



IKON ACTIVITY PACK

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Ikon's activity packs are designed for creative learning at school or home. Inspired by Ikon's exhibition of landscape sketches and drawings by Edward Lear.

Created by artist Taiba Akhtar, the packs include questions for thinking and talking about art in relation to other subjects, including global cultures and environments.

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EDWARD LEAR

Edward Lear (1812–1888) is known around the world as a poet, especially as the author of *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat*.

He was also an artist, illustrator and musician, combining silliness and humour in his work.

Whilst travelling in Europe, the Middle East and India, Lear made drawings and paintings of his surrounding landscape, creating over 9000 artworks during his lifetime.

Key words and themes: Landscape, journeys, stories, connection, migration.

Method: Painting, drawing, writing.

Related artists: Tacita Dean, Simon Faithfull, Samuel Palmer, Ingrid Pollard, J.M.W. Turner.





Edward Lear kept a travel journal and documented the places he visited. Look at the series of works of Gebel Sheikh Abu Fodde, Egypt.

- Describe the natural features of the landscape.
- What are the time differences between the paintings?
- Why might the artist paint the landscape at different times?
- The paintings were likely made whilst travelling on a boat. How might this affect the way the artist captured the landscape?
- Lear made these artworks over 150 years ago. What other man-made objects might you see in the Egyptian landscape?
- How do you think Lear travelled to Egypt in the 1860s?
- Boats sometimes appear in Lear's paintings, such as those he made in Luxor, Egypt. What are the boats carrying? Where might they be going?
- Do you think these artworks are finished?

OWL SCULPTURE

Read Lear's poem *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat*. Inspired by the poem, create your own owl sculpture.

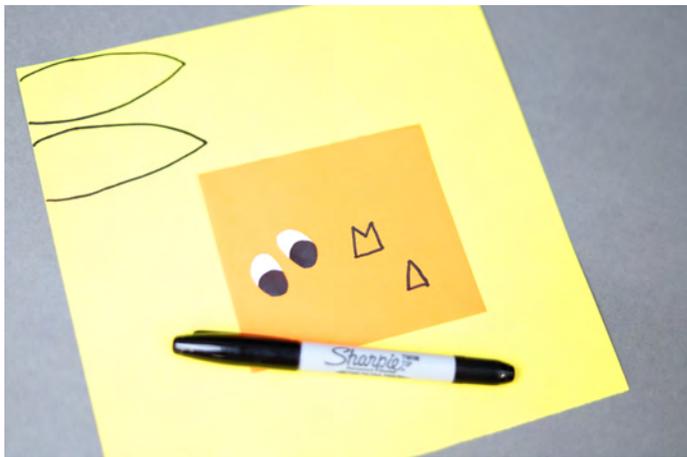
You will need: Empty toilet roll tube, glue, coloured paper, coloured tissue paper, white paper, black marker.



- 1 Pinch together one end of the toilet roll tube and glue into place. Cover the tube with glue and tissue paper.



- 2 Cut two oval shapes out of white paper for the eyes.



- 3 Draw the pupils with a black marker. Cut shapes out of coloured paper for a beak, feet and two wings.



- 4 Glue into place to complete your owl sculpture.

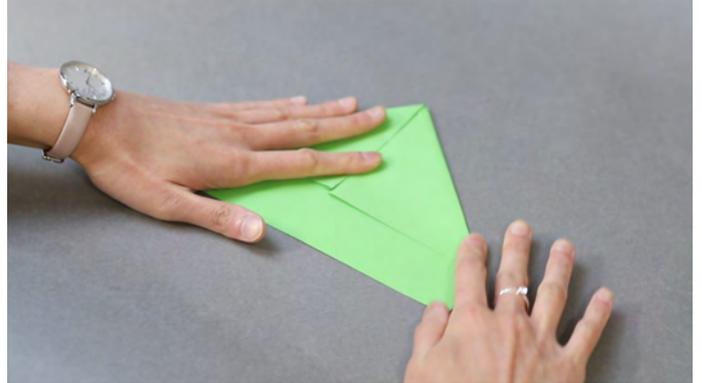
PEA-GREEN BOAT

Create a pea-green boat inspired by Lear's work. Follow the steps or [watch a video tutorial](#).

You will need: A4 green coloured paper.



