

PIRATE TALES!

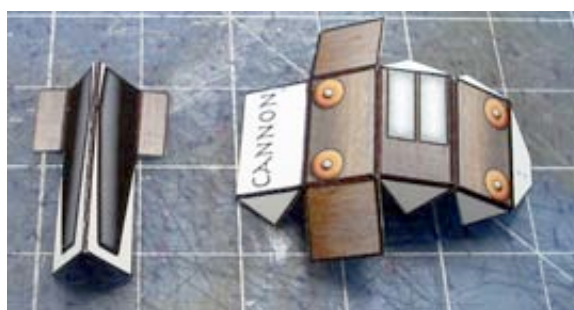


Hello and welcome to another fine UAA Theatre for Young People paper model kit. On the following pages you will find detailed instructions for assembling a small pirate ship that has been specifically designed for people with small hands and big fingers. This model was designed and created by Eric Brown, feel free to email me at: squirmydad@yahoo.com with any questions or comments.

Thanks, and enjoy!
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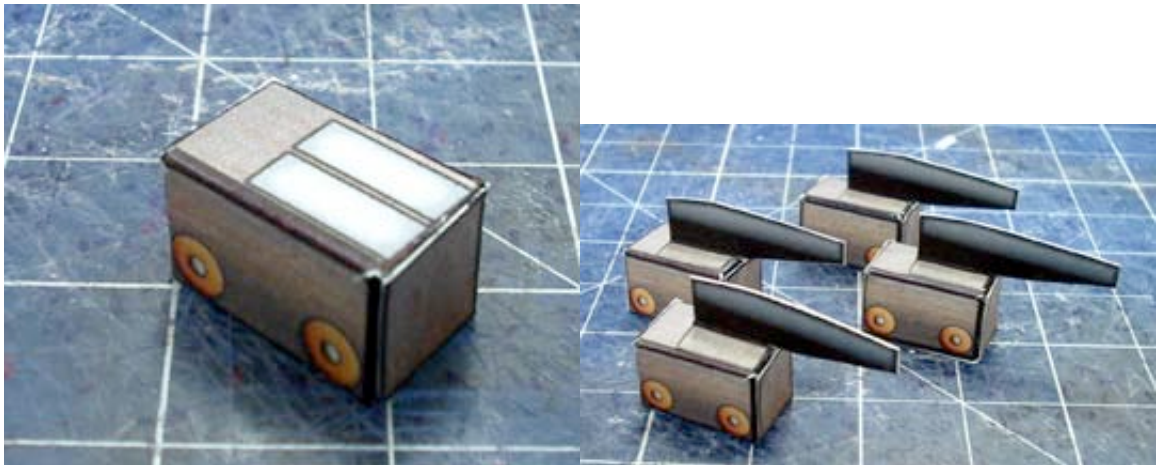
The first thing you need to do before you start construction on this model is to make sure you have the right tools. You'll need scissors, a straight-edge, a ball-point pen, and some kind of glue. I like using glue sticks for large flat areas and school gel glue for everything else. I don't recommend using white glue as, due to the water content in the glue, it can warp your model. I recommend printing the model on 70lb or 110lb cardstock paper for durability.



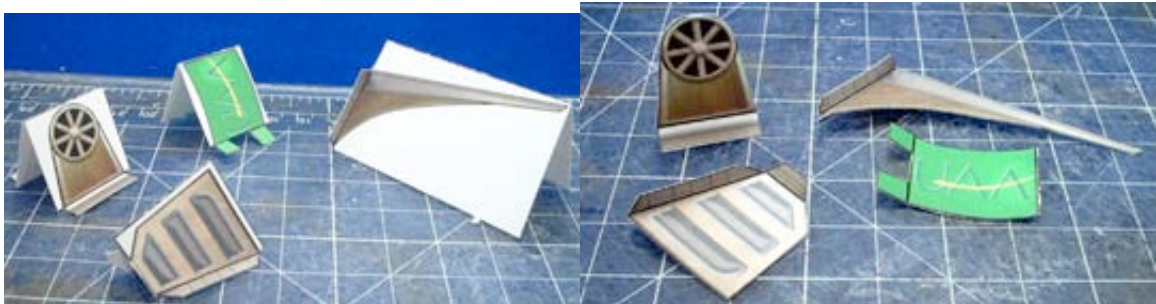
We're going to start by constructing the cannons as they use several basic techniques that you'll use repeatedly. Once the pieces are cut out you need to 'score' them by using your pen and ruler to draw a line everywhere that the model parts will fold. Then bend the pieces on the lines that you have 'scored', just like the picture.



