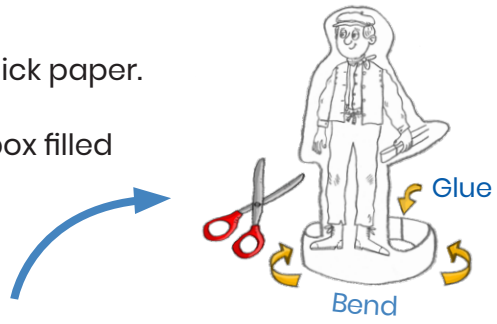
Build a Canal: Colour, Cut & Make

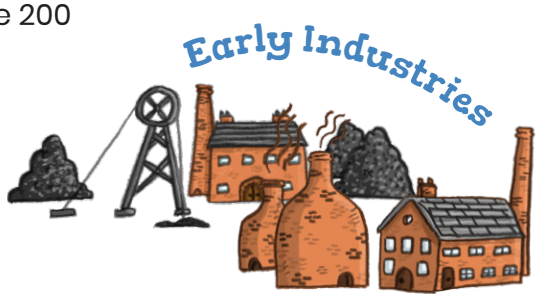
You will need:

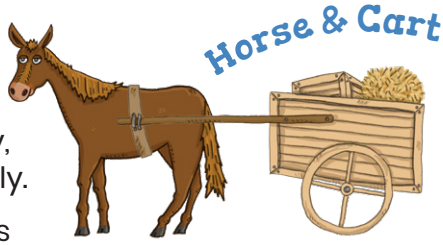
- 'Colour, Cut & Make' sheets (pages 2-9) printed onto thick paper.
- Colouring pencils, scissors and tape/glue sticks.
- A large sheet of paper, a wall display area or shallow box filled with play sand to form the landscape.

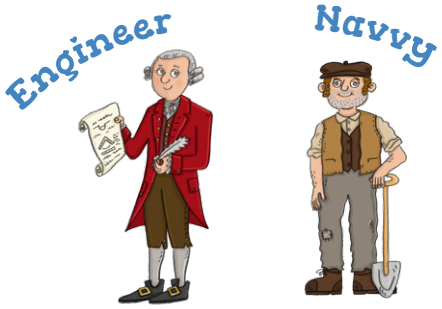


What to do:

1. Colour in and cut out the characters and objects. Use tape or glue to make the paper shapes stand up.
2. Use a large, blank sheet of paper represent the landscape 200 years ago.
3. Place the **coal mine** and **pottery factory** at one side of the scene (along with the **business owners**). Do you have coal or pottery industries near to your area?
4. Place the **house** at the other side to represent a village/ customers. Think about how products would have been transported to customers 200 years ago?
5. Draw a **wobbly path** on the paper to represent the bumpy roads and place on the **horse and cart**. What is the problem with a horse and cart?
6. Add the **engineer** to the scene. Engineers like James Brindley, planned to build the canal to transport goods more efficiently.
7. Add a **navvy** to the scene. Teams of labourers called navvies dug the canals with hand-tools.
8. The canal ditch had to be lined with clay to make it waterproof. '**Puddlers**' drove animals along the ditch to trample down the clay.
9. Add in the **horse-drawn narrow boat** to the scene. Draw on a towpath for the horse to walk along.
10. Add in the **boaters**. The boaters that transported the goods usually lived on board in very tiny spaces.
11. Now goods could be transported easily, add in **factories**, **goods, farms, animals** and **houses**. How did this new transport method affect the area?
12. Today, canals are more often used for leisure and wellbeing. They are also essential habitats for wildlife. Add in the **modern day boat** to the scene.







