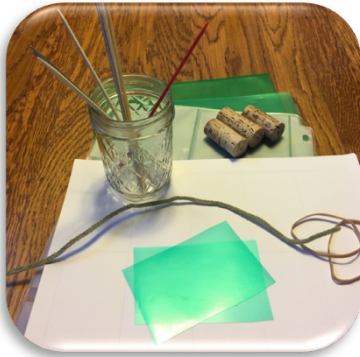


How to Make A Bathtub-Friendly Antlered Ship



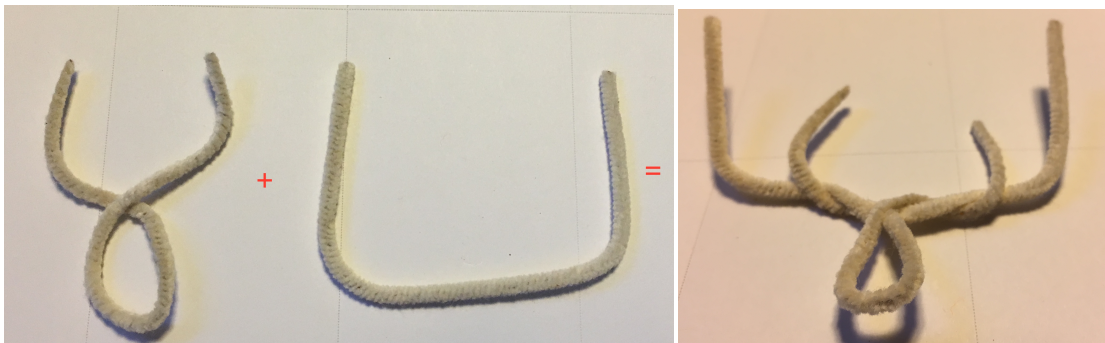
Materials:

- 1 or more pipe cleaners
- 2 rubber bands
- 3 corks
- 1 [bamboo skewer](#) trimmed to roughly 6 inches **or** 6 inch knitting needle **or** sharpened chop stick **or** similar item to use as a mast
- scrap card stock or acetate for sails
- clear or colored tape

Note: This is a scrounge-around-the-house project – no fancy craft store materials needed!

Step One: Make Your Antlered Figure Head

- Cut one pipe cleaner in half
- Take one half, make a loop, and shape the ends into antler shapes. The loop is your deer head – you can twist into a solid shape or keep it as a loop – your choice.
- Twist the other half around the antlers to create more antler branches.
- If you want, you can continue to add more pipe cleaners.



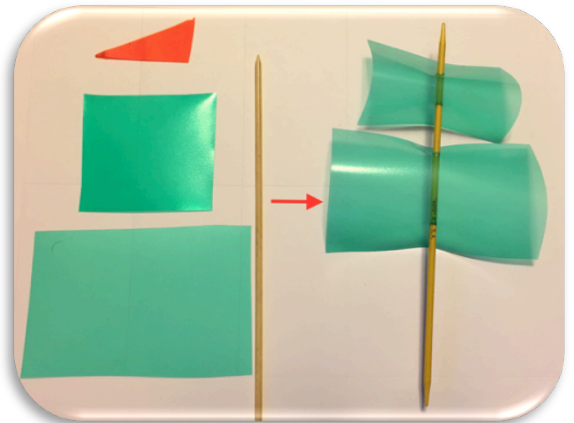
Step Two: Attach Figurehead to Ship

- Loop a rubber band around each end of the antlers.
- Gather three corks. Make sure the center one is made of actual cork so that it's easily pierced. If you have plastic corks, you will need to make a hole in the side of the center one with a nail or other implement. (Grown-ups should do this for younger kids; older kids can do it themselves with supervision.)
- Wrap the rubber bands around three corks so that the corks are held together like a raft and the figure head is at the bow.



Step Three: Add Sails

- Cut sails out of card stock or acetate. I find that two rectangle shapes work well, with one smaller than the other.
- Fold the smaller sail in half and pierce down the center line with whatever you're using as a mast.
- Slide it towards the top and do the same with the larger sail.
- Add a pennant to the top of your mast. You might use a piece of colored tape folded over the top and trimmed into a pennant shape. Or you might cut a pennant shape from colored paper or acetate and tape it to the top of the mast with clear tape.
- When all your sails are on the mast, poke the mast into the center cork.



Step Four: Sail Away in Search of Answers . . . or More Questions

