



# Chocks away for VE Day

Hundreds of RAF (Royal Air Force) aircraft took part in the VE Day flypast on 8th June 1946. It featured some of their most important planes including the Spitfire and Lancaster. Let's colour in and create a mobile celebrating VE day using spitfires.

## HANDY HINTS/TOP TIPS

- Scrap card can also be used as a paint palette
- Whilst waiting for bits to dry, why not have a go at one of the worksheets in this series
- Have some kitchen roll to hand when painting

## YOU WILL NEED

### Materials:

- Thin card or Cardboard
- Cotton or nylon thread
- Two sticks
- Tape or string
- Sharp pencil
- Paint - (cereal box)

### Equipment:

- Brushes / Water pot / Palette
- Craft Knife
- Scissors
- Thick needle

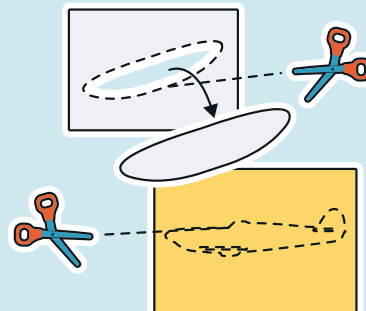


**When using scissors, needles or knives, make sure you have an adult to help you.**

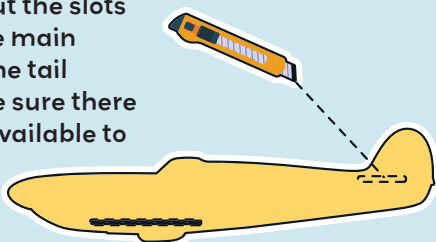
- 1** Gather your materials together. You could choose to paint your aircraft or leave them as plain card / cardboard. Guidance for colouring in planes can be found on the templates page. Or why not come up with your own designs?



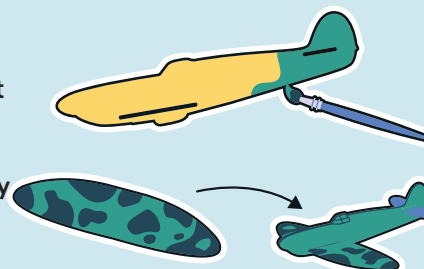
- 2** Use the templates provided. Cut them out and place them on to your card. Draw around & cut out the sections of each plane.



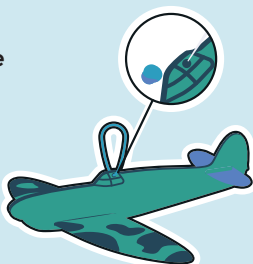
- 3** Cut out the slots for the main wings and the tail wings. Make sure there is an adult available to help do this.



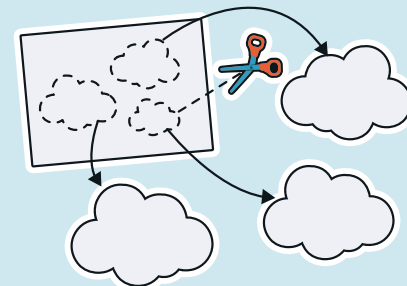
- 4** If you are going to paint the aircraft do it before you assemble the parts. When they are dry put them together.



- 5** A hole is needed in the top of each plane. Make a hole with a needle and thread through your cotton. **\*\*Handy hint - use a blob of blue tack on the reverse side to protect any surfaces from getting scratched.**

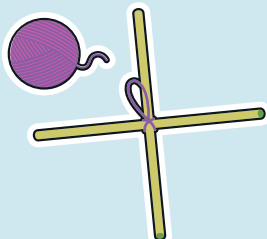


- 6** Cut out your clouds and paint them white. Three is a good number to make.





