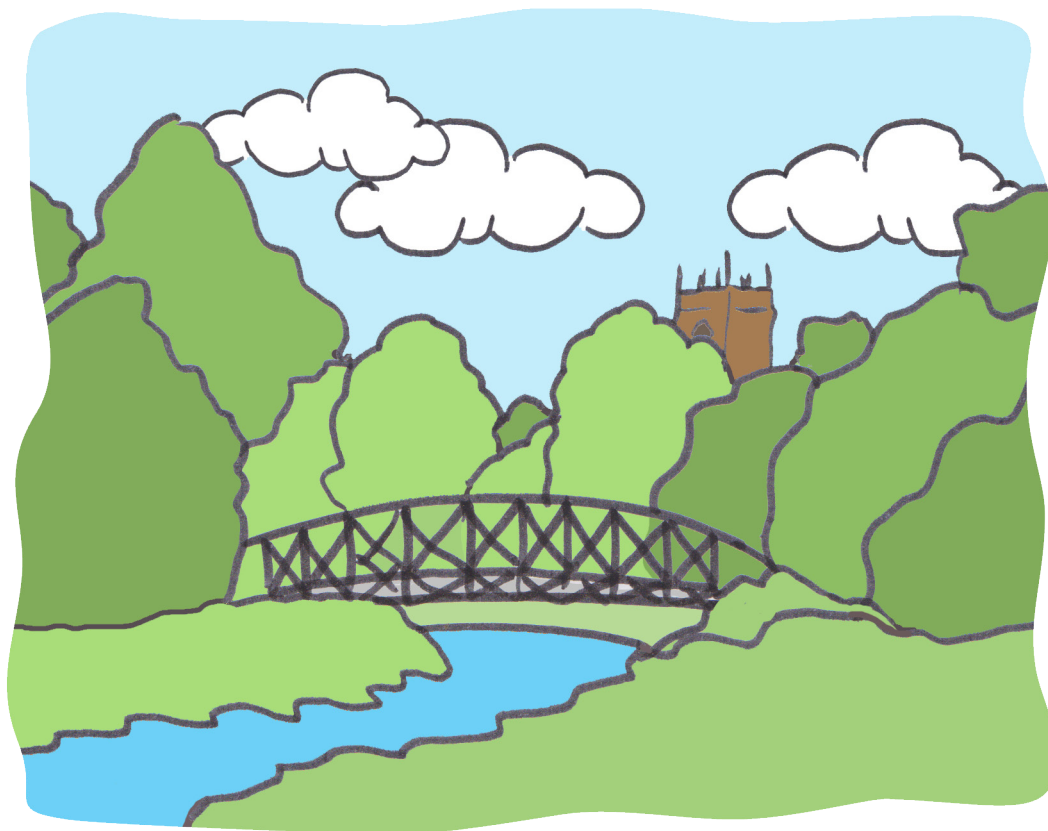


## My Transforming the Trent Valley *Mini Heritage Booklet*



Inside are fun ideas for playing and  
learning about local heritage!

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## The Romans

Romans are well known for being excellent road builders. Your family and friends have probably driven along the A38 many times.

This road overlaps with an old Roman road. Since the Romans were so good at building roads, the remains can still be found in parts around Burton-on-Trent.



Have you noticed how straight it is?



## Challenge!

### Build the longest and straightest road you can!



*Across a classroom, school grounds, at home or in your garden.*

*Using natural materials like sticks and stones (or craft materials) to mark your route.*

*See how long your road can go...*

### Things to think about:

- What obstacles will get in your way? How could you go round them?
- Building the road using natural materials is amazing but feel free to be creative, use what can you find to make your road!



