

What's on?

Find out what's going down
at the Maritime Museum.

Our Ocean of Islands

On now till March 2028 | Free

Ready for an adventure across the moana? *Our Ocean of Islands* exhibition takes you on a journey through 24 island nations. Learn how important sharks are in Kiribati, discover pottery that's over 3,000 years old from Vanuatu, and learn how the Samoan people read the seasons through the story of the palolo. There's so much to explore!

Island Explorer: Kiribati - Holiday Programme

28 Sept-2 Oct, 5-9 Oct 2026
10am-2:30pm | \$5 per child | Bookings advised

These school holidays, uncover the legend as part of *Our Ocean of Islands* — our new exhibition celebrating 24 island nations across Moana Oceania.

Learn about the mighty bakoa (shark), fierce guardian of the people of Kiribati! Spot the shark's-tooth pattern woven into Kiribati mats and clothing, then create your own woven artwork with colourful fibres, fabric and paper.

Grab an activity booklet and become an Island Explorer — hunt through the exhibition for Kiribati stories, language, dance, voyaging tales, and real shark-tooth swords on display!

Make Days | Island Flower pins

Every Sunday in September | 10am-2pm
Free | Drop-in event

Give colourful leis a new life by transforming them into a beautiful flower pin! Using recycled lei petals, tamariki can create a brooch inspired by the vibrant flowers of Moana Oceania to keep for yourself or to gift to someone special.

Make Days | Our Ocean Wildlife

Every Sunday in October | 10am-2pm
Free | Drop-in event

Dive into the world of sharks, whales, dolphins and other amazing sea creatures! Inspired by *Our Ocean of Islands* and the rich storytelling traditions of Moana Oceania, create your own colourful sea creature using pattern making — then take it exploring through the exhibition with you.

Community Day: Niue

Sat 10 Oct | 10am-4pm | Free | Drop-in event

As part of *Our Ocean of Islands*, we will be spotlighting each of the Island nations represented in the exhibition through a series of community days. This Saturday we celebrate Niue.



Ted Ashby sailings

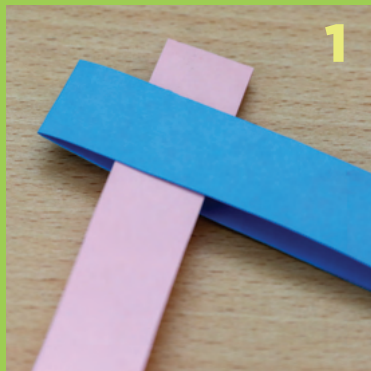
All aboard!
Sailing times: 11.30am & 1.30pm
Tickets start at \$15

All aboard the heritage vessel *Ted Ashby* for a bright summer adventure on the sparkling Waitematā! Help the crew hoist the sails, then relax on deck as the sunshine, sea breeze, and sweeping views of the city and Harbour Bridge roll past. We sail every day except Mondays — choose a sunny day and let the harbour carry you away. And if it's your birthday month, don't forget to grab your free sailing voucher!

To find out more and keep
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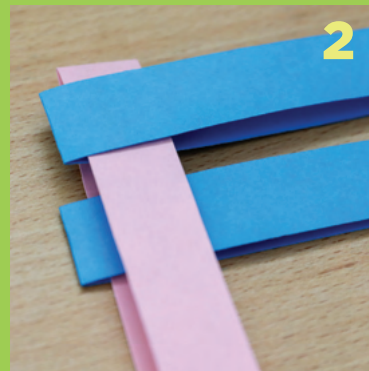
Weave a fishy friend

Weaving is an ancient skill passed down through generations across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa. Now it's your turn!



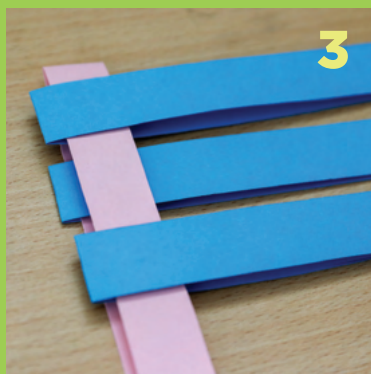
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Fold six strips of paper in half. Interlock two folded strips.



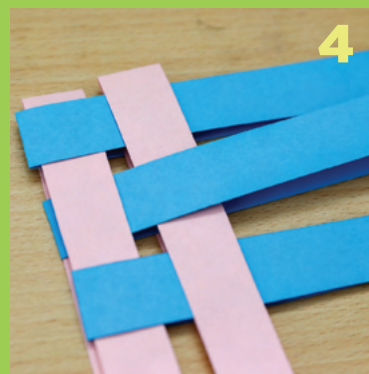
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Add the 3rd strip by weaving it under the top half and over the bottom half of the folded strip.



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Add the 4th strip the same way as the first - now you'll see a checkerboard pattern forming.



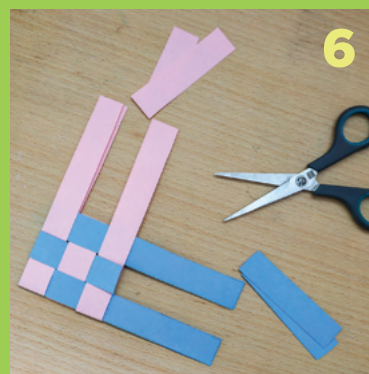
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Weave the 5th strip the opposite way (over then under).



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Add the last strip the same as the first. Push everything together so it's tight.



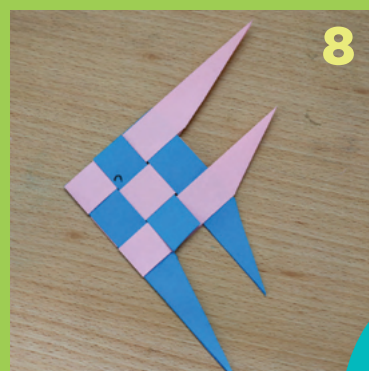
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Trim the middle strips to line up with the checkerboard. Then glue the edges down to hold it together.



7

Cut the ends of the strips into fins and a tail.



8

Draw an eye - your woven fish is ready to swim away with you!

Tino pai!

Weave one for each of your whānau.

