



## Citrus, Frank Miller and The Mission Inn

Citrus has deep rooted history in Riverside, but did you know Frank Miller's relationship with citrus started before he owned The Mission Inn?

**F**rank Miller moved to Riverside in 1874 when he was 17 years old, he started working with his father (Christopher Columbus Miller) on his land surveyor team. By 1875 he had earned enough money to purchase 20-acres of land (present day Magnolia Avenue and Jefferson Street). Over the year he worked the land and planted his first citrus trees.

Today we are going to connect to our local history by creating our very own paper **Oranges, Citrus Crate** and decorating it with a **Mission Inn Crate Label!**



## Creating Paper Oranges

### Materials:

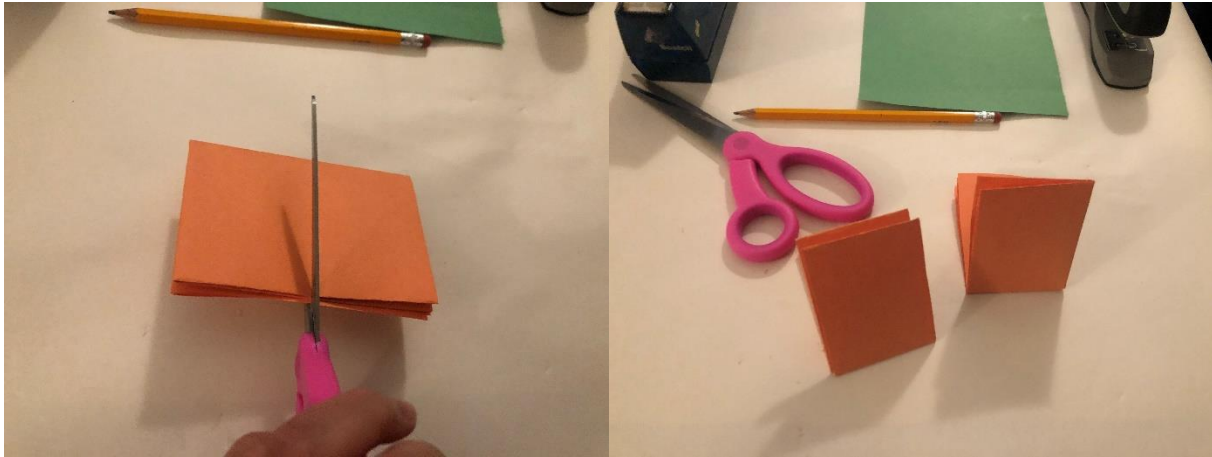
- 1-sheet of orange and green construction paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Pencil

### Directions:

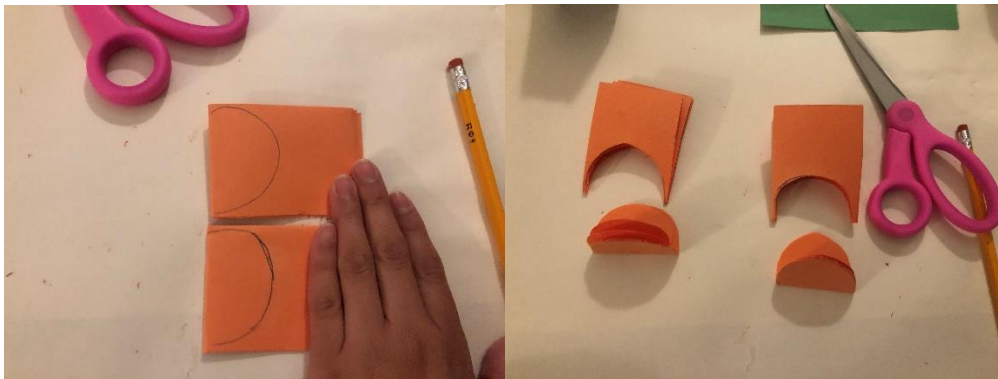
1. Fold the orange construction paper in half three times.



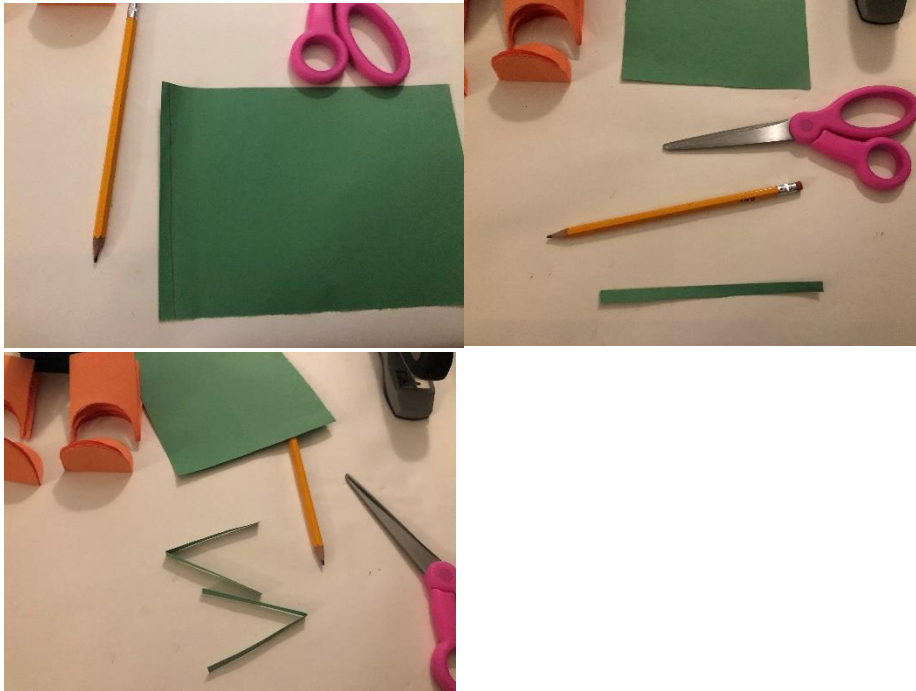
2. Cut the folded paper in half.