The cannon barrel halves get glued together, but leave the tabs unglued. The cannon carriage glues up into a square tube shape. Cut off the excess white areas around the cannon barrel.



Close the ends of the carriage to make a box. Then attach the tabs on the cannon barrel to the corresponding grey areas on top of the carriage box to make a complete cannon unit. Do this procedure four times.



Next, score and fold the rudder, steering wheel, and bowsprit. Glue them together, excluding the tabs, and cut away any excess white space as shown.



Now cut, score, and fold the tall mast as shown. This piece will be the main mast for your ship model and will hold up the sail when complete. The mast glues together like a long box. Do the long glue tab first, then close the ends onto the small tabs.



Now cut out the sail and spars. One of the spars is already attached to the sail; it will be folded up like a long box and glued to the back of the sail.



The other spar gets folded up into a box separately, and then attached to the sail. Please note that the spars taper slightly, the wider end goes towards the center of the sail and the thinner end goes towards the sails edge. Once the spars are in place you can glue the main mast in between them.



Now for the hull, or main body of the ship. Score and fold the hull pieces as shown. Glue the sides of the hull to the tabs folded down from the deck. Do this one section at a time and be patient, you want the glue to set up strong to hold the shape of the hull. Once the sides are glued you can fold up the bow and stern sections to create a big hollow hull with a number of tabs pointing into the bowl.



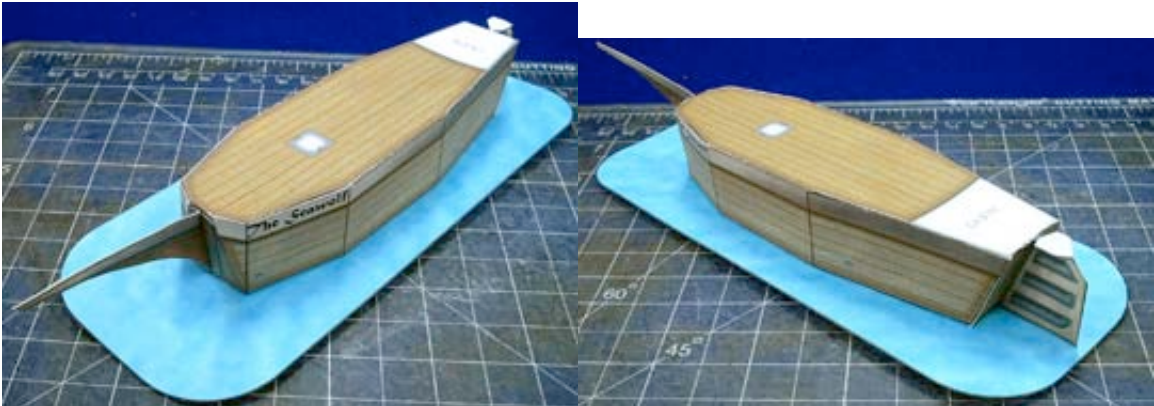
Once you have the hull glued up you have a choice of bases to attach it to. One is a water scene, the other is a blank filler if you don't like the water base.



I like the water base myself. Add glue to all of the tabs on the bottom and gently press the hull down into it's matching area on the base. The blank version just glues onto the tabs.



Now glue the bowsprit and rudder onto the bow and stern of the model, respectively. The bow is the front and the stern is at the rear.



Here they are glued in place.



The upper cabin, also known as the poop deck, is done by first attaching the long sides together. Then closing the top and bottom flaps to make a little box as shown.



Now attach the steering wheel flaps onto the flaps as indicated.

Please note the color and texture differences on the two flaps matches up to the colors and textures on the upper deck and on the front of the cabin.

Now glue the cabin onto the top of the deck where indicated and apply glue to the tabs on top of the rudder that will glue to the underside of the cabin.



Now attach the sail and mast assembly onto the deck of the ship onto the small square labeled 'mast'. Glue the cannons on, or not, wherever you like. You are ready to set sail!