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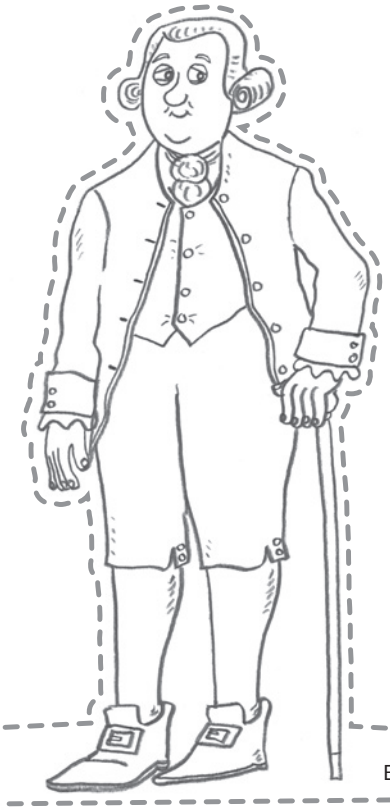

Business owner

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Navvy

Engineer

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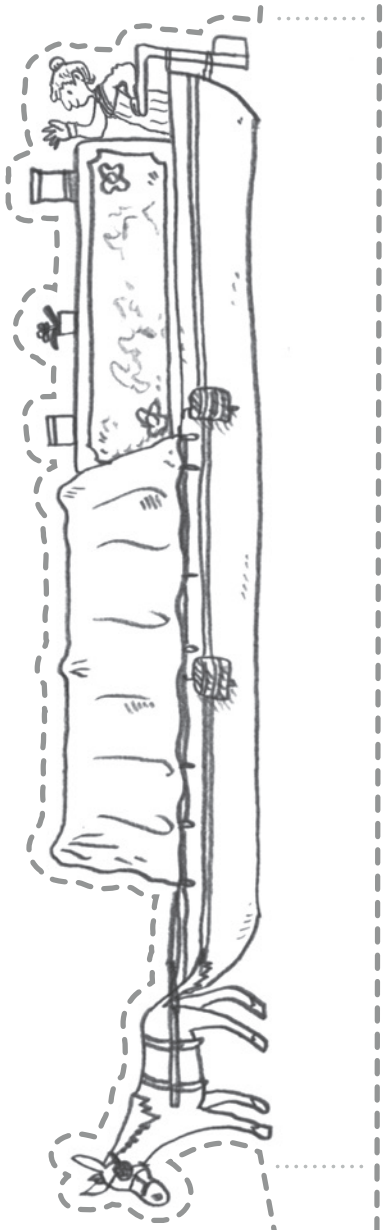
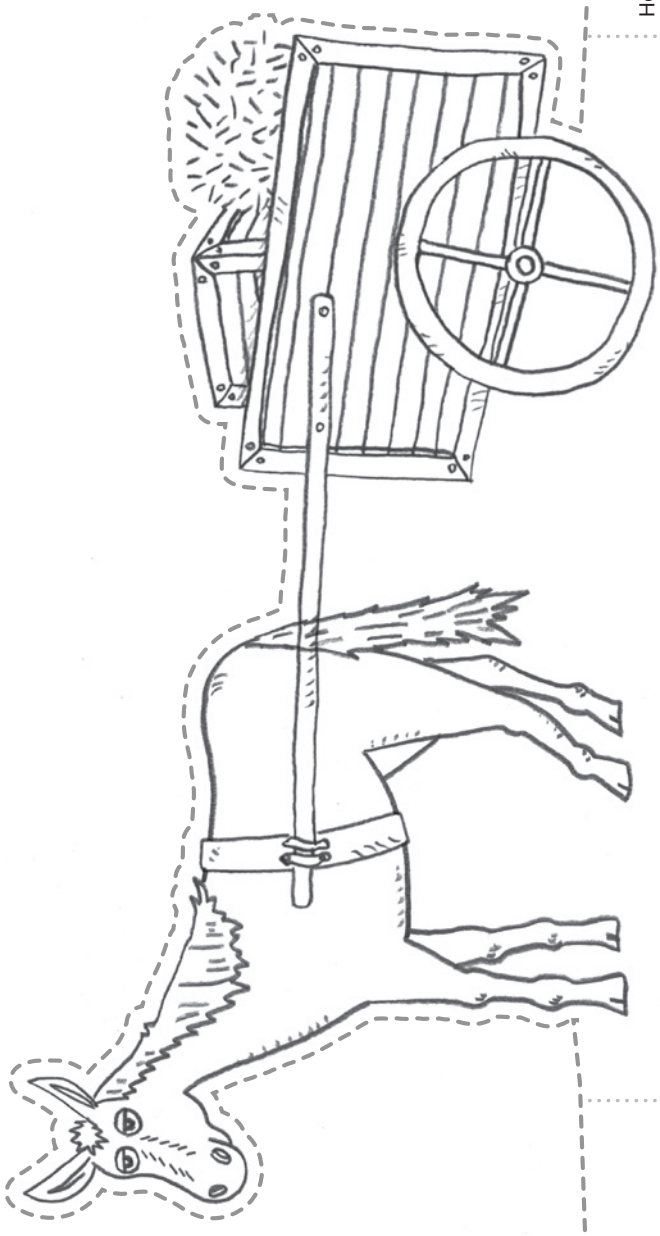
Horse-drawn boat



