

Design a Figurehead

Figureheads

Ships had figureheads for good luck. These statues would go right on the front of ships.

Cutty Sark's figurehead is a witch called Nannie, who is holding a horse's tail in her hand. Cutty Sark's name is taken from a poem, Tam O'Shanter, by Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns. In the poem, Tam, a farmer, is chased by a beautiful and fast witch called Nannie who is wearing a 'cutty sark' (a scottish term for a short undergarment or shift).

Here are some more examples from Cutty Sark's collection...



Florence Nightingale
A famous nurse



Sir Lancelot A legendary knight



Sirius

Have a go at designing your own figurehead. Sketch your design here first. As a follow up activity you could create a story about your figurehead and why it is so special.

You will need

- Wooden spoons
- Wool
- Fabric scraps or paper
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Feathers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils

Use the wooden spoon for the body of your figurehead and all of the other items for decoration.

