

# Bringing the Museum Home: Beautiful Boats

This is a model boat called a dhow. Used in Kuwait, this type of boat could carry over 500 tons of cargo and its large cotton sails meant it could move quickly across the ocean.

This type of dhow was used mainly for cargo and pearl diving. Kuwait is a hot, dry country and because of fresh water shortages, boats like these were also used to transport drinking water from Al Basrah in Iraq.



**You can make your own beautiful boat. Here's how:**

1. Fold a piece of A4 paper in half.
2. With the folded edge at the top, fold down the corners to the centre.
3. Fold up the bottom edge on each side.
4. Pull the sides outwards and flatten into a square.
5. Fold front and back layers up to make a triangle.
6. Pull the sides out and flatten into a square.
7. Pull top corners outwards
8. Out pops your boat.

Now put your boat into a container of water and see if it floats.