Horse and cart



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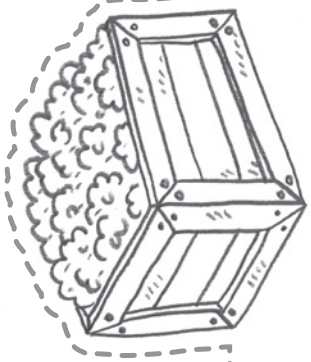
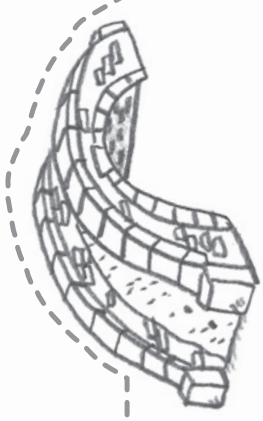
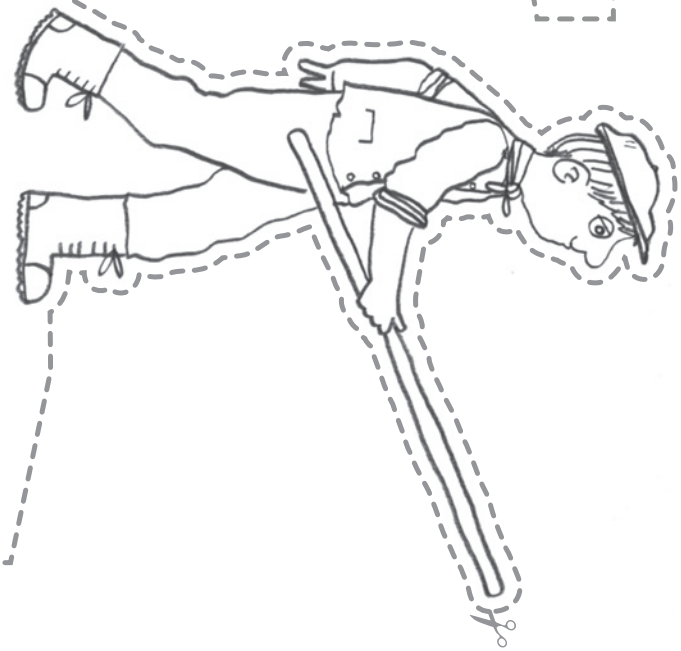
Cotton cargo/goods

