

Make your own Ship's Gun



HMS Unicorn was built as a 46-gun frigate for the Royal Navy. Follow the instructions below to make your very own ship's gun!

What you will need

- A Pringles or other crisp tin
- A 500ml soft drink bottle
- Two elastic bands (of the same type)
- A pencil
- Masking tape and scissors
- Paint
- Projectiles (i.e. something to fire)

Step 1 - Cut off the bottom of the Pringles tube

Step 2 - Cut two 3-4cm vertical slits/flaps from the end of the tube, which will be the attachment points for the rubber bands

Step 3 - Paint the Pringles tube and soft drink bottle (any colour you like)

Step 4 - Place the elastic bands over the vertical slits/flaps at the end of the tube and secure them in place using the masking tape

Step 5 - Pierce two holes in the neck end of the soft drink bottle and push the pencil through

Step 6 - Put the drinks bottle into the end of the Pringles tube and pull the elastic bands over either side of the pencil. Now you can fire!

How to make it

Remember to get an adult to help when you have to cut and use scissors!