

Another fantastic Kestrel project! Well done

Why were Air-Raid shelters built?

The first German air attack took place in London on the evening of 7 September 1940. Within months, Liverpool, Birmingham, Coventry and other cities were hit too.

People needed to protect themselves from the bombs being dropped by German aircraft. There were three types of Air-Raid Shelters...



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Other Shelters

By Autumn 1940 the government realised Air-Raid Shelters on the surface did not offer very good protection from high explosive bombs, so deeper shelters were used such as caves.

On September 21st 1945 the London Underground started to be used as an Air-Raid Shelter. On the busiest night in 1940 177,000 people slept on the platforms.

People bought sandwiches, thermo flasks, pillows and blankets with them.

It was calculated that 9% used public Shelters and 4% used the underground shelters.



AIR-RAID SHELTERS

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My Design

The shelter I have chosen to make is the Anderson Shelter. I have chosen to make my shelter in this style because it was proven to be safer and it could also fit more people in it (6 people can be fitted) compared to the Morrison shelter that can only fit 2-3 people.

One of the first materials I found at home was cardboard. This would not of been a suitable material to use as it would not be stable or strong enough. When heavy objects would land on it, it would of flattened easily. In an Air-Raid this would not come in handy as if a bomb hit it, it would break.

Therefore, I decided to use a baked bean tin as it is made of metal the closest I could get to the real thing and as you will see on my next slide it passed the test!