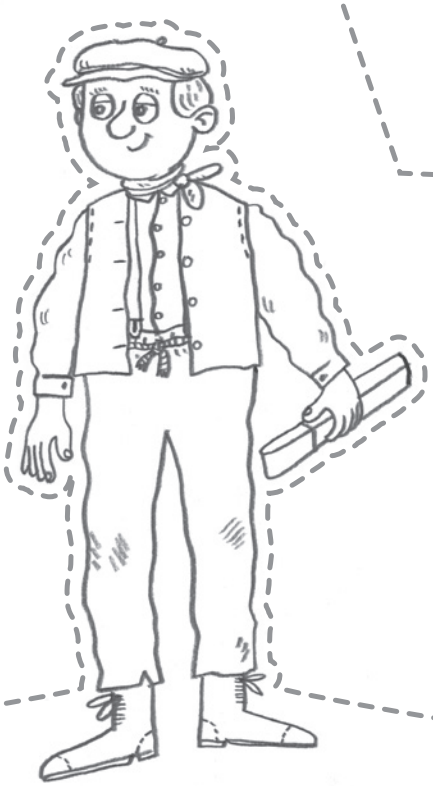


Bridge



Puddler





Boater

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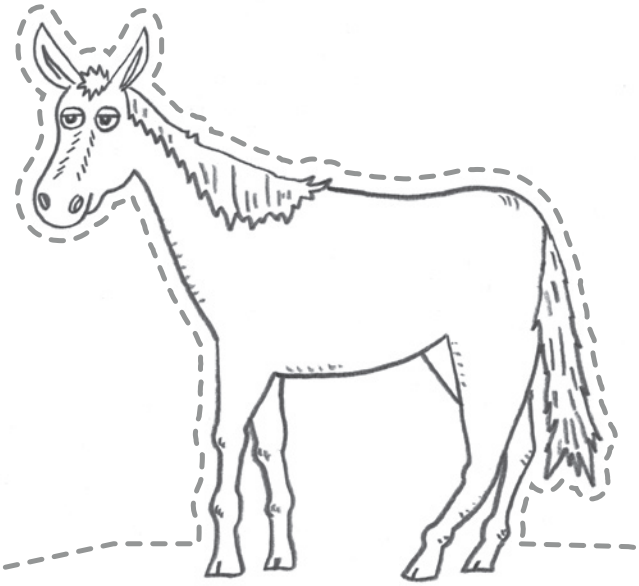
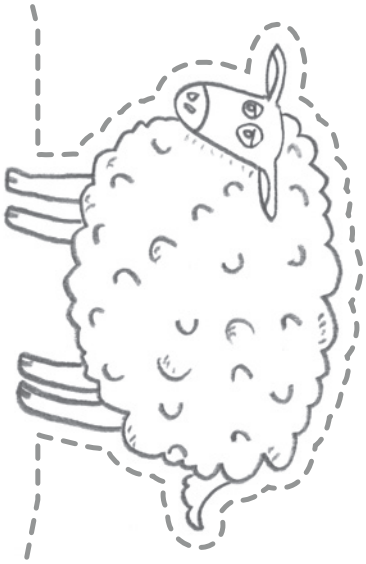
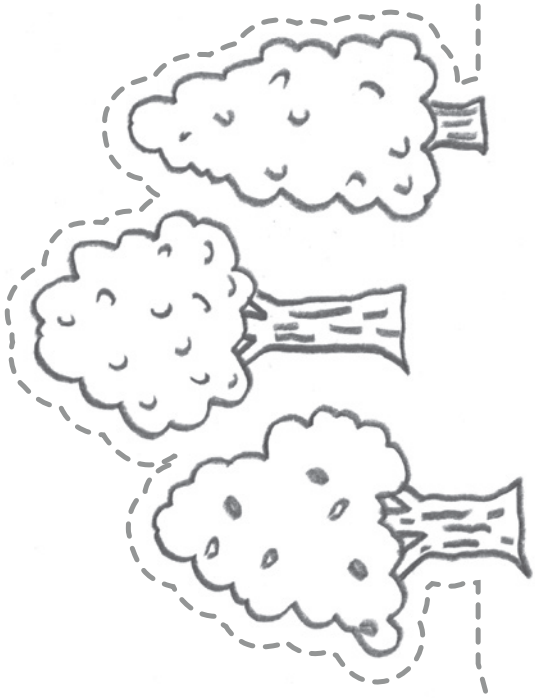