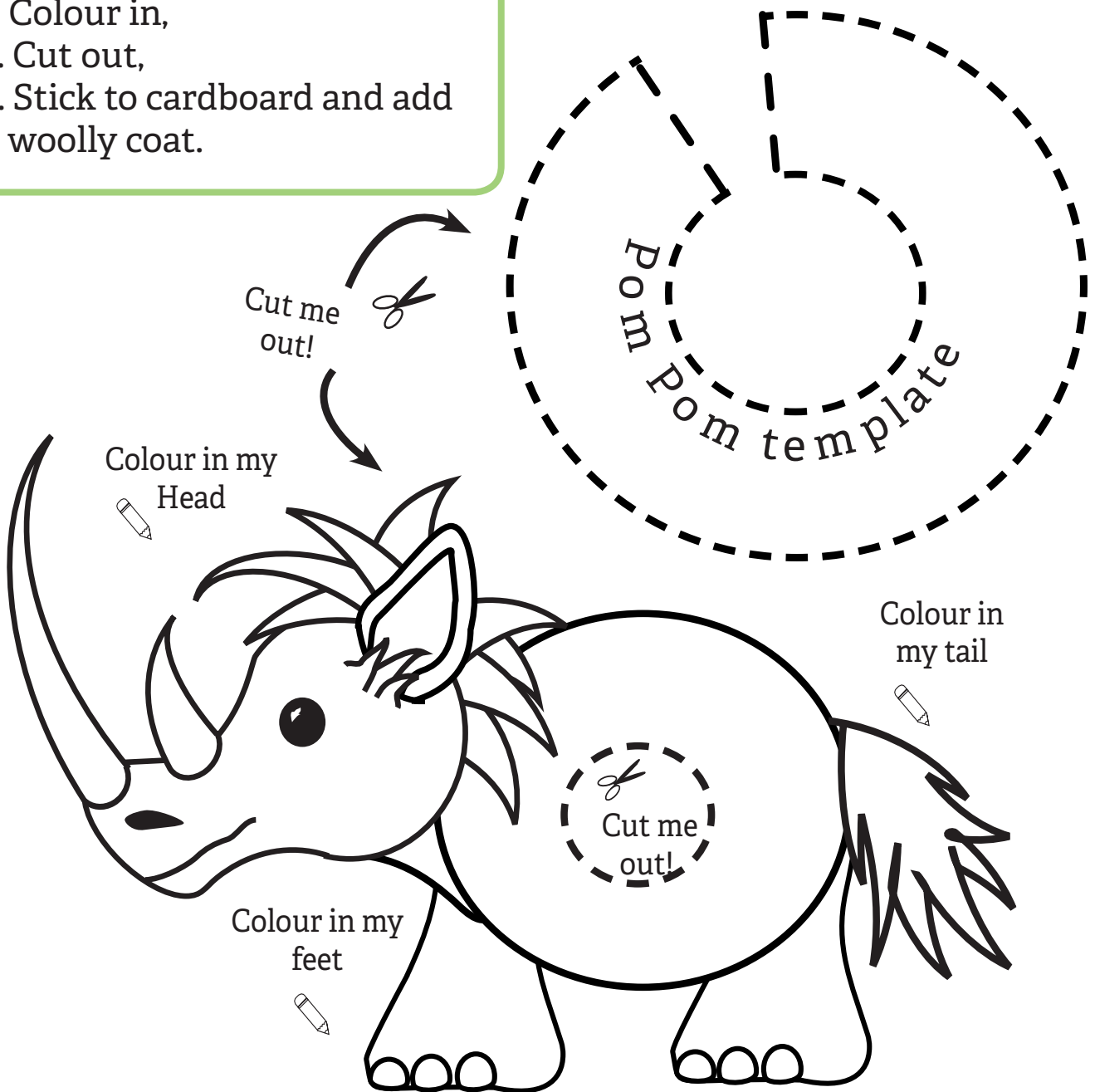
Visit our website's Learn and Discover Page to see how to build a stick-Roman [www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/learn.php](http://www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/learn.php)

## Woolly Rhino

In 2002, the remains of a woolly rhino were discovered in a quarry, in Alrewas.

Here is a woolly rhino for you to:

