## Activity 1: Paper Boat

Let’s start with the classic paper boat. All this craft requires is a piece of paper and your hands or those of a family member or friend.

### Supplies

* 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper of your choice of color
* Markers, crayons, mini flags, or washi tape to decorate (optional)

### Directions

1. Take your piece of paper and fold against a hard surface.
2. Start by folding your piece of paper in half lengthwise, then open it up again.
3. Then, fold paper in half widthwise.
4. Rotate the paper so that the fold is at the top.
5. Take each of the top corners and fold them downwards so that the edges line up with the center fold.
6. Take one layer of the bottom flap and fold it upwards.
7. Flip the folded paper over. There should be two little flaps showing behind the triangle shape. Fold those little flaps over diagonally.
8. Take the remaining bottom flap and fold it upwards.
9. Pick up the folded paper and place your thumbs into the opening at the bottom at the center crease.
10. Slowly poll your thumbs apart from one another, pulling apart the paper as you go. When you finish pulling, the paper should be flat again. Run your fingers along all the folds, pressing to make sure it’s completely flat and all the edges are folded.
11. Starting at the bottom point, take one layer of the folded paper and bring the bottom point up to meet the top point, making sure all of the edges line up. Press along the edge to make a fold.
12. Flip the paper over. Then take the remaining bottom point and bring it up to meet the top point, again making sure all of the edges line up. Press along the edge to make a fold.
13. Pick up the folded paper and place your thumbs into the opening at the bottom.
14. Slowly pull your thumbs apart from one another, pulling apart the paper as you go. When you finish pulling, the paper should be flat again. Once again, run your fingers along all of the folds, pressing to make sure it’s completely flat and all the edges are folded.
15. Pick up the folded piece of paper. At the top point, pull apart the 2 sides of folded paper. As you pull it apart, it should open up into a boat shape.
16. Adjust the paper if needed to make sure it’s boat-shaped, then pinch along the bottom edges to make a fold on each side.

Your paper boat is complete. These boats will float in water, but only once as the paper will get waterlogged after about 10 minutes. Add a layer of tape to the bottom of your boat to make it waterproof.