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# Make a Marine Stock

As early as 1798, Marines wore a stiff collar of leather buckled around their necks. Called a “stock,” this neckwear made the men keep their heads up and walk with a soldierly bearing. Even though the stock disappeared from the Marine uniform in 1872, the modern Marine Corps still refers to its men and women as “Leathernecks.”

Make your own version of the Marines’ “leatherneck.”

## You will need:

Paper  
Scissors  
Paint, markers, or crayons  
String, ribbon, or an old shoelace

## Instructions:

1. Draw an outline of a stock on a piece of paper. Use the examples on the next page as a guide.
2. Decorate your stock.
3. Cut out the shape.
4. Punch two small holes at each end of the stock.
5. Wrap the stock around your neck (the dip goes in front under your chin). Have someone thread the string or laces through the holes and tie them tightly in a bow.

Now you know what it feels like to be a Marine in 1812!



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