



## Witte Where You Are Make Your Own Branding Iron Stamps

Being a vaquero, or cowboy, was a popular profession in Texas history. One of the responsibilities of a vaquero would be to use a branding iron to brand, or label, cattle and horses. Branding was an important way to tell animals apart from those of another cowboy on a Trail Drive. A brand could be a special symbol or a group of letters that best represent the ranch that the animals belong to.

Put yourself in the boots of a vaquero and create your own branding iron stamp to use at home. Show us what you design by sharing your pictures with us on social media @wittemuseum using the tag #wittewhereyouare.

### Materials

- Pipe cleaners
- Non-toxic paint
- Paper plate
- Paper for stamping

### Directions

