

## C is for *Coconut*



This carved coconut is on display in our Port and Trade gallery.

It was carved by Hugh Kerr in 1792. Some of the carvings you can see are an anchor; a palm tree; a mermaid and that strange creature you can see in the photo is a kangaroo! This is one of the earliest depictions of a kangaroo, the only earlier one is a painting by George Stubbs from 1773 that can now be seen in the National Maritime Museum.

The top of the coconut has a face carved into it. Coconuts with the resemblance of a human face were particularly prized as according to superstition you couldn't be killed by a falling coconut with a face on it



as it could see where it was going!

Can you find anything in your home that looks like it has a face? Post a photo below.

See if you can make the letter C with objects around your house.



Can you make your own museum of 'C' objects from around your home?

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