

## *Apprenticeship Assignment*

To help you learn more about the apprenticeships that were common in colonial America, you get to be an apprentice!

### *Instructions*

- Your task is to create an item that an apprentice would have made in the 1700s. What you make will be determined by your apprenticeship application. See it to find out what apprenticeship you have been approved for!
- If you are a cooper, you will make a barrel, if you are a cabinetmaker, you will make some kind of furniture, etc.
- You may use any materials you choose from home or from the classroom. They don't need to be authentic. Your teacher will provide materials.
- You will be working in a small group with other apprentices who are learning the same trade. Depending on the trade, you may each make your own item, or you may make one item as a group.
- Apprentices learned from their masters, so ask your teachers and classmates for help. We will do all the work in class.
- There are few guidelines on what your item must look like, because the project is meant to inspire creativity. See the photos on Google classroom for ideas. Have fun!

### *Scoring Guide*

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The item is neat and creative	___/5
Total	___/15

# Cabinet Maker

## **Make or Finish Furniture!**

Directions:

1. Cut the sanding paper to a good size for your hand.
2. Sand the furniture on all sides.
3. Remove the nails from the wood and reuse the nails to make a cross out of the wood.
4. Stain the sanded furniture using the paint brushes and stain.

# Cooper

## **Make a Barrel!**

Directions:

1. Cut cardboard or wood from home into strips.
2. Put together strips with tape or nails to make a barrel.
3. Cut a round lid for the top.
4. Add a label, or paint it if you want!

# Blacksmith

## Make a Metal Item!

Directions:

1. Choose if you want to make a chain, nails, sword, cooking pot or utensil.
2. Select paper clips or other metal, or cardboard and tinfoil to use.
3. Shape your material into the item you chose! You may need to use a hammer.

# Wigmaker

## Make a Wig!

Directions:

1. Stick the open crochet hook through a few holes in the net.
2. Put a small rope of twisted hair into the hook.
3. Close the hook, and pull it back through the holes.
4. Put the ends of the hair rope through the loop and pull tight.
5. Remove the hair from the crochet hook, and repeat until the head is covered!

# Candle Maker

## Make Lovely Scented Candles!

Directions:

1. Fasten the wick to the bottom of a small jar.
2. Put wax flakes in a microwave-safe bowl and melt in microwave at two-minute increments, stirring every two minutes until all the wax is melted.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring and a few drops of your favorite scent and stir.
4. Carefully pour the wax into the jar with the wick.
5. Let cool, label the jar, and enjoy!

# Apothecary

## Make a Healthy Tincture!

Directions:

1. Watch the [Apothecary Video](#) and take notes on the products and what they are used for.
2. Choose dried herbs, leaves from tea bags, and fruit and grind the leaves.
3. Then put the ground products in a strainer, and put the strainer over a jar.
4. Heat water in another jar using a microwave, and carefully pour over the strainer.
5. Drink the “tonic” for your health!

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