

Spike's Transport Objects Info Sheet



Hello again. Today's Takeover Tuesday with Roz and Vicky is all about transport themed crafts. Vicky has created 4 fun activities for you to try and Roz has found some objects in the collection that inspired the crafts. This info page is the information we shared on social media along with a bit more detail.

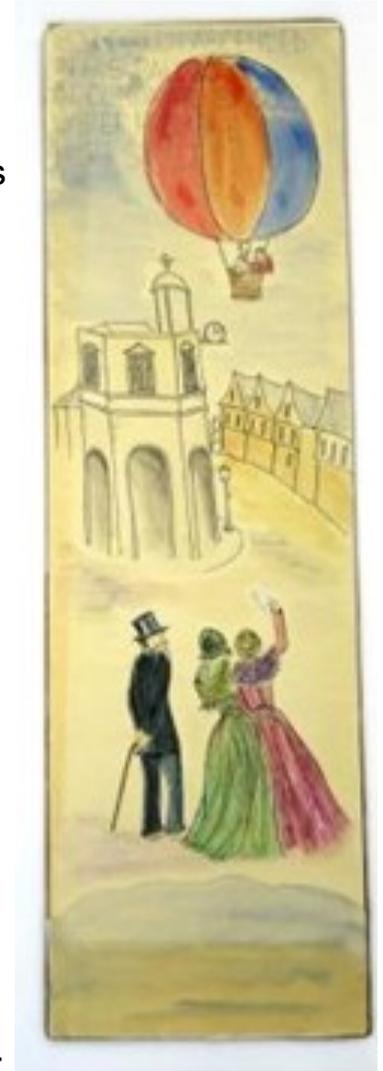
Hot Air Balloon



Our first craft is a hot air balloon. This watercolour painting is one of a set of preparatory paintings that were used as a guide by the Embroiderer's Guild, Maidstone for their embroidered panels showing Maidstone's landmarks.

It is titled '1827. Green Ascended in his Balloon Accompanied by Col Lyster from the High Street'.

It is one of ten preparatory drawings. The watercolour drawing of the hot air balloon is in the top right corner, with around half of the title overlapping the balloon's envelope. The envelope has three segments, known as gores, which are red, orange and blue in colour. Three figures in the foreground are watching the balloon from the street; two of the figures are women, with one in a pink dress and waving a handkerchief in her right hand, the third figure is a man in a black suit and top hat. The drawing has been painted onto paper, which has then been stuck to a piece of cardboard of the same dimensions.



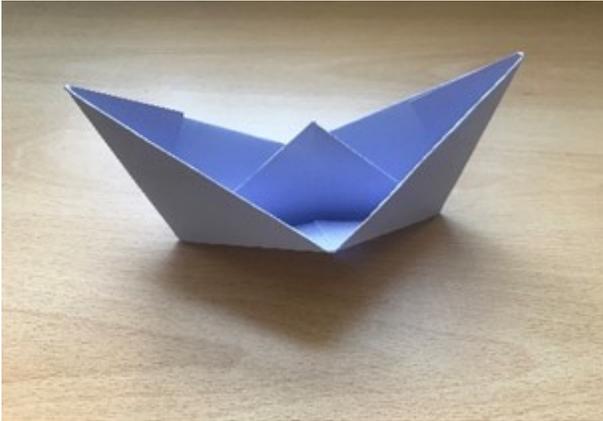
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Boats

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Our second craft is a boat. We don't just have one boat in our collection. We have several and many in paintings. We usually share the canoe near the main entrance, but today we're sharing a 1950's yellow wooden yacht in the Toy Emporium display and the model of a Medway Barge, Kathleen, from 1901.



1950's wooden yellow toy yacht. This is in the Toy Emporium Display.



Model of the Medway Barge Kathleen, by J Penighetti. She was launched in 1901 from Lewis Glover's yard in Gravesend. The split sail barge traded on the Thames Medway and east and south coasts of England for over 50 yrs. This is on display in the Local History Gallery.

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Cars



Our third craft is a car. We have a couple of fab toy cars in our Toy Emporium display. The clockwork Alfa Romeo racing car from the 1920's and the bright pink Barbie Volkswagen Beetle car from the early 2000's. Both have been played with by children but are in great condition.



A clockwork Alfa Romeo racing car from 1929. It is made from metal painted in a green blue colour, with a red seat. A number 2 is painted on each side of the front bonnet. You can see the key used to wind it up on the back of the car.



Pink Barbie Volkswagen Beetle car from 2003. This is a large toy car that fitted two Barbie dolls in the front.

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Rockets



Our final craft is a rocket. Who'd have thought we'd have a rocket in our collection– well we've cheated a little with this object because this is in fact a Victorian rocket firework casing.



Rocket case from Hyde park. Picked up on May 29 1836, during the Pyrotechnic Display on the evening of that day.

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