



Victor Willing, *Night*, 1978, Oil on canvas, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester (Wilson Gift through The Art Fund, 2006) © Estate of the Artist

Night Voyage

An activity inspired by *Night*, 1978 by Victor Willing



If you look at Victor Willing's painting you can see that the boat is not adrift at sea but is actually inside a room. The artist has painted a picture of a voyage he was taking in his imagination.

If the idea of an imaginary sea journey appeals to you, then you can create a model boat based on Victor Willing's painting. This sheet shows you how to do it.



Materials you will need:

cardboard (like a pizza box)
PVA glue
masking tape or sellotape
balloon
brown gum tape or newspapers

kebab sticks or twigs
string
scissors
pencil
paint and paintbrush

How to make it

1. To make the main boat, cut the 4 shapes out of cardboard - hull x 2, stern and deck. Templates for these are on pages 2 and 3. Print the templates out on paper, cut them out and draw round them onto cardboard then cut the cardboard out.



If you don't have a printer look closely at the shapes and draw your own. Or you can trace each template onto a sheet of white paper taped to your computer screen. Make sure the scale is the same each time you trace the shapes.

2. Tape together the main boat following the instructions on pages 2 and 3.

3. Once you have constructed the main boat it's time to paint it. You can copy the colours Victor Willing used, like I have, or choose your own.

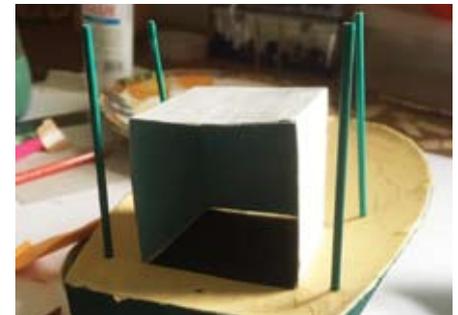
4. To make the sail look like it is being blown by the wind, I have made it by covering a balloon in papier maché. Use torn up bits of newspaper stuck on with PVA glue diluted half and half with water. You will probably need to apply 2 or 3 layers of papier maché.

5. The mast to hold the sail is made from two kebab sticks (or you can use twigs). Page 3 shows you how.

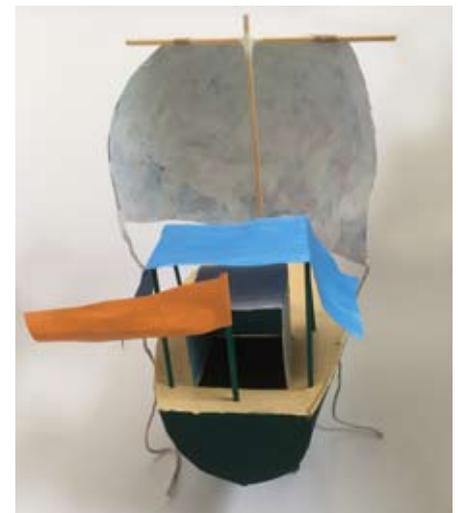
6. When you've made the sail, attach it to the boat by sticking the kebab stick mast into the hole on the deck.

7. The cabin is a simple box. You can make your own (page 2 explains how) or use any cardboard box you can find. Paint it and attach it to the boat's deck.

8. The canopy is made using four short kebab sticks stuck into the deck, with a piece of paper stuck on top.



9. Finally attach the flag at the back of the boat. **You have finished!**

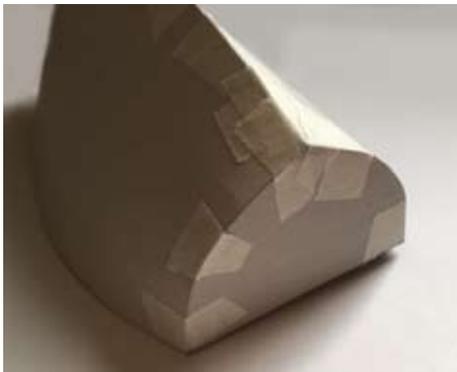


Hull of the boat - cut 2

Cut out of cardboard twice
(Tip - the hull is not symmetrical,
so flip the template over when
drawing it the second time, to
create a mirror image)



Tape the two sides of the hull
together along the bottom edge.



Tape the stern in place at the
back of the hull. This will help
separate the two sides.



Tape the deck in place. This
gives you the final shape of
the boat.

Bottom edge of hull

Stern of the boat

Cut out this shape in cardboard



Cover the masking
tape or sellotape
with brown gum
tape or papier
mâché - this makes
it stronger and also
easier to paint.
When the tape is
dry you can paint
the boat.