FINISHING TOUCHES (THAT ARE COMPLETELY OPTIONAL)



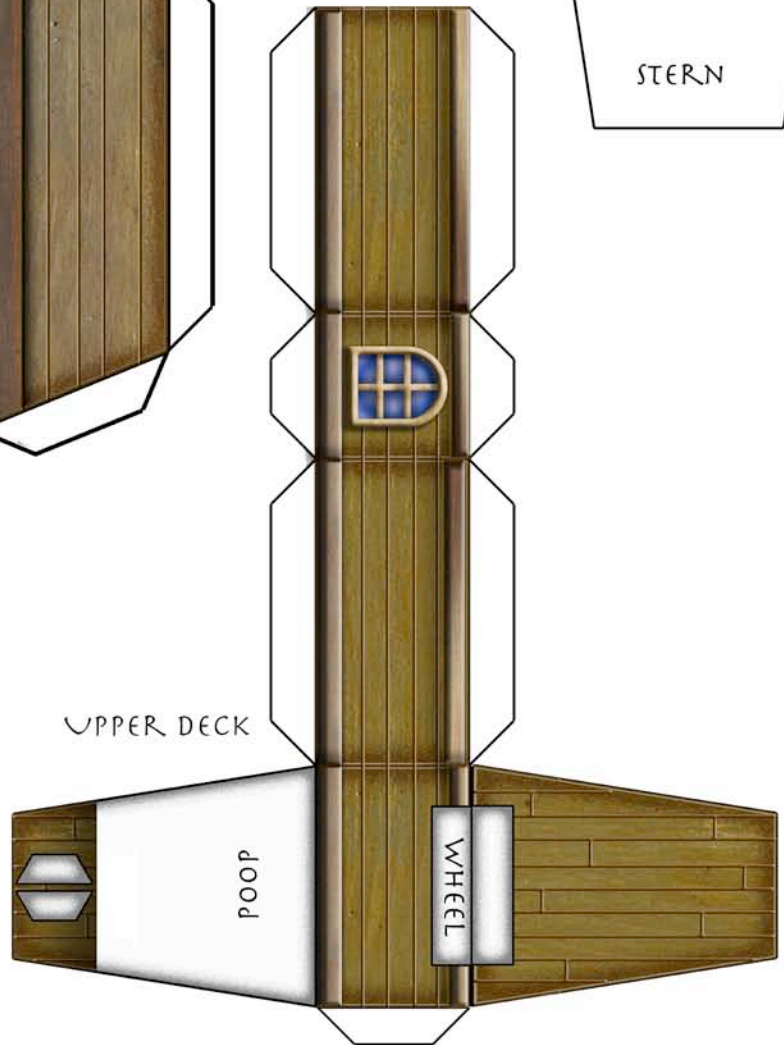
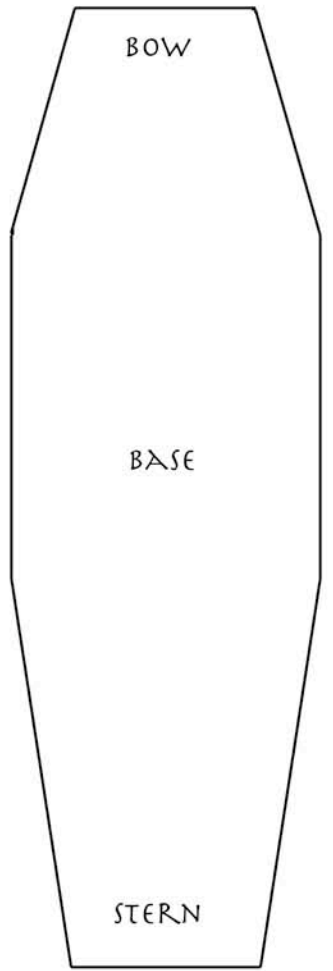
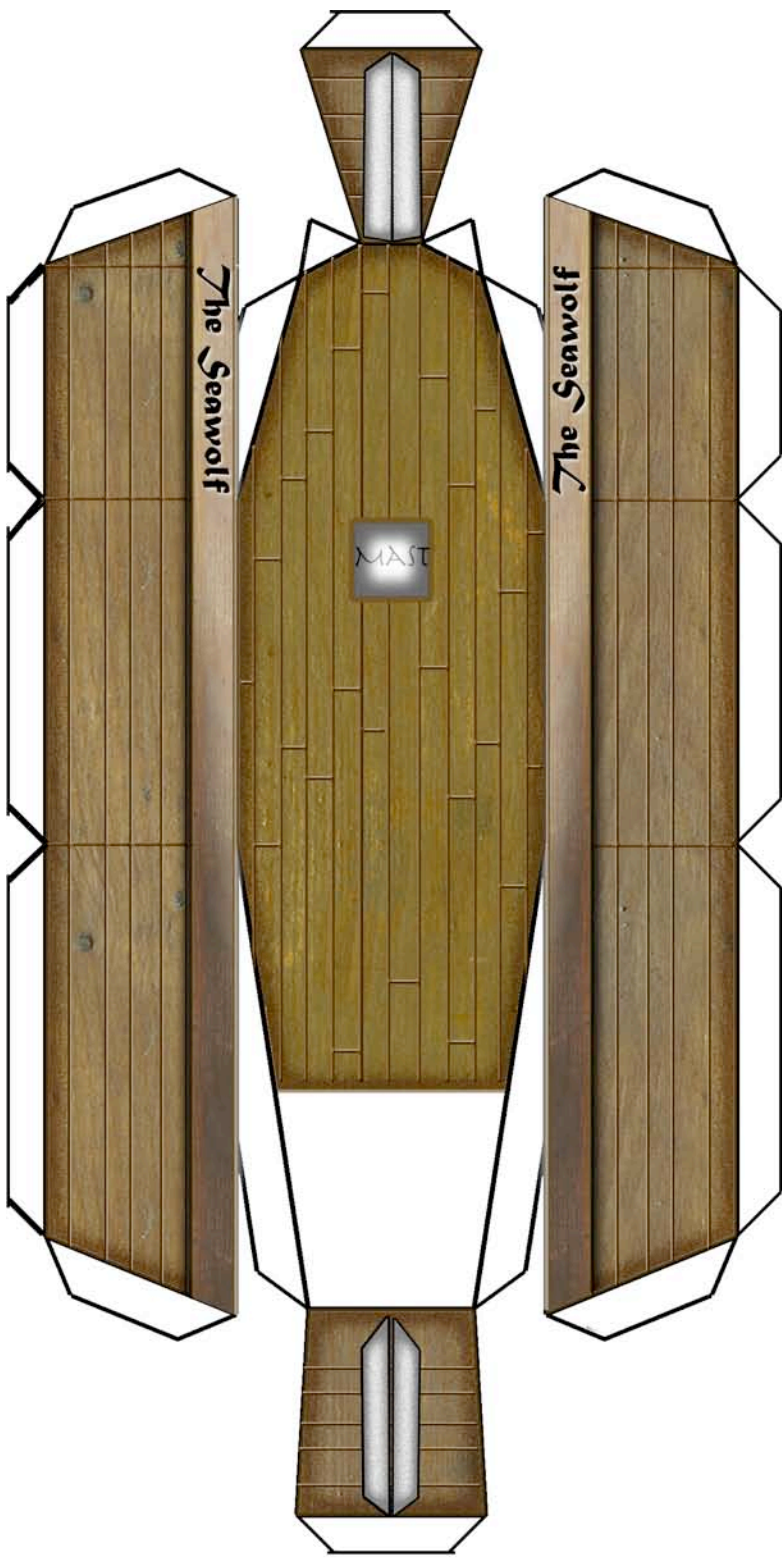
Remember that black or brown felt-tip dry erase marker I mentioned earlier? I like to lightly go over any white edges on the model with the marker. It makes it look nicer in my opinion.

