



STORIES FROM THE SEA

EXPLORATION OBJECTS



MODEL QUAMUTIQ

Date made

1800s

Object ref.

GRYEH : 1967.423

Credit

Great Yarmouth
Museums

Description

A Quamutiq or 'Komatik' is a type of sled invented by the Inuit for crossing ice in the Arctic Circle. It has no nails or pins holding it together, instead it is lashed together with straps. This means that when it crosses rough ice the straps stop it from falling apart. If it used pins or nails they would be shaken out by the bumpy ride.

This model is made in exactly the same way as a full size sled only much smaller. The dogs pulling it are real puppies!