

Guilds

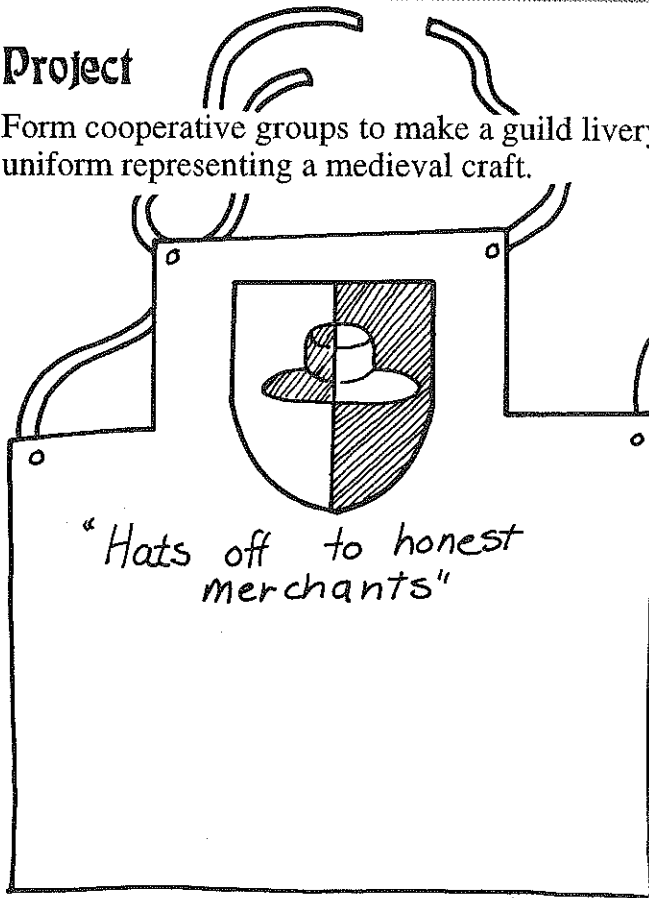
Historical Aid

During the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, town craftsmen formed associations called *guilds* according to the kind of work they did. There were guilds of carpenters, weavers, millers, butchers, bakers, grocers, tailors, goldsmiths, armorers, masons and shoemakers. No one was allowed to engage in a craft unless they were a guild member. Officers were chosen, dues were levied and honesty in trade was monitored. A guild helped its members by caring for its sick and poor.

Important guilds had their own halls in which guild business was conducted. Each guild had a banner on which the emblems showing the tools of their craft and their motto were displayed. Guild members had uniforms, called *livery*, which they wore when meeting. The livery was usually of two colors, scarlet and green, black or deep blue.

Project

Form cooperative groups to make a guild livery, a uniform representing a medieval craft.

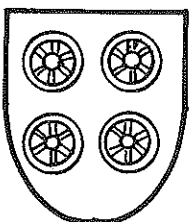


Materials

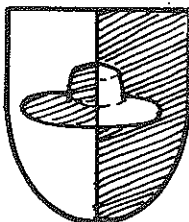
- Butcher paper
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Crayons or tempera paint
- Stapler

Directions

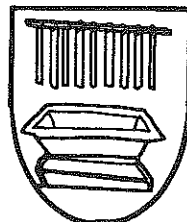
1. Divide into groups of four. Have each group select a different medieval craft to represent.
2. Cut butcher paper "aprons" for each member (see illustration). Staple yarn to tie the neck and waist.
3. The group members design an emblem and motto for their craft. (You may recreate the guild banners shown below on the chalkboard for student reference.)
4. Paint or color the guild design and motto on the apron. Make a group presentation with each member wearing their guild livery that describes their medieval craft.



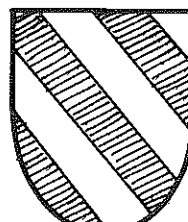
Wheelmakers



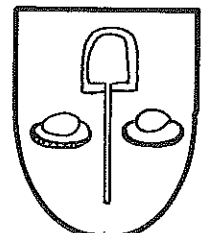
Hatters



Candlemakers



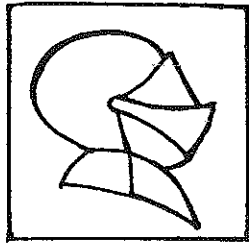
Painters



Pastrymakers

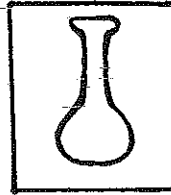
GUILD SIGNS

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ARMORER
HELMET

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PHYSICIAN
FLASK

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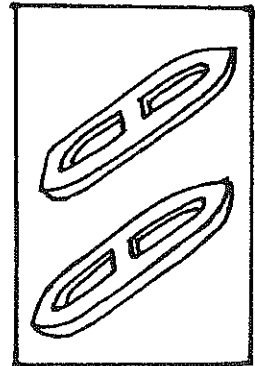
TAILOR
SCISSORS

