



# Commander Campbell's Challenge

## Chinese Dragon Boat



### Background

The Chinese New Year will be celebrated on the 12 February and this year will be the Year of the Ox. People born in the Year of the Ox are considered to be honest, hard-working, determined and trustworthy, which are characteristics we look for in our sailors and marines.

The dragon is an important symbol during the New Year festivities, as dragons are believed to bring good fortune, luck and happiness. Red is the main colour for the festival, as red is believed to be a lucky colour. Your Royal Navy has a ship called HMS DRAGON, she has a large red dragon painted on her bow (front).

### HMS DRAGON



### Challenge

- Your challenge for February is to build a Chinese Dragon Boat using A4 paper.
- As the Chinese New Year celebrations last for 15 days, you have until the 26 February to complete the challenge.
- Below you will find instructions and a template to help in your design, feel free to adapt and make your design as creative and colourful as possible. Your only constraint is that you can only use 1 sheet of A4 paper for the body of your boat - the rest is up to you.
- Please tweet pictures of your completed boat to @CdrFCampbell, who will judge your boat on its design and functionality.
- Our favourites will be announced on our Twitter page on the 1 March – Good Luck!

### Materials

You will need:

- Dragon boat template/sheet of A4 paper
- Colouring pencils, pens or crayons
- Scissors
- Cellotape and/or glue
- Paper straws/cocktail sticks (optional for oars and flag pole)
- Glitter and sequins (optional for decoration)
- Hole punch (optional)



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We would love to see your designs and know how far/long your boat floated.  
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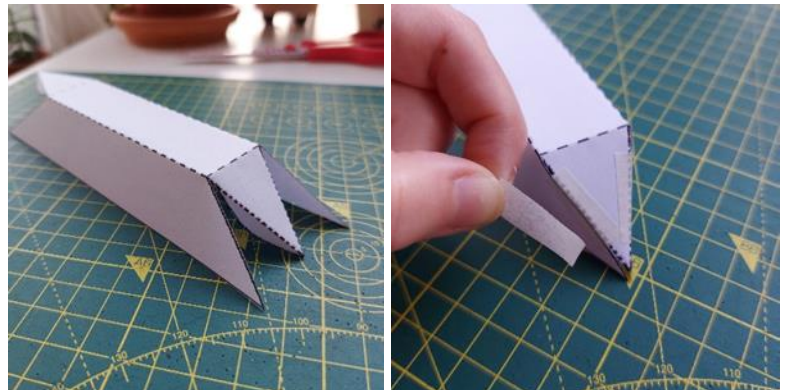


### To make your Chinese Dragon Boat

1. Carefully cut out the dragon boat template, head and tail, cutting on the solid lines.

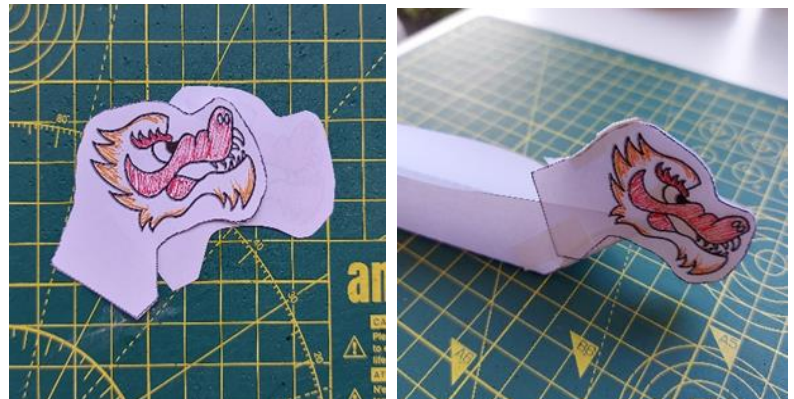


2. Shape your dragon boat by folding on the dotted lines and sticking the tabs down firmly with tape or glue to make the bow (front) and stern (back) of your boat. You may want to colour in your boat before you stick it together.



3a. Colour in the dragon head and tail templates, or if you want you can make your own figurehead and tail.

3b. Stick the head pieces together with glue/tape leaving the neck untaped/unglued. Once the head is dried, glue or tape onto one end of the boat. Repeat for the tail piece.



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4. Decorate your dragon boat adding any finishing touches. Try to waterproof any loose edges using tape or rub with wax crayons or an unlit candle.