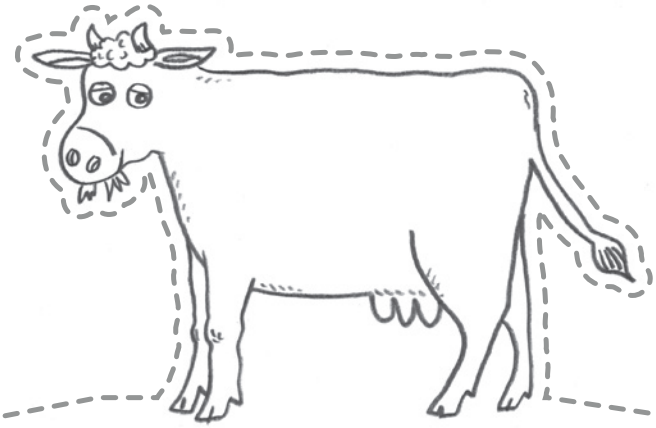
Horse

Trees

Sheep







Cow

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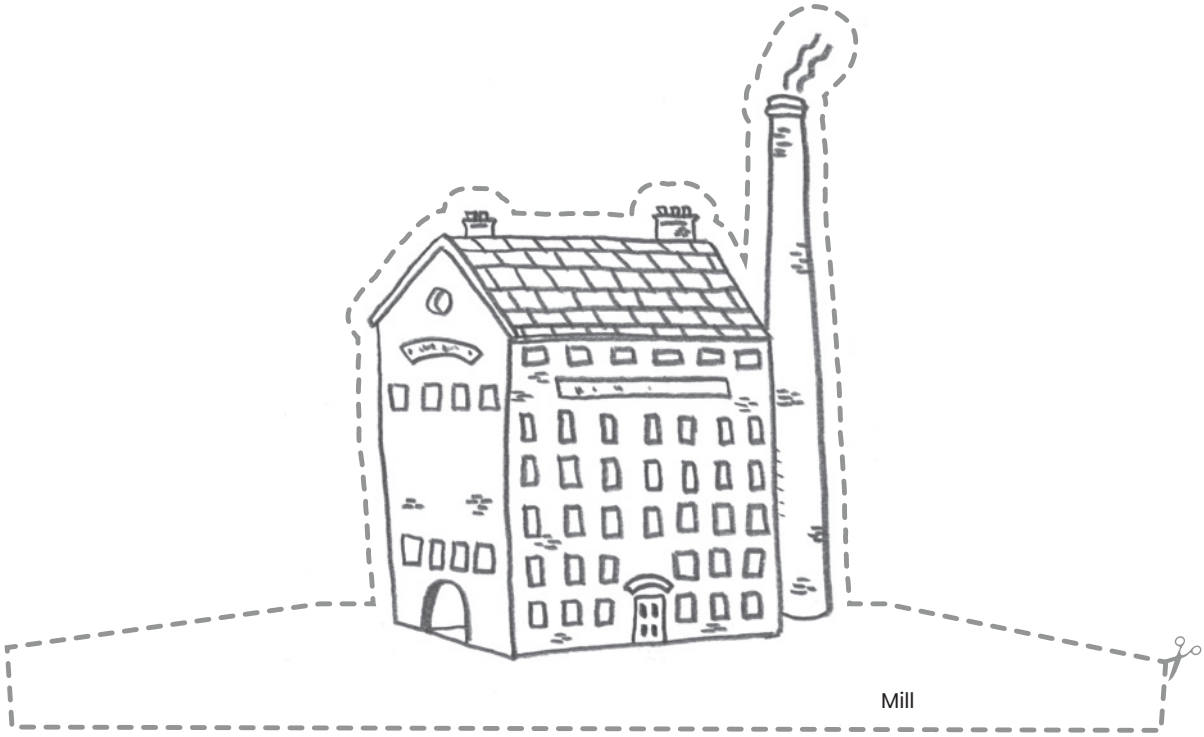
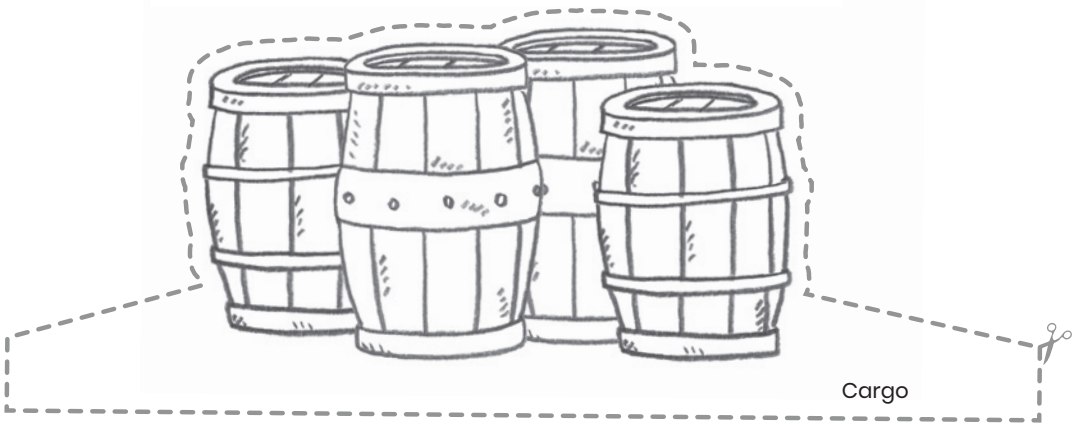