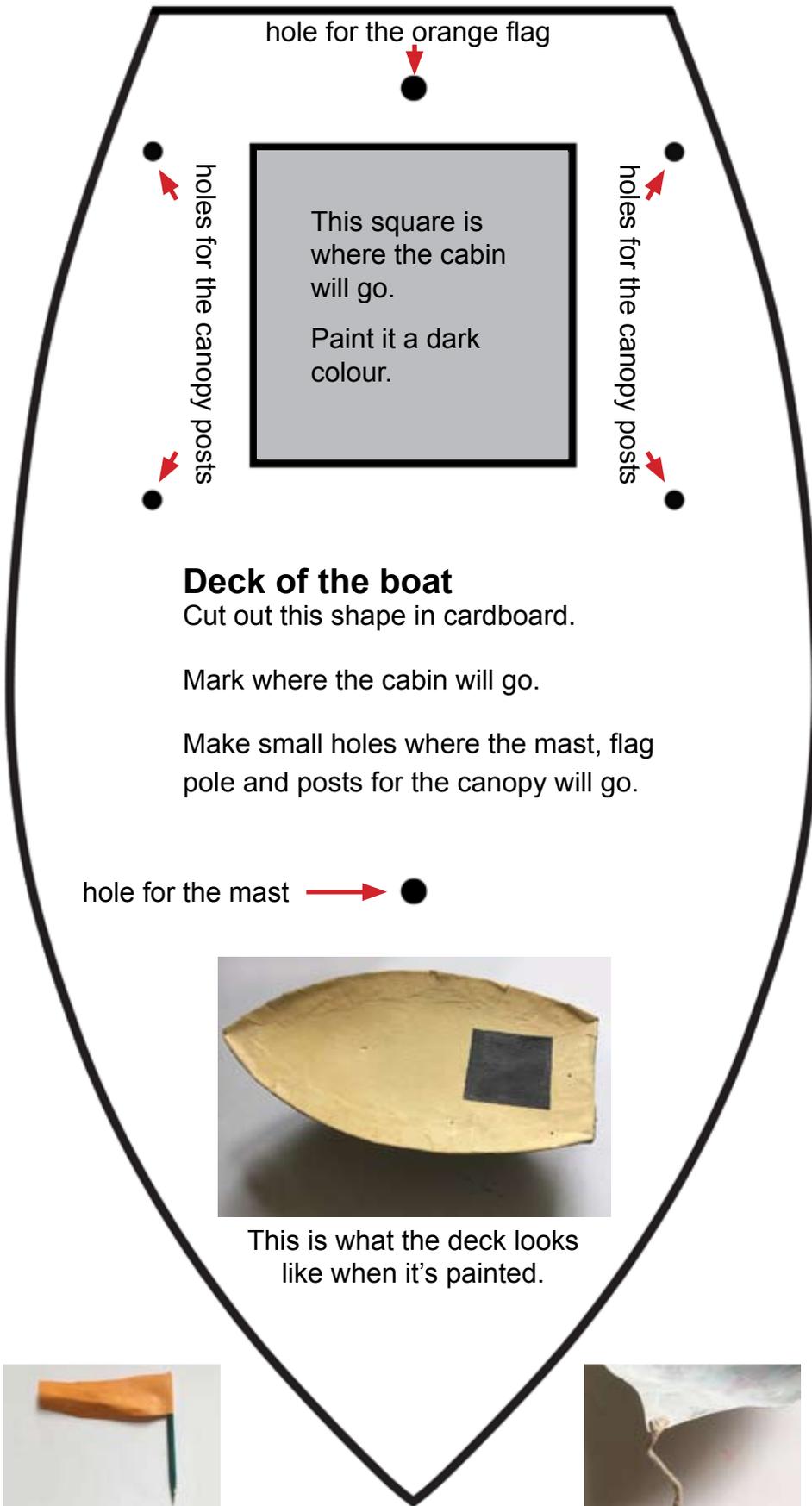
Cabin

Draw this shape
onto cardboard
and cut it out to
make a box for
the cabin.



You can cover
it in brown gum
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makes it easier to
paint.





Deck of the boat

Cut out this shape in cardboard.

Mark where the cabin will go.

Make small holes where the mast, flag pole and posts for the canopy will go.

hole for the mast → ●



This is what the deck looks like when it's painted.



Flag

Cut out a rectangular piece of paper and paint it whatever colour you like.
 Make the mast out of a kebab stick cut to about 8 cm long.
 Glue the flag to the mast.

For the finishing touch to the sail, glue a length of string to the two bottom corners of the sail.



The sail and mast

Blow up a balloon and cover half of it with papier maché.



When the papier maché is dry, remove the balloon, then draw the outline of the sail and cut it out. Paint it white.



Use one long kebab stick for the mast, and half a kebab stick for the yardarm (the crossbar). Join them together with tape.



Attach the sail to the yardarm in two places with tape.