

Cowboy Boot Craft

The history of the Cowboy Boot has been long debated, as many people and places have claimed the iconic footwear's origins, and many different versions of the boot have existed. It has been said that one of these pointed-toe iterations was originally brought to the Americas by the Spanish to aid in horseback riding. Here's how to create your own version of the cowboy boot:

Materials Needed:

Paper bag

Templates

Scissors

Glue

Markers or colored pencils



Step 1: *Cut along the lines from each template. This should result in 3 separate pieces (the shape of the shoe, the spur, and the design on the top of the boot). You may discard the rest of the paper or cut your own shapes from the remaining paper as decorations.*

Step 2: *Assemble the boot. Start with attaching the shoe to the closed end of your flat bag. Glue this down. Then attach the design to the top of the boot with glue. Finally, glue the spur to the back of the boot, just above the heel.*

Step 3: *Decorate the boot with whatever materials you have on hand. Draw stitching into the design, fill in the heel, round off the top edges of the bag with some scissors, and add your own personal touch.*

Step 4: *Take a photo of your paper bag friend and share it with us online. Be sure to tag [@BriscoeMuseum](https://www.instagram.com/BriscoeMuseum) and use the hashtags [#BeyondTheBriscoe](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/BeyondTheBriscoe) and [#TheWestStartsHere](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/TheWestStartsHere) so we can find your awesome work of art.*