5. Optional: you can add oars to your boat using straws/cocktail sticks and the oar template. Use a hole punch to create the holes for straw oars, or poke the cocktail sticks through the sides of your boat.



**Your finished dragon boat is ready to take to the high seas of your bathtub – enjoy!  
Please be careful when playing around water.**



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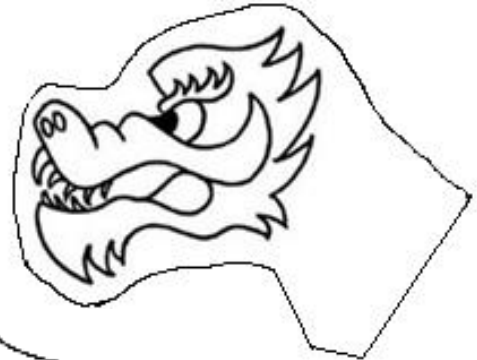
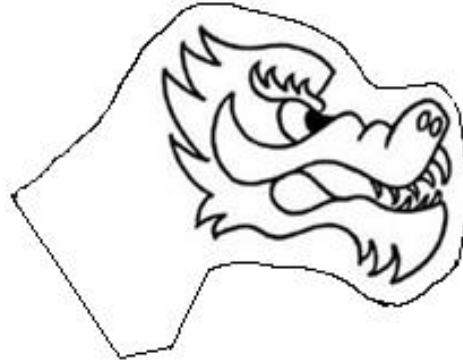
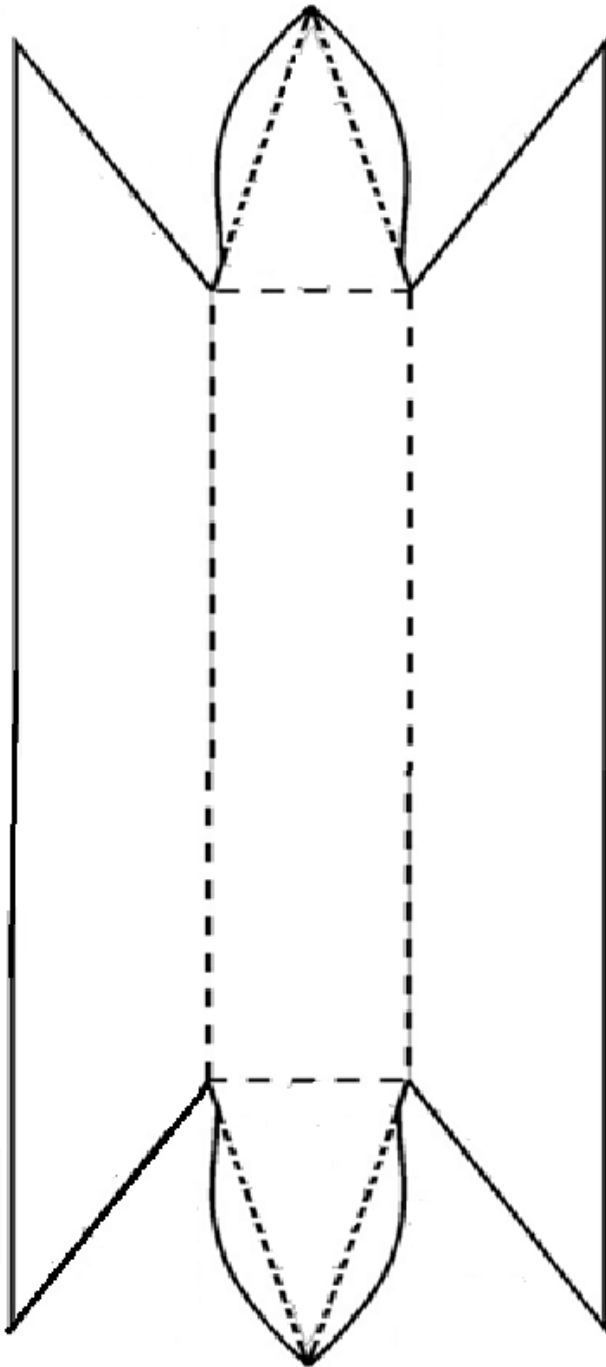
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### Dragon Boat Template

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Oar Paddles (Optional)



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