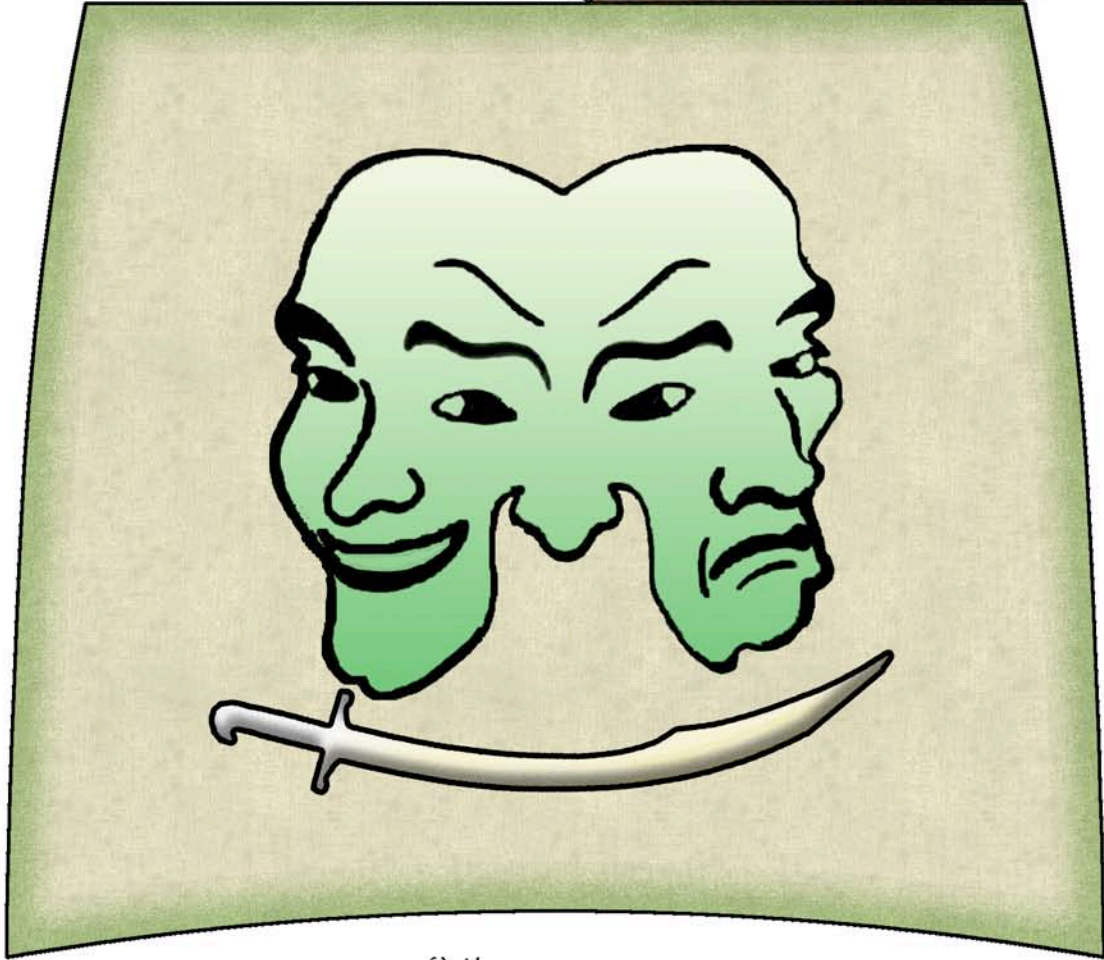


I also like to mount my models on a piece of 1/4" foamcore so that it will have a sturdy base.

I also spray my finished models with a flat matte sealant to protect the ink and paper. **BE SURE TO DO THIS IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA.**



