

Imagine traveling down a river some 2,700 years ago in a canoe. If you were one of the first peoples of what we now call North Carolina, you might have used a dugout like this one for fishing, for hauling supplies down rivers and across lakes and sounds, and, possibly, for fighting.

used a canoe!

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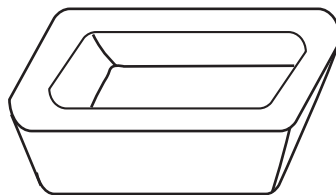
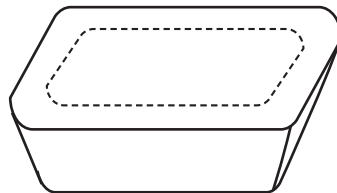
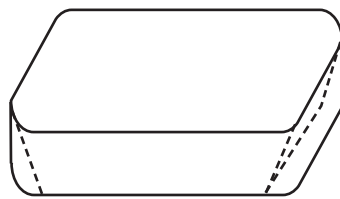
carving a soap canoe

For this project you will need a **new** bar of soap (Ivory and Dove work well) and a spoon or seashell.

SAFETY NOTE: When you carve, always move the spoon or seashell away from you and the hand holding the soap.

1. Unwrap the bar of soap. Shape the short ends of the bar, sloping them inwards so that the bar is wider at the top than at the bottom. Carve the soap carefully, removing only little chips. Once you carve off a chip, you can't put it back!
2. Outline the center hole of the canoe. Shave and chip the soap until you have the hole to the depth you want.

To make a canoe, you would have built a fire of moss and wood chips at the base of a tree and let the fire burn until the tree fell. Then you would have set small fires along the length of the log to char the wood. Finally, you would have scraped the charred wood with tools made of bone or seashells until the canoe had the desired shape.



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