



# DESIGN A LIFE VEST

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## WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE VEST LOOK LIKE?

A life vest one kind of Personal Flotation Device that is designed to assist a wearer to keep afloat in water. The wearer may be either conscious or unconscious. Some things to consider when designing your life vest for an aircraft carrier or other sea-going vessel include:

- Can it fold up to be easily stored?
- How does it inflate? Does it fill up automatically or need a person to manually inflate it?
- Does it include a way for the wearer to signal to others or share their location?
- Does it protect the wearer against other elements like sun or cold?
- Will it keep their head out of the water even if the wearer was unconscious?

Designs for life vests have changed a lot over the years as new waterproof materials and technologies have been invented. In the Museum's collection alone, we have many different designs from just during the Hornet's years of operation, including:





## DRAW YOUR LIFE VEST!

Can you draw a life vest that could be used aboard USS *Hornet*?



If you draw one, please share it on our Facebook page or tag us on Instagram @usshornetmuseum!