Mill

House



Cargo

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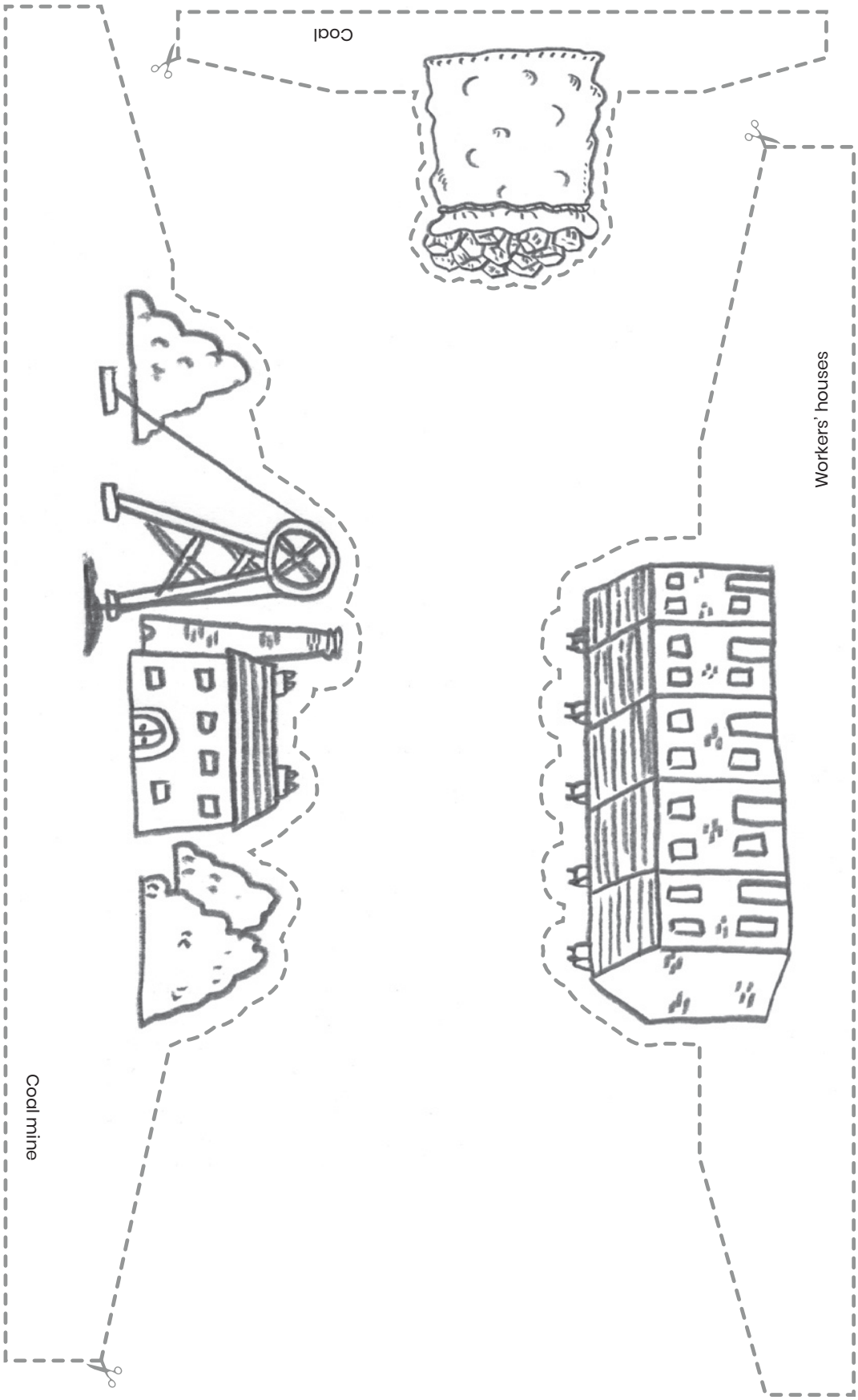

