

# Patriotic Civil War Stationery

With new printing technology, stationery decorated with patriotic pictures became popular during the Civil War. Make an envelope the Union soldiers at Fort Ward would have been excited to receive.

## What you will need:

- Envelope stencil from the second page
- Pencil for tracing
- Paper to trace envelope onto
- Colored pencils or crayons to decorate the envelope
- Scissors
- Glue or tape to seal envelope flaps

## Make the Stationery!

1. Cut out the outline of the envelope.
2. Trace the envelope onto a piece of paper.
3. Decorate the middle rectangle with patriotic pictures.
4. Cut out your decorated envelope
5. Fold triangular flaps inward.
6. Use tape or glue to fasten the flaps. Leave the largest triangle unsealed.

## Take it Further!

Do you recognize any symbols (pictures that represent an idea) in the surrounding pictures? These images, just a selection of the almost 400 envelopes in Fort Ward's collection, were all patriotic symbols used during the Civil War. Curious who Ellsworth is? His story was used in both Confederate and Union propaganda (information used to promote a political cause). Do you think each side told the story the same?