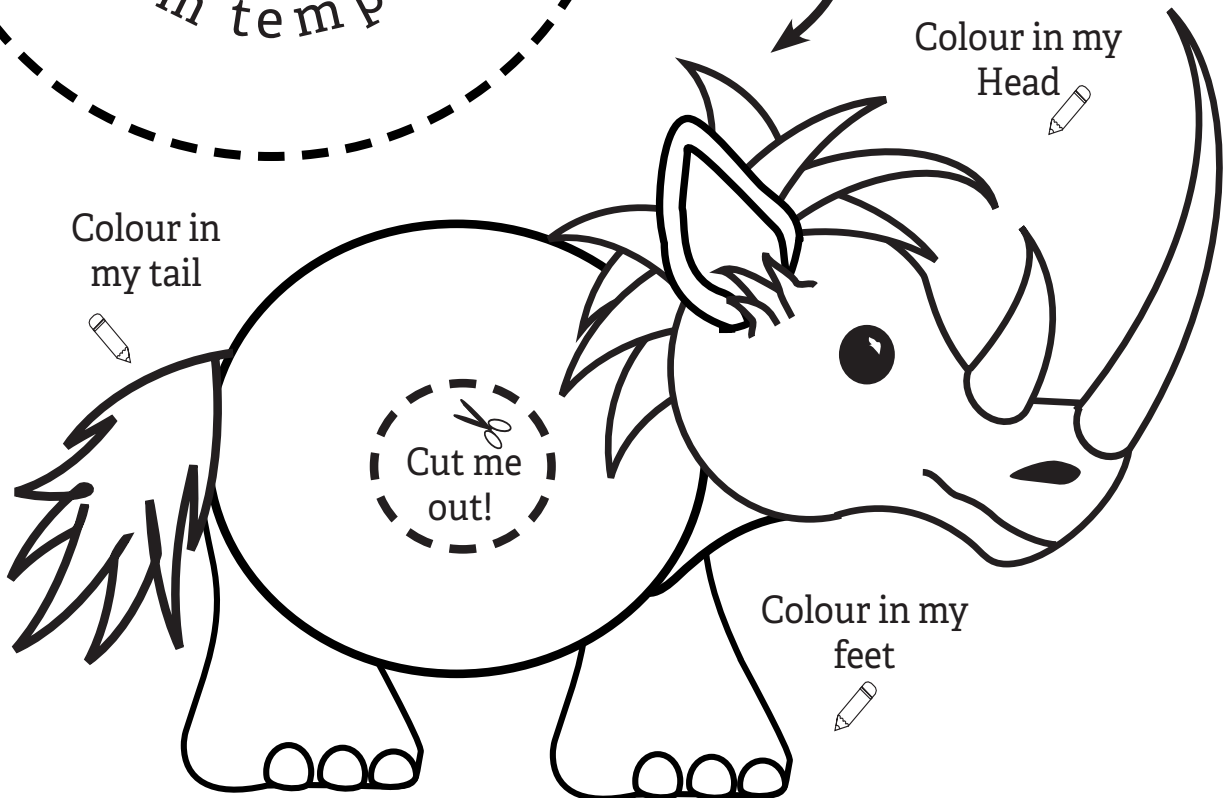
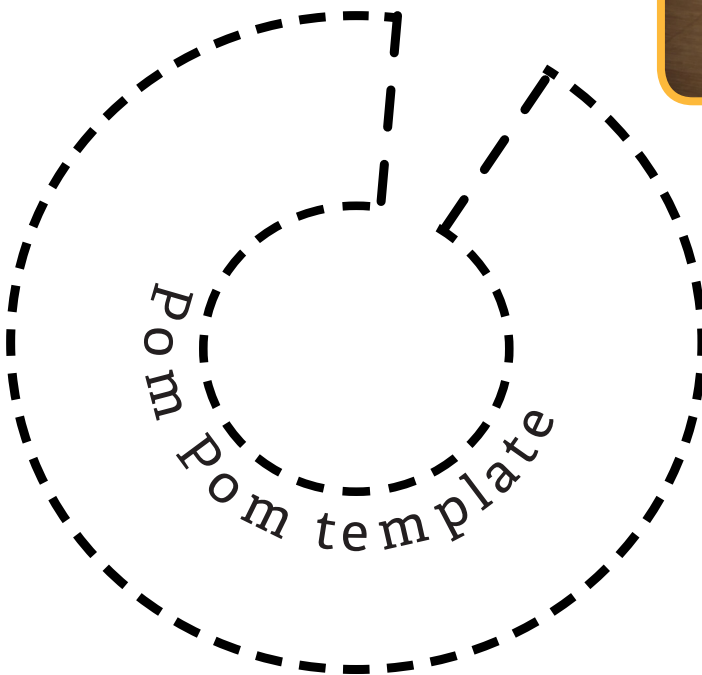
1. Colour in,
2. Cut out,
3. Stick to cardboard and add a woolly coat.





