colour in Bicycle

Bicycles have been made in Stratford on Avon for many years, since the 1960s — can you colour in this bicycle?



Canal Boats, Trains and Automobiles Wordsearch

Can you find ways to get around and different types of
transportation in the word search below?

K H R B W K G E T S P U E M Q
A D O E W O L F R N U Y K W U
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BICYCLE

MOTORBIKE

BOAT

PLANE

BUS

TRAIN

CAR

TRAM

HELICOPTER

TRUCK

