

Canal Art



Boaters took great pride in their narrowboats. Women decorated the tiny cabins with crochet-edged curtains and pretty plates hung on the walls. The men made rope fenders (to keep the boat from crashing into other boats and the bank) decorated with complicated knots.

Try this activity if you are working towards any of the following badges: Culture; Craft; Creative Challenge; Artist.

Fab Frames

Make a photograph frame to decorate a narrowboat cabin.

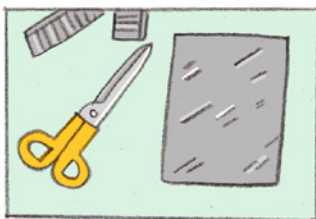
You will need

- paper, a pencil and a ruler
- cardboard, scissors and masking tape
- a clean metal foil tray (the sort used for take-aways)
- a photograph
- a ball-point pen
- strong glue

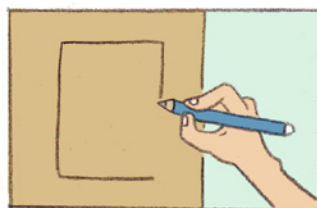


To make

- 1 Cut the edges of the foil tray so you are left with a flat sheet.
- 2 Draw a rectangle on the cardboard. It should be no bigger than your piece of foil.
- 3 Cut out the photograph you want to frame and glue it into the middle of the rectangle.
- 4 Place your photograph glued to the cardboard on the foil and draw round it. Then draw a small rectangle in the middle of the foil and cut it out.
- 5 Using the ball-point pen, and pressing hard, draw patterns on the back of the foil. Spots, zigzags and short lines all work well.
- 6 Then stick the rectangle on to the cardboard with the photograph showing through.



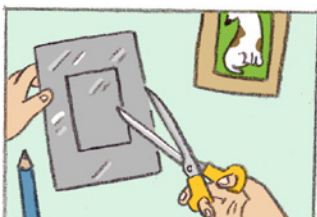
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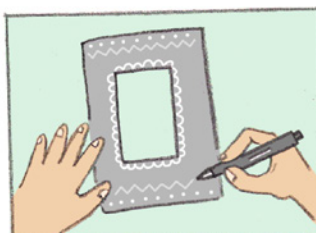
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