

# Colonial Craftsman Sign Making



Grade 5  
Core Concept /Art/Social Studies

**Objective:** Students create a complementary color schemed sign after reading and studying about colonial America.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Curriculum Social Studies:

**Standard 2:** Students will understand the chronology and significance of key events leading to self-government.

**Objective 2a:** Describe the cultural and economic impacts that occurred as a result of trade between North America and other markets (e.g., arts, language, ideas, the beginning and expansion of the slave trade, new agricultural markets).

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Curriculum Art:

### Standard 1: Making

The student will explore and refine the application of media, techniques, and artistic processes.

**Objective 2:** Predict the processes and techniques needed to make a work of art.

**Time:** 60 Minutes

### Equipment and Materials needed:

Book: *The Hat Makers Sign* by C. Fleming and R. Parker  
Colonial Sign Templates copied on cardstock 8.5 x 11 or  
Plain cardstock and pictures of colonial signs from internet  
List of colonial Craftsmen  
Color crayons or markers  
Color wheel (optional)

### Introduction:

#### CRAFTMEN LIST:

Apothecary	Miller	Wheelwright
Blacksmith	Milliner	Wigmaker
Bookbinder	Paper maker	Basket maker
Brick maker	Potter	Candle maker
Cabinet maker	Pewter smith	Soap maker
Cobbler	Printer	Spinner
Cooper	Saddler (harness maker)	Tanner
Glass blower	Shipwright	Tin smith
Gunsmith	Silversmith	
Hat maker	Tailor	

After reading *The Hat Makers Sign*, explain that students will be pulling a colonial craftmen name out of a hat. They will be creating a sign for that craftman's new shop. Their sign must consist of a large colorful picture that draws the attention of townsmen. It may contain a few words like the sign in the book as long as they are written on the bottom. Most importantly students must use contrasting colors in their sign.

Contrasting Color Mini lesson: Show color wheel and explain that contrasting colors are also known as complementary colors. They consist of colors that are across from each other on the color wheel. Point out colors like oranges and blues or purples and yellows. Contrasting colors complement each other and jump out when they are next to each other.