

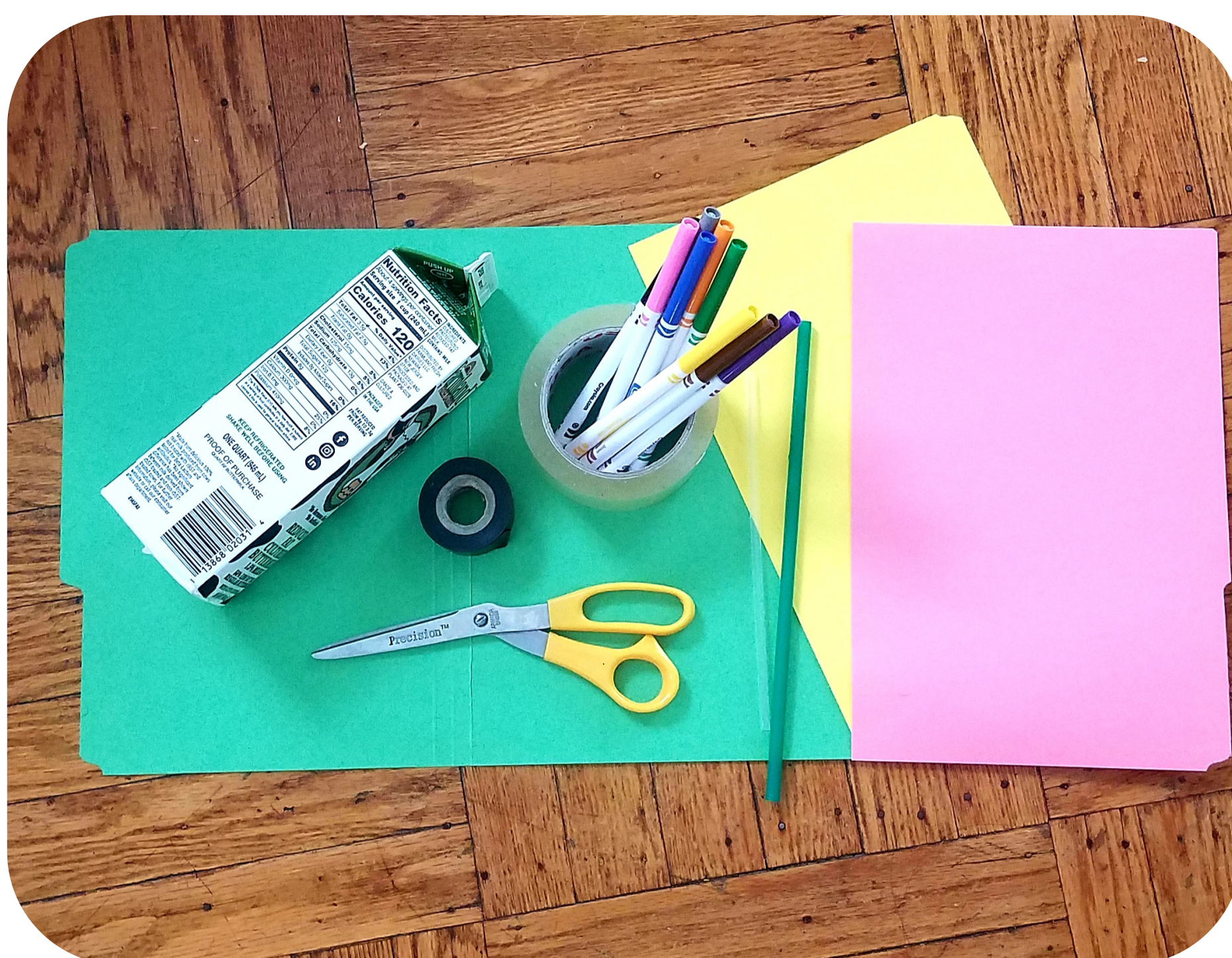
# Carton Sailboat

*Sail away! Make a boat out of a carton to sail around your bathtub or inflatable pool.*

People have used boats to move goods and people across water for thousands of years! Boats are small watercraft used for fun or for carrying small loads. What or who will your boat carry?

## Materials

1 empty beverage carton [quart or pint]  
Tape [duct, shipping, colorful, masking]  
Construction paper  
Stick or drinking straw  
Scissors  
Markers



## Instructions

1. Cut one side out of the empty carton. This side will be facing up when the boat is placed in the water.
2. Cover the sides of the carton with colorful construction paper using tape.
3. Cut a construction-paper rectangle for your sail.
4. Design your sail using colorful tape, markers, or paper.
5. Snip one hole in the center of opposite sides of the sail.
6. Thread the stick or straw through the holes.
7. Tape the straw to the inside of the milk carton.
8. Tape the entire carton with shipping tape, if you have it on hand. This will help keep your designs water-resistant.

## Go Further

Place your sailboat in the water, and watch it float! Try adding small objects to see how much weight your boat can hold while staying afloat. What changes to your boat could you make to help it to hold more weight?

Imagine that you are just getting home from a long adventure in your sailboat, and tell someone about your journey.

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