



Part 1

1. Carefully punch out all the pieces of the Ark. Be especially carefully of the tabs.
2. Find the piece for the skylight. Completely fold each edge down so that it forms a sort of box shape.
3. Start with tab 6 and push the tab through the roof slots. Then put in tab 1, then tab 4, then tab 2, then tab 3, and finally tab 5.

Part 2

1. Find the fin piece. Fold the piece in half, then push tab 12, then tab 10, then tab 11 into their slots.
2. Carefully pull the sail-fin toward the skylight a little to lock it into place.

The roof of a ship is called the weatherdeck. It does not need to look like a house roof, but it can be almost flat. The best way to keep water from entering the skylight hatch windows (Hebrew tsohar) is to keep them up away from the roof with a short wall, called "combing." Perhaps this is the meaning of Genesis 6:16. "A window shalt though make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt though finish it above" (KJV). A cubit would be an appropriate height for hatch combing!

Part 3

1. Find the main boat piece. Fold along all the edges, including the tabs. Fold tabs 10, 11, 14, and 15 only slightly.
2. On the bow (the Ark's front), slide tabs 7, 8 and 9 into their slots. (Optional: You can use adhesive tape on the inside to lock tabs 7, 8 and 9 into place.)

Why is the bottom of the bow curved upward? Well, this cardboard model is an approximation, but it represents a bow designed to steer easily in the wind. Lack of depth in the water allows it to be pushed sideways, away from a cross-wind.

3. On the stern (the Ark's rear), slide tab 10 into its slot, moving the tab side-to-side until it fits just right. Do the same for tabs 11, 14, and 15. (Optional: You can use adhesive tape on the inside to lock tab 11 into place.)
4. At the bow, there are two tab 13's, one big and one small. Insert the small tab into the slot. Tuck the big tab inside the ship; there is no slot.
5. Now fit the three large roof tabs into their slots. Start with tab 16, then 17, then 18. Move these tabs side-to-side to fit them through their slots. FINISHED!

What is that "rudder" for anyway? It is actually not a rudder. It is a rigid extension of the hull (this cardboard model is only an approximation). This extension piece helps lock the hull in the water at the stern, so when wind comes from the side, only the bow moves around. The Ark should travel with the stern facing the wind, rather than being side-on to the wind and waves.

Oh, and by the way, unlike the real Noah's Ark, this one is not waterproof.



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