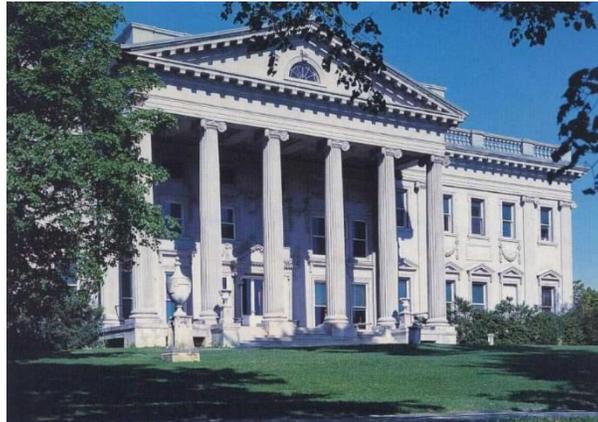


Who Will You Be? Craft Project



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a mansion like Staatsburgh...or to work in one? Imagine yourself as society members or servants, as you create crafts that will transform you into the time period of the Gilded Age! Would you like to be a lady of society, a gentleman of society, a maid, or a footman? Why not imagine being all four? Many of the materials you will need for these crafts can be found in your homes! Share your crafts with us via our Facebook page! Have fun and be creative!



To make a lady's necklace, you will need any kind of string, and any type of beads you wish to use.



First, cut the string to a desired length, and tie a knot at one end of the string so the beads do not fall off.



Then, string the beads in a desired pattern.



When you have finished stringing the beads, connect the other end of the string with the knotted end to secure a full circle.



Use your imagination!

To make a footman's tray, you will need a paper plate, markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue, and any other craft items you can glue onto the plate



First, cut the paper plate in any shape you desire.



Then, color or decorate the plate using markers, crayons or colored pencils to create a design.



Place craft materials around as well if they are available. *A fun tip: Draw different foods footmen would serve, or even notes they would deliver!



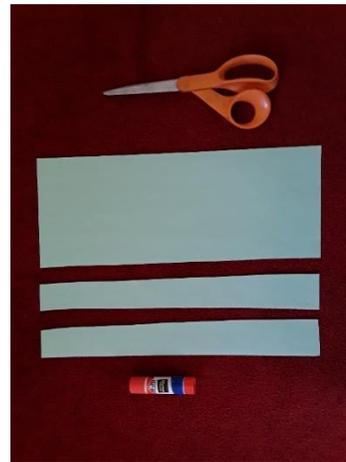
To make a maid's hat, you will need a paper doily or a coffee filter, construction or printer paper, and a stapler or glue.



First, fold the doily or coffee filter in half, and glue it together.



Then, cut a strip of printer paper or construction paper so it fits like a crown on your head.



Glue or staple the paper crown together.



Attach the folded doily or coffee filter to the paper crown.



If you wish, you can decorate the maid's hat with markers, crayons, colored pencils, sticky jewels, the possibilities are endless!

To make a bowtie for a gentleman or footman, you will need a small rectangular or square piece of paper (colored or not), string or pipe cleaners.



First, make sure the piece of paper is about the size of a small envelope. If you do not have colored paper, or wish to decorate your paper even more, color and design your paper using markers, crayons, or colored pencils. After you have colored, fold the paper like a fan. In order to do so, take a small piece (about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch), and fold it over.



Then, fold the same amount of paper, but toward the opposite direction.



Continue in that manner until you have a full accordion fold, as if you were making a fan.



Pinch the middle of the paper, and fan out both sides to make it look like a bowtie.



To secure it, wrap a pipe cleaner, ribbon, or tape around the middle.



*A fun tip: You can make a hairbow using this technique too!

Once you have finished your crafts, and if you would like to share them with us, here are a few fun ideas to recreate scenes from the Gilded Age:

- ❖ Ladies of the Gilded Age always wore their best jewelry when they attended grand balls dressed in elegant dresses, when they ate fancy meals, and when they entertained guests for tea or other events. Ladies always made sure that their jewelry stood out and made a statement.
- ❖ Footmen used trays to serve meals. They also used trays to receive and deliver notes and calling cards when guests arrived. The footmen were usually stationed by the front door where the guests entered, or in the dining room, where the guests ate their meals.
- ❖ Maids always wore their uniforms while working. They worked from sun-up until late at night. They dusted, tended to the fires in the fireplaces, and made beds. Maids also assisted ladies as they dressed for the day or changed clothes for special events.
- ❖ Gentlemen wore their best bowties when they ate fancy dinners and attended fancy balls. They also wore ties while discussing business with friends and business partners. Sometimes, they would dress up and wear ties even when they participated in outdoor activities.