

Cromwell Crafts at Home

Make your own... CORNET

What's a cornet?

A cornet is a banner that was carried by the calvary (soldiers who rode horses). Each troop had a cornet with a special design created by their leader, the colonel. Cornets helped show the difference between troops while fighting, and gave soldiers a rallying point. To have your cornet captured by the enemy was a great disgrace—troops protected them to the last man.

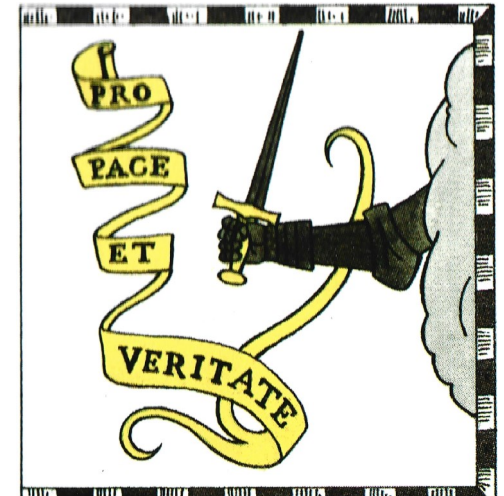
You will need...

- A large piece of paper or card, plus extra for decorating with
- A pencil
- Coloured pencils, crayons, or markers
- Glue or tape
- Decorations (such as coloured yarn, pipe-cleaners, glitter glue, pictures, pom-poms)

Cornets were put on very tall pointed staffs and could be used as weapons. Ouch!

What did cornets look like?

Cornets were usually square, about 2 feet by 2 feet in size, and made from a single colour of fabric. They were usually fringed. Mottos, images, and symbols were painted on the cornet.



Turn over to find out how to make your cornet!



Instructions:

1. Cut your piece of paper into a square
2. Now it's time to decorate! Cornets in the Civil War were had lots of different designs—there were no rules and those who made them let their imaginations run wild, so you should do the same!



Some ideas....

- Draw an image, or print out one out from the internet and paste them on (we used a photo of a giraffe—our Learning Officer's favourite animal!)
- Do a fancy patterned design around the edges of your square
- Paste cut up paper or yarn to the edges of your banner to create a fringe (we did ours by pasting yellow paper to the edges, then cutting lots of thin strips)
- Use glitter glue, or pipe cleaners, or yarn, to create a border around your design
- Write out a powerful saying in fancy lettering to inspire your troops

Share your creation with us!

We'd love to see what you made! Take a photo of it, and email it to learning@cromwellmuseum.com, or tag us on Twitter @museumcromwell, or Instagram @thecromwellmuseum