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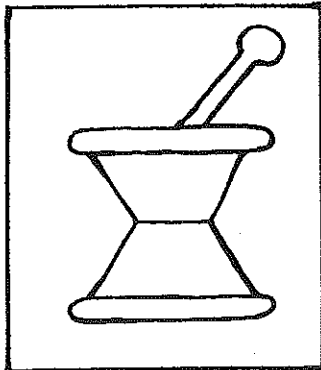
THREE STAR
INN

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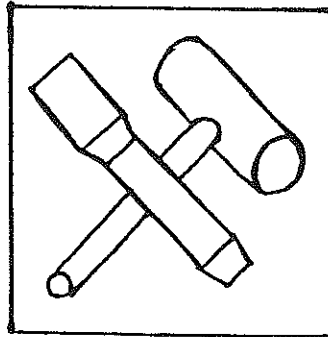
TAPESTRY
WEAVERS
SHUTTLES

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APOTHECARY
MORTAR & PESTLE

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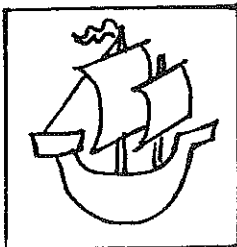
WOOD CARVER
HAMMER &
CHISEL

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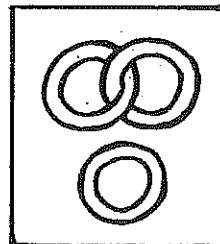
BARBER
SURGEON
STRIPED POLE

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MERCHANT
SHIP

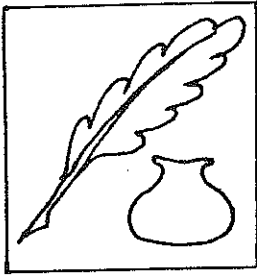
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GOLDSMITH
RINGS

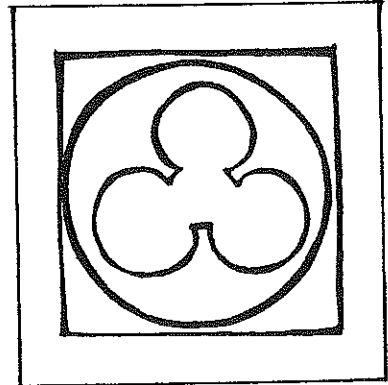
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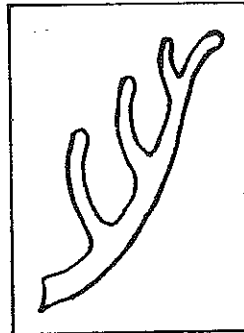
SCRIBE
QUILL & INK POT

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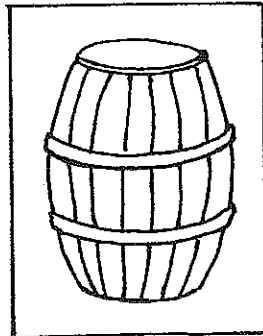
GLAZIER
TREFOIL WINDOW

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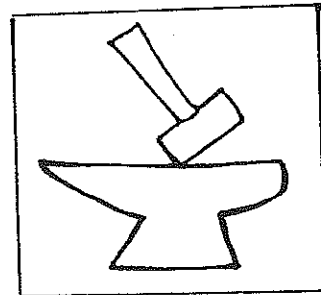
CARVER OF
IVORY & HORN
STAG'S ANTLER

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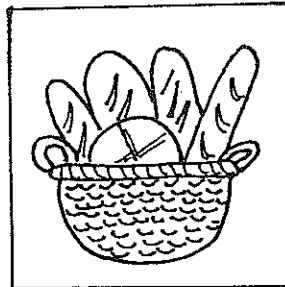
COOPER
BARREL

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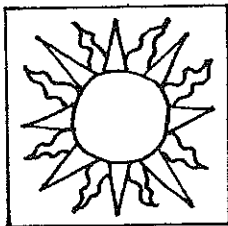
BLACKSMITH
ANVIL & HAMMER

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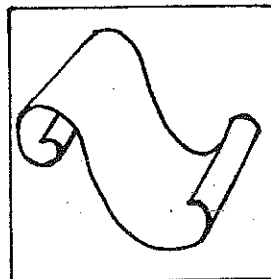
BAKERY
BASKET & BREAD

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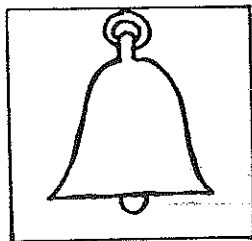
ILLUMINATOR
SUN

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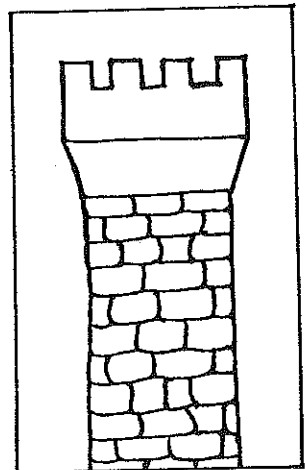


LAWYER
SCROLL

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TAVERN & INN
BELL



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MASON
TOWER