## Options for making the woolly coat:

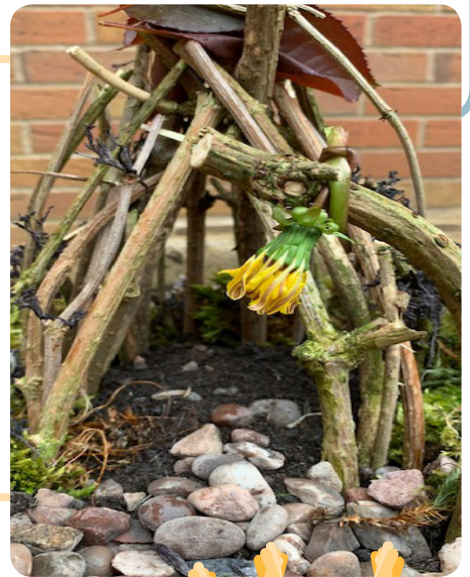
- Make a pom pom.
- Stick wool to the body.
- Wrap wool around the body.



## The Vikings

Vikings were brave warriors and explorers, but also knew how to choose a location to settle down in.

A part of our Trent Valley history is that Viking invaders, known as the “Great Heathen Army,” camped for winter at Repton in 873-74. This was part of a long war which ended with Vikings being allowed to settle on land in England.



## Make a Viking village

What you will need:

- Sticks,
- Maybe string,
- Suitable space on soil either in a pot/ tray or in your garden.



**Step 1.** Find a good space to build your village.

**Step 2.** Build a house.

**Step 3.** Keep building houses until you have a mini Viking village.

### Things to think about:

- How can your Vikings find food?
- Can they get water from a nearby river or lake?
- Is there space to add more houses?
- How do your Vikings travel to different towns?
- Is the settlement sheltered from the weather?
- Is there any natural features (rocks, hills or a river) that will protect them from invaders?



## Our Stopline

The Pillbox Stopline uses the rivers Trent, Tame and Dove as a natural barrier to invaders. Pillboxes were built to guard places where it would be easier for the enemy to cross, such as bridges and shallow parts of the rivers.



This is a  
Type 24 Pillbox  
shape

Most pillboxes were built in 1940, the early years of the Second World War.

The Pillboxes were places where soldiers could fight an invading enemy, protected from bullets and rifles could shoot from behind a protecting wall.

The square holes are called  
*loopholes*

## Mini Pillbox

Using the template on pages 8-9 add some texture patterns to the shape.



### Things to think about:

- what material it is made of and what might grow over or around it over time.

You can also cut out and stick your mini pillbox together.