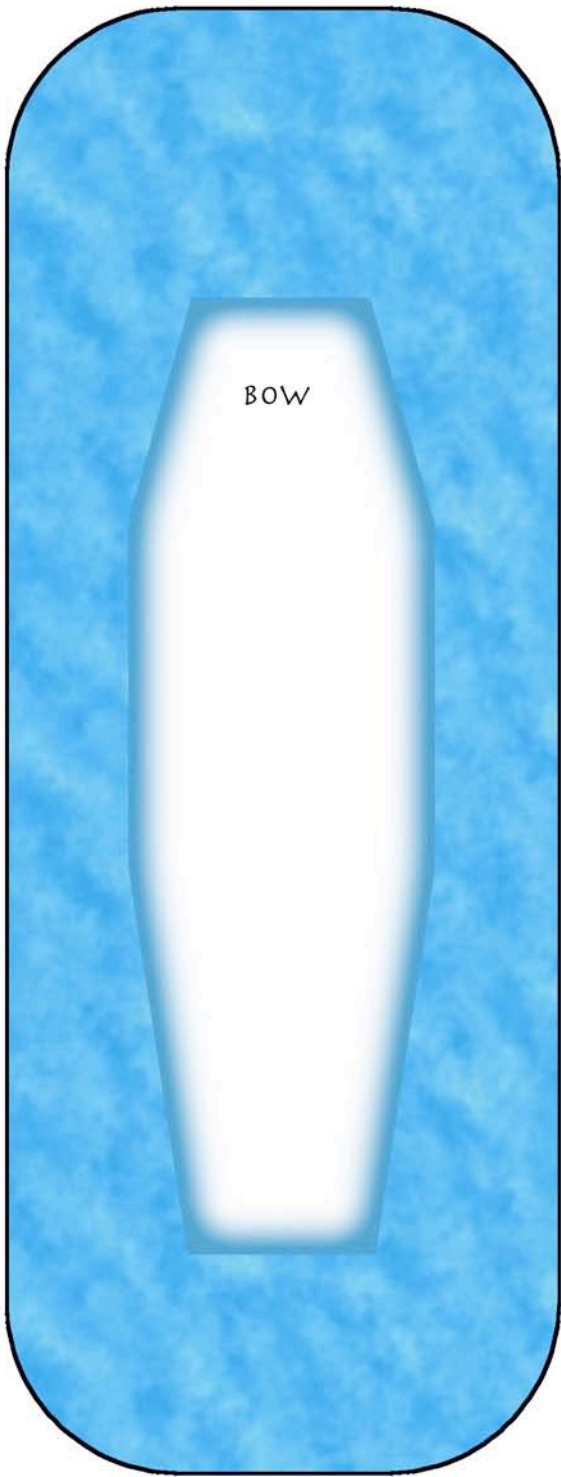




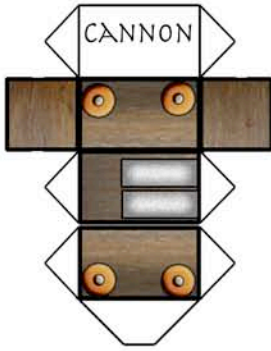
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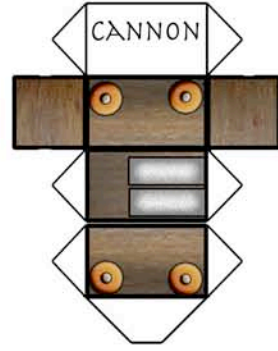
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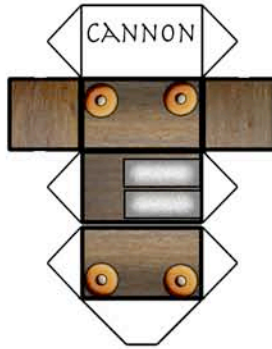
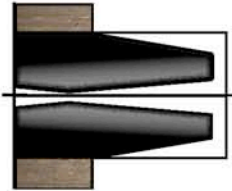
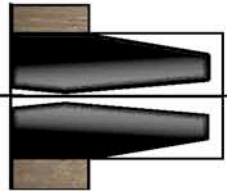
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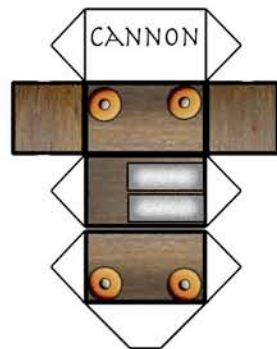
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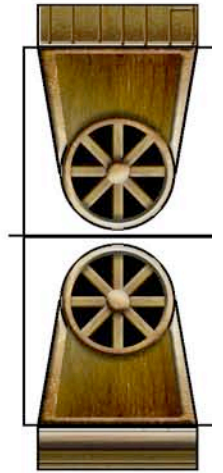
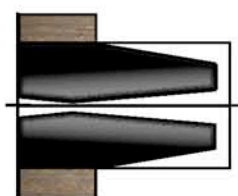
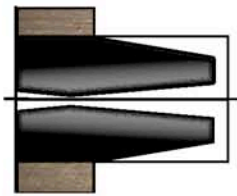
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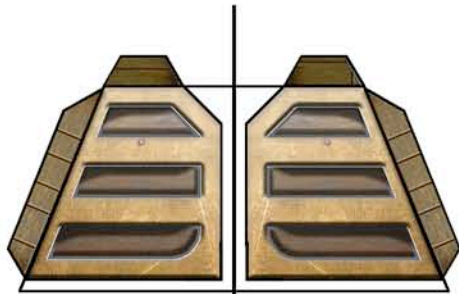


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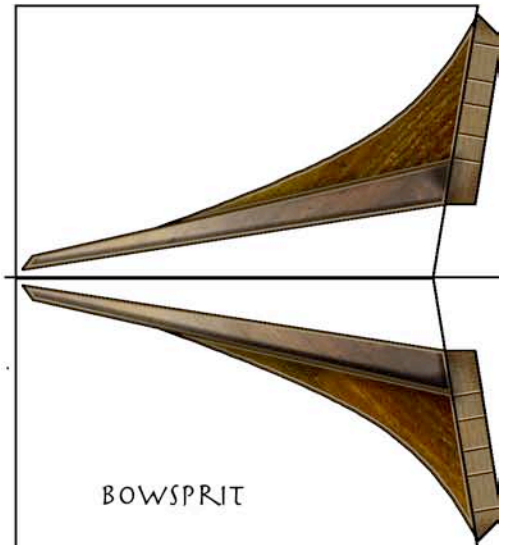


WHEEL

WATER BASE



RUDDER



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