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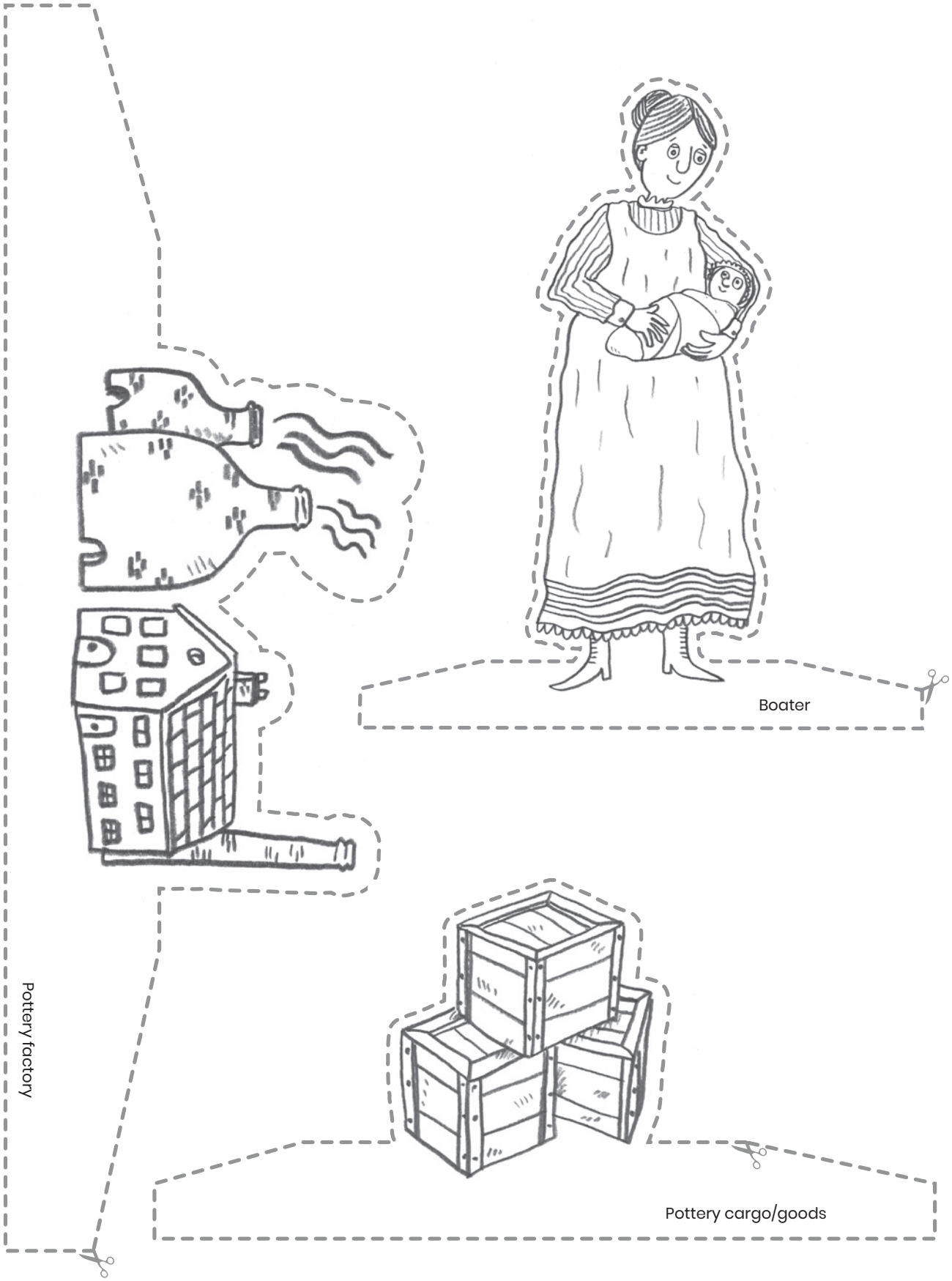

