



## Camp AH-HA Make it Monday: Coopers

Learn more about a Historic Trade

Who: You

What:

- Did you check out our Facebook page? Could you guess what our historic cooper made?
- If you guessed barrels and buckets, you are right!
- If you remember last week's Make-It Monday, we talked about Historic Trades. The Cooper was one of these trade shops.
- The cooper was the person in the community who turned wood into barrels and buckets and other wooden tubs to carry and store things that were needed around the house.
- What do you and your family use to store food or toys around your house? What do you use to carry water? What materials are these things made of? Are they made by hand do you think or made by a machine?
- The Cooper could make many sizes of barrels and buckets and wooden tubs. He might also make a wooden butter churn to make butter!
- Here is a fun fact – do you know someone with the last name of Cooper? Chances are one of their ancestors was an actual cooper a long, long time ago!
- You can watch a cooper at our friends at Colonial Williamsburg put a bucket together on at this link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bE\\_5RmudeU0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bE_5RmudeU0)
- Below are some images of a cooper and the barrel and buckets he would have made.
- We have also attached a coloring sheet of a barrel. What would you put in your barrel?





