



shipwrights

a letterwriting game

We are shipwrights. we build and rebuild and fix and improve. in our ports, we can feel each-other's work through the wood, the rigging, the sail, and rudder. we may never meet another shipwright, be we know their touch, their thoughts. even more, we shipwrights send messages through the planks and sails and bows. our ships are collections of inside jokes, secret messages, memories embedded

take a 8.5 x 11 piece of paper and add something to it. like: a short note, like lyrics, a diary entry, a link to a song a sticker, collage, foil from a gum wrapper a stain, a raindrop, perfume paint it a whole new color

some ships get lost at sea. if too long has gone since you've received a ship, build another and send it out, searching.

fold it into a boat, mail it to a fellow shipwright. they will examine the boat, unfold it, add something of their own, and send it back. repeat until the ship is retired. unfold the paper and scan it, make copies for everyone involved.

on a section of the paper, unobtrusively add the date you worked on it, the city, and your initials. so, for example, 1.30.2020/boston/wj

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