

PROJECT!

MAKE A ROMAN COIN

Coins were introduced to ancient Rome around 270 BCE. Before then, Romans traded goods for other goods. Roman coins were made of gold, silver, or bronze and often had the face of the emperor on one side.

1 Spread the newspaper over your work area. Use the fabric paint to decorate one side of a wooden disc. Draw your own profile or the profile of a real or imaginary emperor. Let the paint dry completely.

2 Turn the disc over and decorate the other side. Roman coins often had symbols of strength or power—such as ships or soldiers—on the backs of them. Let the paint on this side dry.

3 Follow the directions on the can to spray paint one side of the coin. When the paint is dry to the touch, turn the coin over and spray the other side. Let the paint dry completely before touching the coin again. When the paint is dry, you'll have a Roman-style coin. Make more coins using any leftover discs and paint!



SUPPLIES

- * newspaper
- * fabric paint
- * coin-sized wooden discs (found at craft stores)
- * gold, silver, or bronze spray paint

CONSIDER THIS!

Whose profiles are on our coins? Why?