**7** Tie the two sticks together and make a loop in your thread to hang the mobile from.

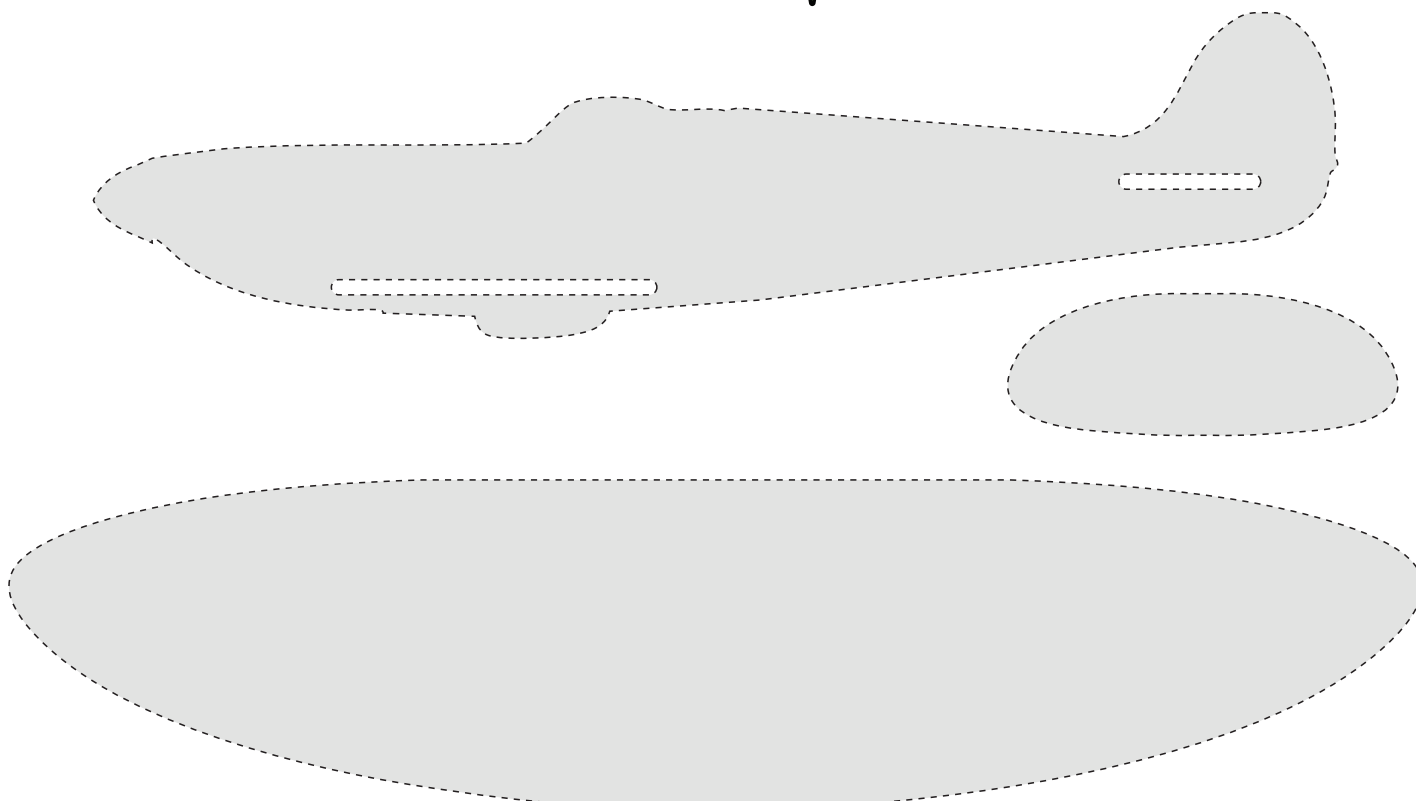
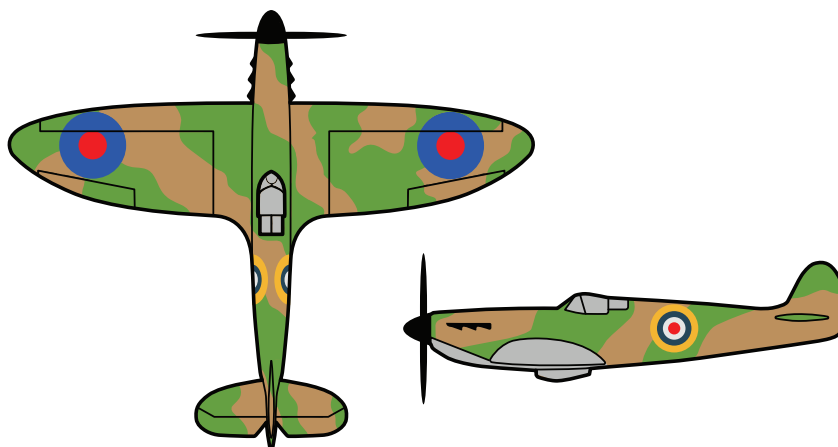


**8** Attach your planes and clouds to the sticks. Vary the lengths at which the aircraft and clouds hang down. You now have your VE Day flypast mobile.



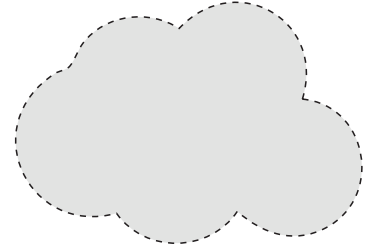
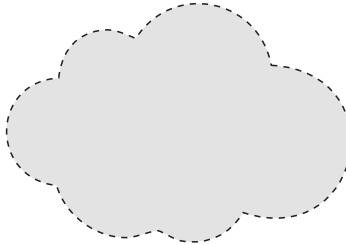
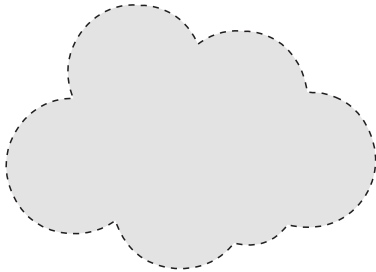
### Template - Spitfire

Camouflage on aircraft helped to make them more difficult to see from below and above. Looking at the Spitfire from below it merged into England's typically grey skies. Its colours changed when it was used in other parts in the world, such as the desert, or at sea. What colours do you think it would be painted to camouflage it in these places?





## Template - Clouds



## Spotter Guide

Spotter guides were compact books that provided information on aircraft used during the war. It helped pilots and people on the ground recognise whether an aircraft was friend or foe. Some of the most iconic British and German aircraft that took part in World War II appear below. Would you be able to recognise the plane and which country they were from?

