

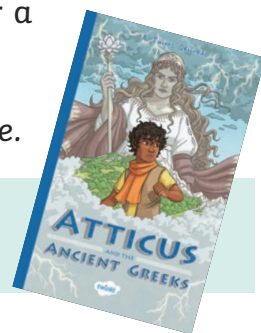
Ancient Greek Temple



Temples were the most common type of public building in ancient Greek times. The main purpose of a temple in ancient Greece was to honour a god or goddess and to display a statue of them.

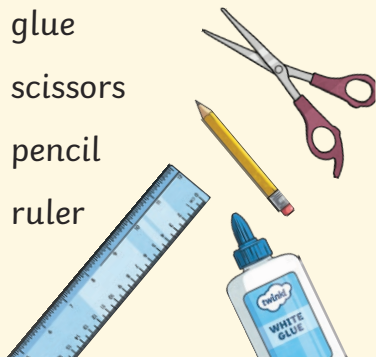
Follow the instructions below to make your own ancient Greek temple.

For a story about life in ancient Greek times, download '[Atticus and the Ancient Greeks](#)' from Twinkl Originals.



You will need:

- green card
- blue card
- thick white card
- white paper
- white paper straws (approximately 8)
- adhesive foam pads (approximately 6)
- glue
- scissors
- pencil
- ruler



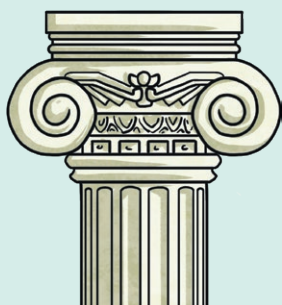
Instructions

1. Cut out a hill shape from the green card and use glue to stick it at the bottom of the blue card.
2. Cut three straws for each **column** of your temple. (10cm lengths are ideal if you are using A4 card.)
3. Cut small pieces from a straw to make the base of each column. You can choose how many depending on how you want your temple to look.
4. Use glue to stick each **column base** and the columns themselves on the top of the green card hill.
5. For the top part of each column, cut small pieces from a straw. Then, cut a strip of paper – 10cm by 1cm is ideal.
6. Curl both ends of your pieces of paper around a pencil to make a scroll shape.
7. Use glue to stick each capital at the top of the columns, with the scroll shape in-between two pieces of straw, like a sandwich.
8. Using a ruler, draw a rectangle on the thick white card to form the **frieze** of your temple. Then, cut it out. This will go above your columns so it needs to be wide enough to extend from the outer edge of one column to the outer edge of the other and approximately 2cm in height. The frieze was a decorative band of sculpture so why not decorate your own frieze, either with patterns or with pictures of an ancient Greek story you have read?



Fun Fact:

Did you know the top part of the column is known as the **capital**?



Fun Fact:

Columns decorated with a scroll are known as Ionic columns.



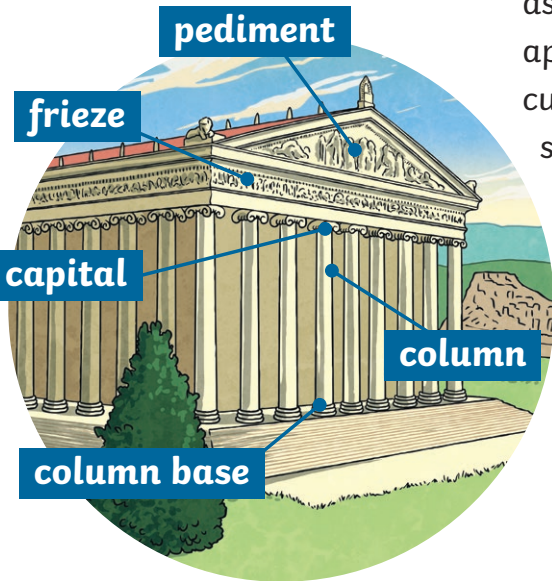
9. Use adhesive foam pads to stick the frieze above the columns.
10. Cut a straw to the same length as your frieze and use glue to stick it above the frieze.
11. Draw a triangle on the thick white card to form the **pediment** of your temple. The length of this triangle needs to be the same length as your frieze and it should be approximately 5cm in height. Then, cut it out. The pediment contained



sculptures so why not decorate your own pediment with pictures of ancient Greek gods or goddesses?

12. Use adhesive foam pads to stick your pediment above the frieze.

You have made an ancient Greek temple!



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