

# Canoes in Canada

Have you ever been in a canoe? Canoeing is a great way to relax and enjoy time on the water. But did you know that canoes play an important part in Canadian history?

Imagine trying to travel around Canada before roads or cars. All the trees made travelling over land very difficult! Thanks to canoes, rivers and lakes were used as Canada's first highways by Indigenous peoples and European settlers.

To learn more about the history of canoes visit:

<https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/canoeing/273491>



# Create a Canoe Scene

\* This craft requires cutting. Remember to use safety scissors or ask an adult for help.

## What you need:

- Paper plate
- Blue, white and brown paint
- Paint brushes
- Card stock or thick paper
- Green construction paper
- Popsicle stick
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue



## How to make your Canoe Scene:

- Ask an adult to cut a line across the centre of a paper plate (stopping at the plate rim).
- Paint the bottom half of the paper plate blue. Create a light blue by mixing blue and white paints. Use the light blue to paint the top half of the plate. The light blue will be the sky and the darker blue will be the water.
- Draw triangles on green construction paper and cut out.
- Paint a brown line between your light blue sky and blue water.
- Use white paint to add clouds and waves to the scene.
- Draw a canoe on card stock, decorate and cut out. (You may need to experiment with sizes.)
- Tape the canoe to the end of the popsicle stick.
- Glue the green triangles in front of the sky and along the brown line. This will create a tree line.
- Insert the popsicle stick into the line that was cut in the paper plate.
- The canoe can now be used as a moving puppet in your scene.

Tips: You can use different materials to make a canoe scene. Use cardboard instead of paper plates or markers instead of paint.

# Canoe Challenge

Can you make a toy canoe out of materials found around your home?  
Does your toy canoe float or carry toys?

Check out the canoe we made using paper, markers, string and a hole punch. How do you think we made this? It won't float but it will hold a doll or an action figure.



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# Portage Trail

B Z Y H B O W N H T F B Z I K X V O  
S F U R T R A D E P A D D L E C R A  
I T U D R I V E R W T S P L A S H R  
N D E R H P J K H R M W Y Q F B E M  
F A I R T U W C A M P I N G R S C U  
O P V R N R F I S H I N G I G P A F  
R B V I V J A J U S S B U M N Y R R  
E L I P E M M I C A N C A N O E R N  
S W A R U E M S L P O R T A G E Y M  
T R C N C O Q L I F E J A C K E T B  
R Z F P D H Y P P L F R Z K C U W S  
K V A Y E C U F P C A C T L A K E D

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BIRCH  
BOW  
CAMPING  
CANOE  
CARRY  
FISHING  
FOREST

FURTRADE  
LAKE  
LAND  
LIFEJACKET  
OAR  
PADDLE  
PEMMICAN

PORTAGE  
RIVER  
SPLASH  
STERN  
TRAIL

