Life by the Delta has always centered around the water. And with an inland port, Stockton has a long history of shipbuilding. You can build your own boat to float in water. These instructions show one way to build a boat out of popsicle or craft sticks, but try out different designs to find the one you like best!

**Supplies:**

- Popsicle/craft sticks
- Glue (hot or craft)

**Optional:**

- Corks
- Paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Buttons
- Toy figures
- Straws

**Instructions:**

1. Decide on the pattern or design of your boat. Start with the deck of the boat first.

2. Glue the edges of the sticks together. Wait for them to dry before moving to the next step. (Wait times vary depending on the type of glue used.)

3. Once the deck is complete, add sides to the boat. For this design, a drop of glue in each corner will allow two opposite sides to be glued down. Once the first two sides are done, a drop of glue in each corner will allow the other two sides to be built.

4. Continue this alternating side pattern until the walls around the deck are as tall as you’d like.

5. Now it’s time to decorate! You can add corks to the bottom to help it float, add a flag, or put your favorite toy figurine onboard.

6. The last test is to make sure it floats. Make sure to wait until the glue is dry before putting it in water.