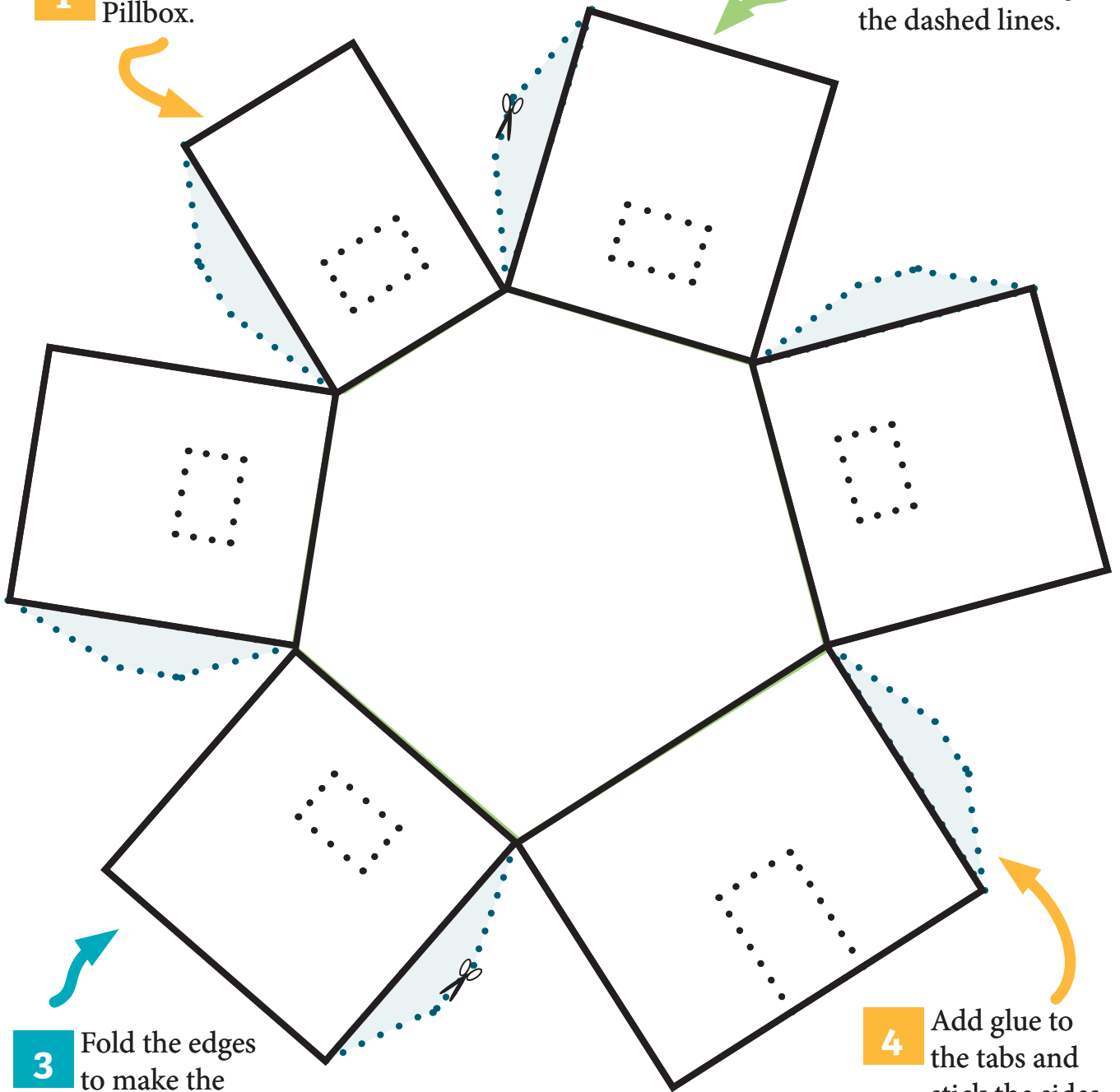


Why not hide the mini pillbox in your garden, house or school grounds. Try to find a place where it is hidden or protected by a natural feature, and then see if someone can discover it!

