MAKE A
Viking Longship

from a cereal box about the size of this page

Begin by making a template. Then follow the steps below.

1. Cut away the top and bottom flaps of the cereal box. (fig. 1)

2. Crease along the middle of the side panels and flatten the box. (fig. 2)

3. With the help of your template, draw the outlines of two ‘half ship’ shapes on the flattened cardboard. (fig. 3)

The dashed line on the template should correspond with the corner creases of the cereal box.

Do you intend to paint the finished Viking Ship? Water paints will not take to the glossy surface of the box. At this stage, before any cutting and folding, it is a good idea to cover the outline shapes with masking tape or adhesive address labels.

4. Cut out the two ‘half ship’ shapes (fig. 4) and push up a ‘ridge’ fold between the two sides. (fig. 5)

5. Press the shape flat and staple close to the edge along the curved front of each boat end. (fig. 6)

6. Push down each ‘ridge’ fold and form two flat-bottom boat ends. (fig. 7)
7. Join the two ends together using staples and sticky-tape (or masking tape). *(fig. 8)*

8. **The Dragon Head.**
   Cut out the dragon head and glue it back-to-back over one prow of the ship. *(fig. 9)*

9. **Making the Sail and Mast**
   Roll a sheet of A4 paper tightly around a pencil to make a hollow paper mast. Start in the lower right corner and a dab of glue at the finish, will make it hold its shape. Trim the ends. *(fig. 10a and fig 10b)*
   Make and colour a sail as shown on page 3. Use the dotted-lines to assist you in making your own colour design on the sail.

10. **How to Assemble the Sail and Mast**
    Cut a long narrow strip of waste cardboard and fold it into two back-to-back L’s. *(fig. 11a)*
    Secure to base of ship with sticky tape. *(fig. 11b)*
    The hollow mast should be able to slide down over it. *(fig. 11c)*

Make and colour a flag as shown on page 3
Cut a notch into a short narrow strip of cardboard and glue the flag around it. *(fig. 12)*
Tie cotton thread to the front and back of the ship and press the notch down into the hollow mast to tighten the cotton thread. *(fig. 13)*

Finish and paint the ship according to your own ideas.
The Sail

The Flag

a narrow strip of cardboard with a notch cut into it