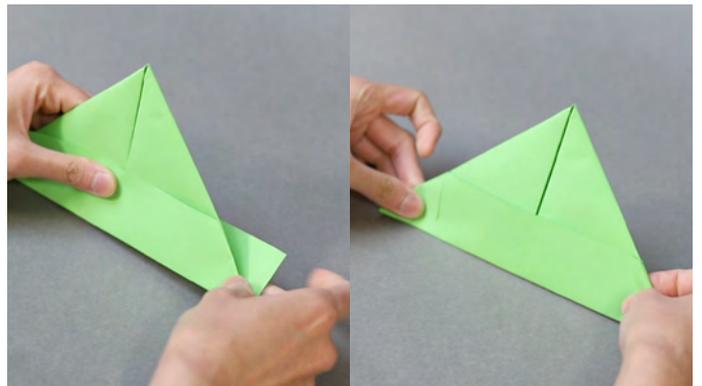
- 1 Fold a sheet of A4 paper in half along the long side. Make sure the fold opens towards you.



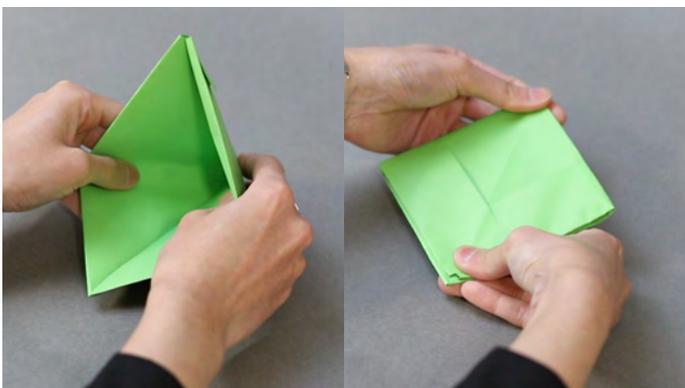
- 2 Fold the top two corners of your rectangle into the centre, creating two triangle shapes.



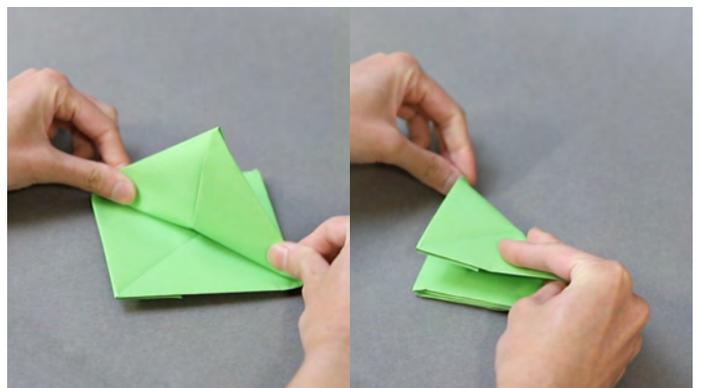
- 3 Fold each bottom piece upwards, creasing against each side.



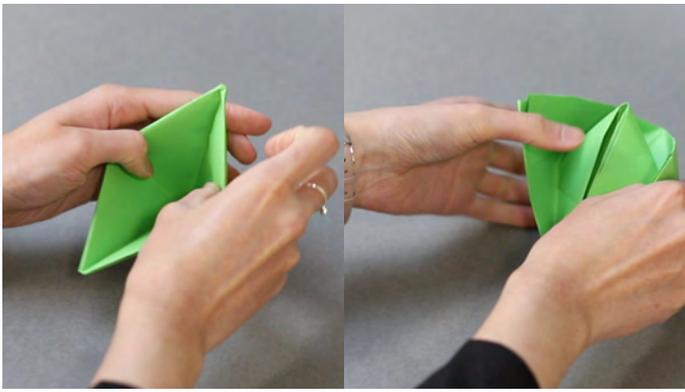
- 4 Wrap and tuck each of the bottom corners around each side of the triangle shape.



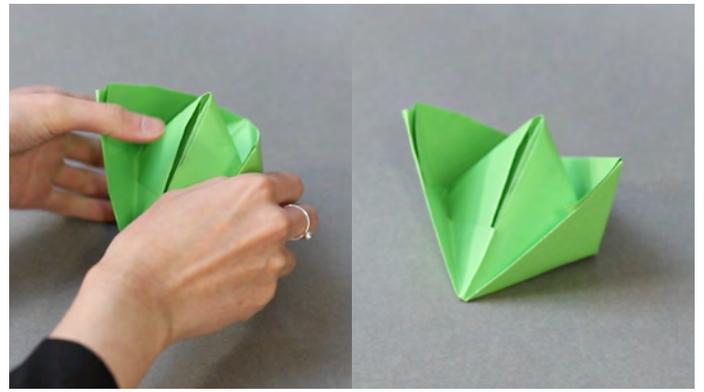
- 5 From the bottom, gently pull the triangle apart until it forms a square shape, and press down.



- 6 Make sure your paper is laid out like a diamond shape in front of you, with the fold open towards you. Fold each of the bottom points upwards, and crease against each side. This will create a smaller triangle shape.



7 From the bottom, gently pull the triangle apart again until it forms a square shape.



8 Take the top two points and gently pull them out to create your boat, complete with sail.

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