## Decorate a Pillbox

**1** Colour in the Pillbox.

**2** Cut out the Pillbox and features following the dashed lines.



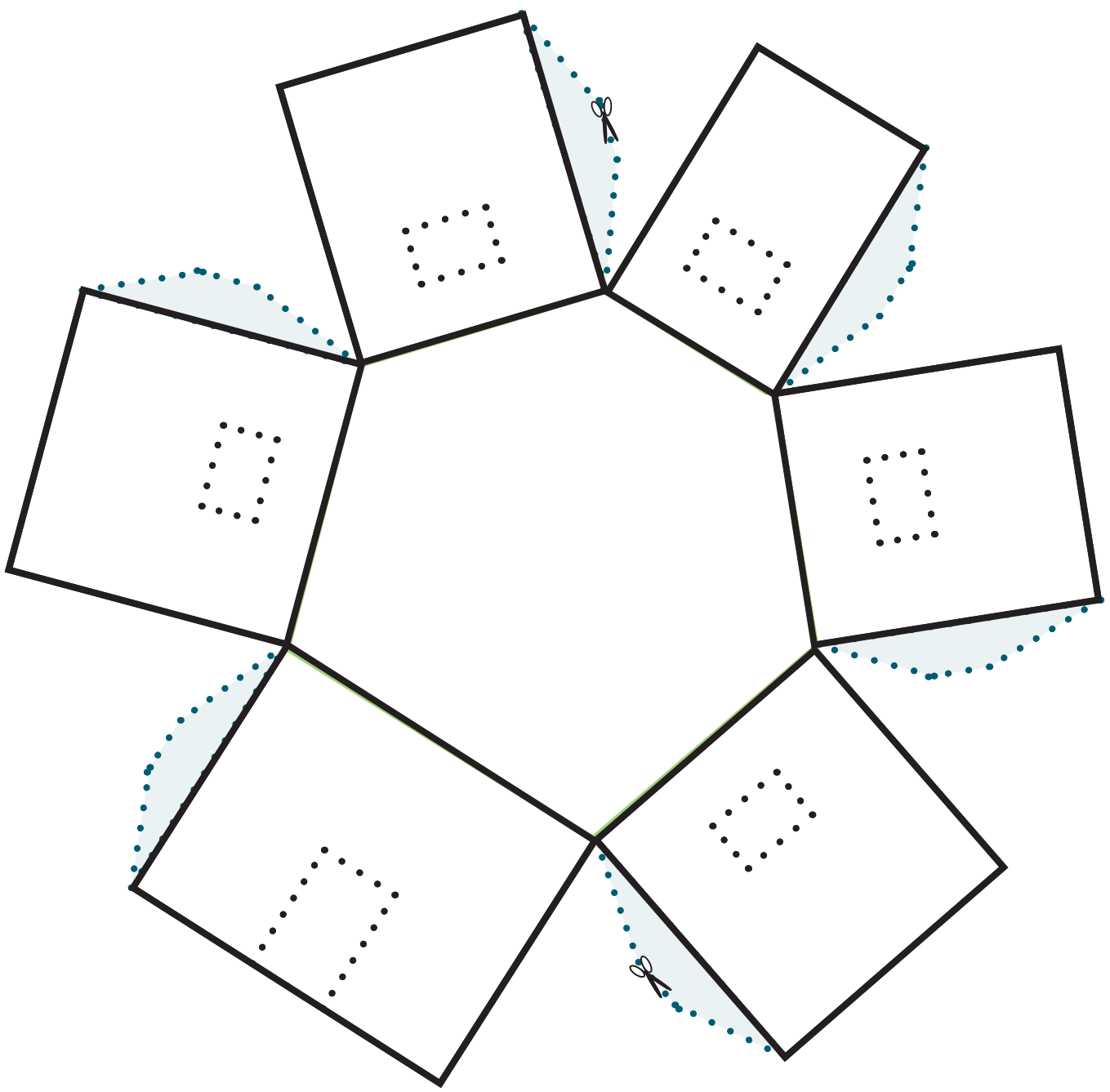
**3** Fold the edges to make the Pillbox shape.

**4** Add glue to the tabs and stick the sides together.





## Decorate a Pillbox





## Industry

The rivers have been used for many years to drive machinery. The Dove has many “Mill Fleams” where water was channelled to water wheels.

Power stations used the river water to drive steam turbines in order to make electricity.

**Can you link the industries to their name and connection to the river?**



**Brewery**



Uses the power of the river to make electricity

**Power Station**



Factory uses an ingredient yeast, from a neighbouring industry

**Mill**



Uses the river water's minerals in their products

**Marmite**



Used the river flow to turn machinery

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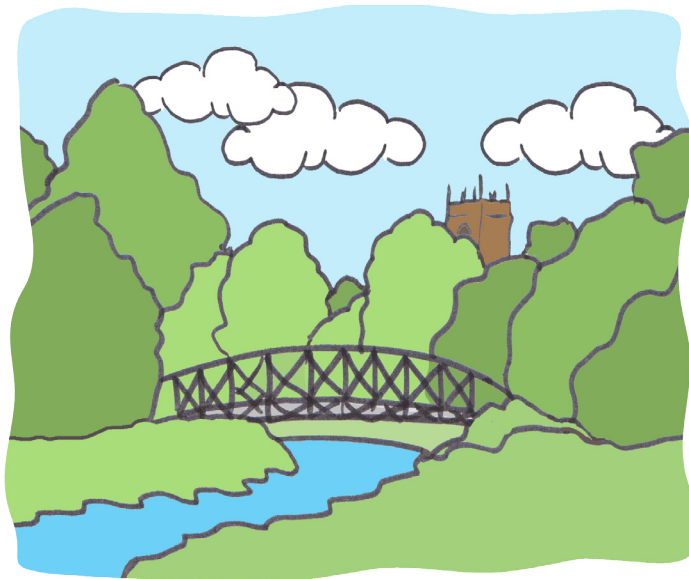


**Thank you for using our Mini Heritage Booklet!**

We would love to hear your experiences using the booklet and see some of the creations you have made.

Please get in touch by visiting:

[www.thetrentvalley.org.uk](http://www.thetrentvalley.org.uk)



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