

Iain Ashman

Make this Roman Amphitheatre

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General information	
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Additional information

Summary This is a cut out, stiff card model of a Roman Amphitheatre that one can create using only glue and scissors. The model includes cut-out figures of gladiators, crowd and ships.

Analysis The company notes that the model is “historically accurate” and it is admirable that the company to endeavoured to ensure the accuracy of its model. This is a highly detailed model and appears it was researched before being made.

Apart from the cut out pages, the opening and back pages also include assembly directions as well as some explanations regarding the different parts. For example, in “the figures” explanation, it is noted that “there is a group of musicians who played at the edge of the arena”. This gives an added educational value to the actual model and brings it more to life.

Furthermore, among the cut-out parts are a naval battle scene, beasts and even the crowd is distinguished by different clothes and gender. It appears as if the women are wearing long dresses, the men appear to be in chitons and some are wearing togas. It does not seem to resemble the *Gladiator* 2000 movie or TV series, but the creator’s own imagination. The gladiators seem to be wearing short tunics and holding weapons, like net and spheres. The model also offers a glimpse into the inner walls and not just the outside building.

Classical, Mythological,
Traditional Motifs,
Characters, and
Concepts

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Other Motifs, Figures,
and Concepts Relevant
for Children and Youth
Culture

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Ayelet Peer, "Entry on: Make this Roman Amphitheatre by Iain Ashman", peer-reviewed by Lisa Maurice and Susan Deacy. Our Mythical Childhood Survey (Warsaw: University of Warsaw, 2020). Link: <http://omc.obta.al.uw.edu.pl/myth-survey/item/951>. Entry version as of March 12, 2026.



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