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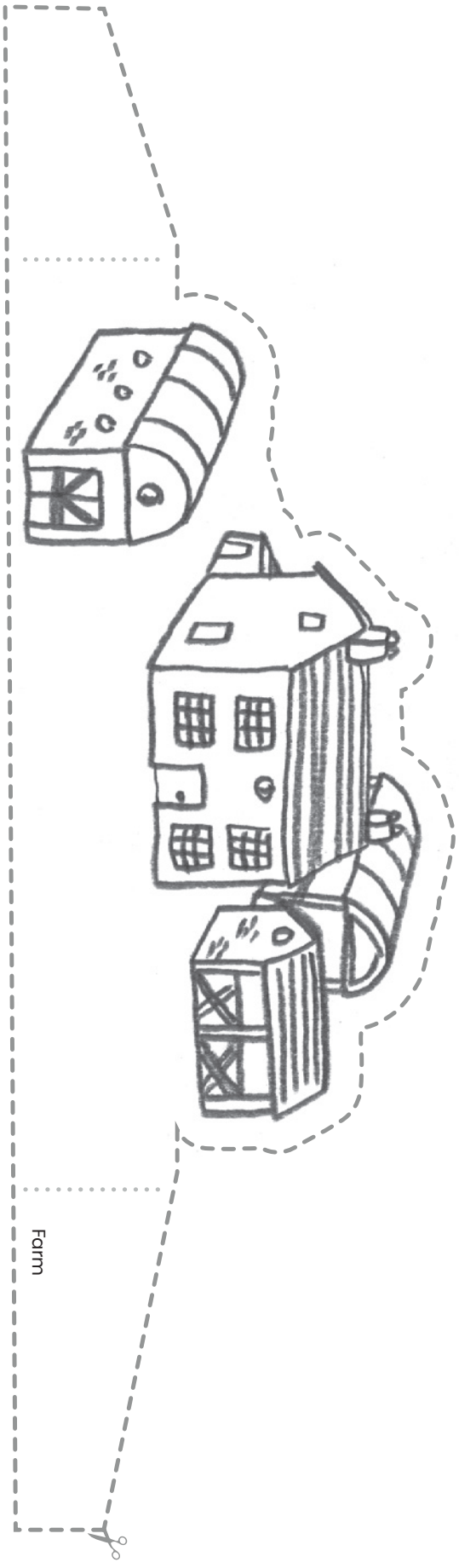
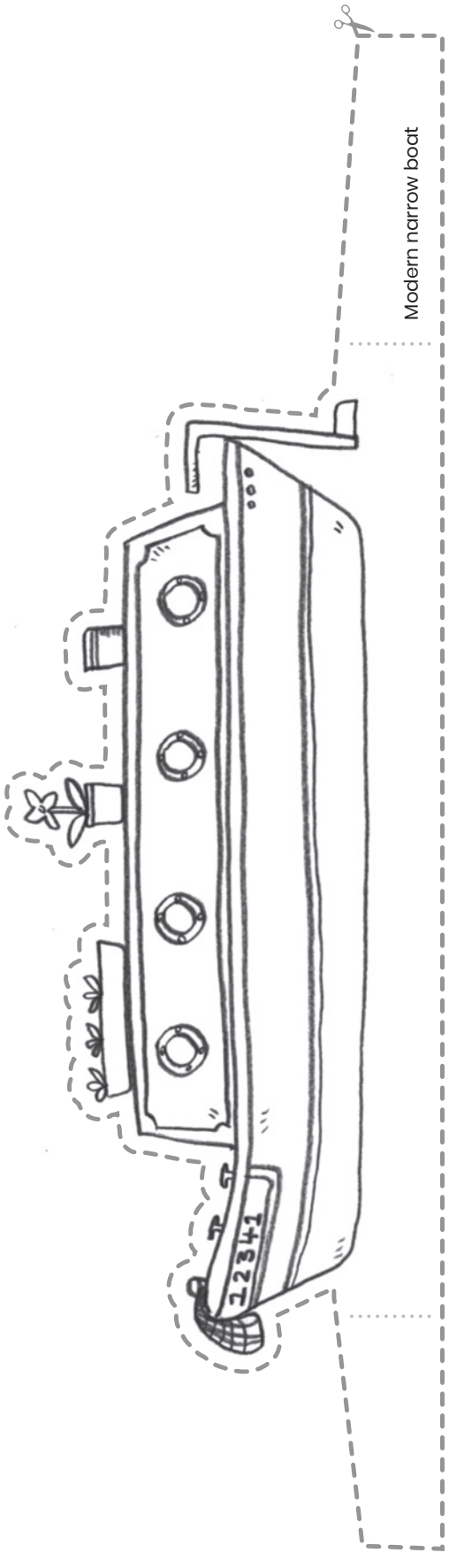
Farm