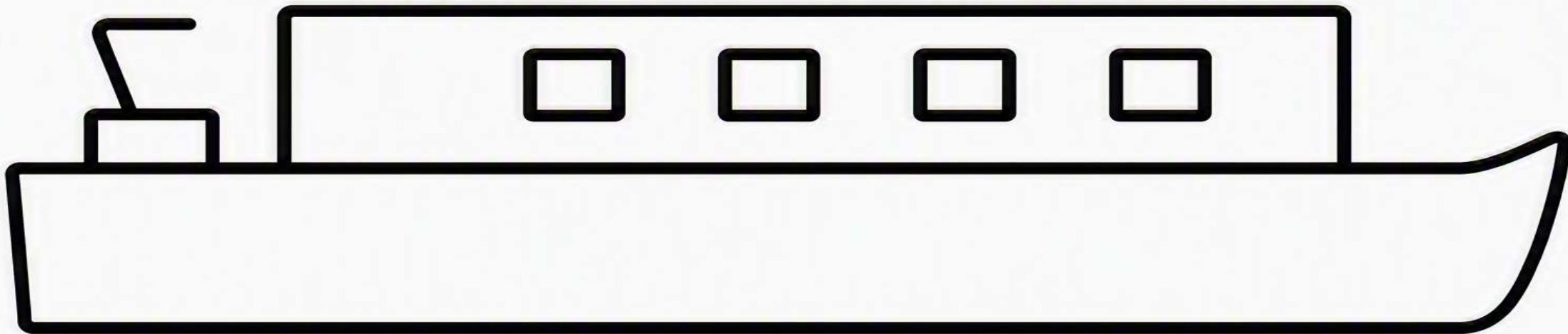


Design a narrow boat!



The **Grand Union Canal** was built over 200 years ago to help boats carry goods between London and Birmingham. It passes through the beautiful Colne Valley, where it is close to both the River Colne and the River Misbourne. These waterways helped people travel, trade and connect communities long before modern roads were built. Today, they are popular places for boating, walking and spotting wildlife.

During the 19th century, canal boat families decorated their boats with colourful “roses and castles” artwork. They painted flowers, castles, lakes and countryside scenes, as well as the boat's name in decorative lettering. These designs helped make the boats feel special and reflected the identity of the families who lived on them.



Can you add some artwork to your narrow boat? Use inspiration from your challenge walk and include some chalk stream wildlife. You could draw animals such as kingfishers, trout, water voles or dragonflies. Can you think of a chalk stream-themed name for your boat?