

*Fearless Martha* – Create a Powder Horn

Along with his rifle or musket, a militiaman carried a cartridge pouch and a powder horn, made out of either ox or cow horn. This was necessary to keep the powder dry. His powder horn was usually the same one he carried hunting before the war. On the powder horn, he usually carved his name, as well as designs and pictures. The place and date of when it was created was also included. Words and thoughts about freedom were added. A soldier's powder horn was sometimes the only identification available for one who died in a battle.

Create a powder horn for one of the characters in the book. (Teachers, you could also have the students create one for themselves.) All the materials need are construction paper, a thin-tipped black marker, and tape. After the writing and/or decorating, the paper is rolled in a cone and taped shut.

