

# Arts and Crafts

## Roses and Castles

Narrowboats and household items such as plates and water cans were often decorated with traditional patterns of stylised roses and fairy tale castles and called Roses and Castles. No one is sure how the patterns developed but the most likely idea is that they were copied from everyday china popular in Victorian times.

In this project you design a new Roses and Castles pattern for a narrowboat.



### You will need

- ✿ A paper plate
- ✿ Paint and paint brushes

### What to do

Things to think about:

- ✿ A bold pattern to make the boat look cheerful
- ✿ A pattern that can be painted quickly and easily
- ✿ Painting a picture of your house or school instead of a castle (if there is a stately house or a castle nearby, you could use that)
- ✿ Use another flower instead of roses.

Then draw out your design on the paper plate in pencil and colour in.



### TOP TIP

Use soft paint brushes that come to a nice point and create the same sort of effect as traditional Roses and Castles.



### NEXT STEP

Test out your design by pinning it up several feet away to see if it is visible from a distance just as Roses and Castles would have been on a narrowboat.

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