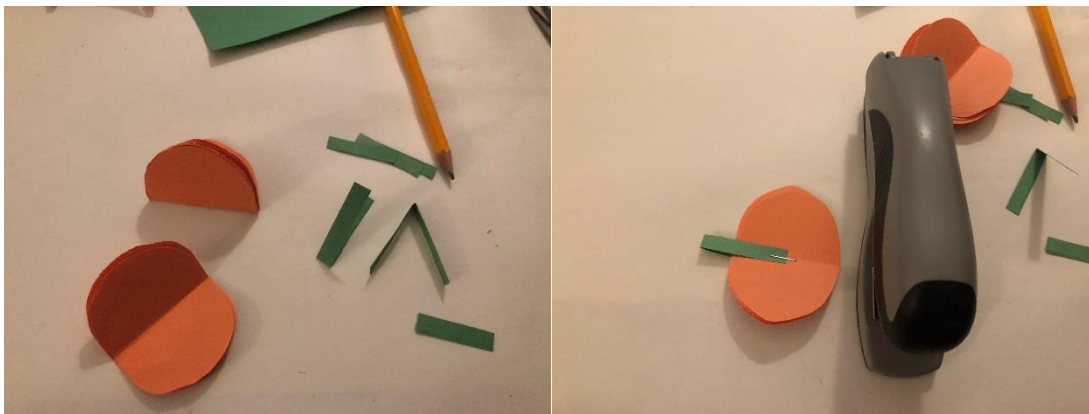
3. Once the paper is cut in half, draw half circles on each folded sheet and cut out the half circles.



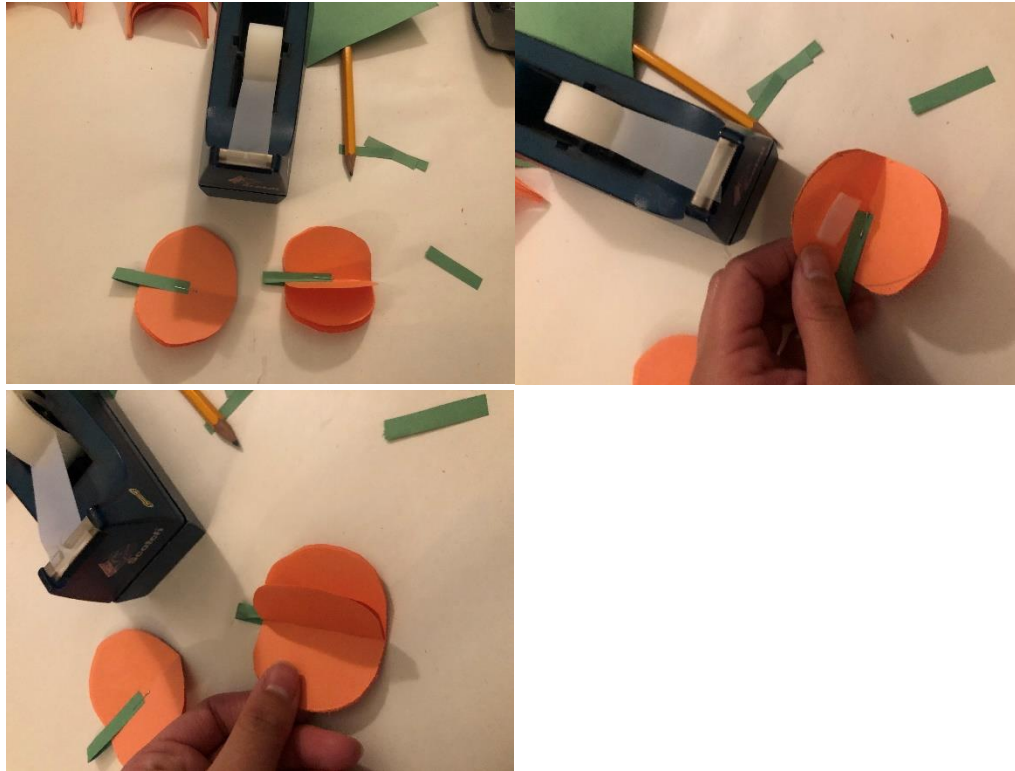
4. Grab the green construction, draw and cut 2 thin lines. Then fold the two thin strips in half.



5. Unfold the two orange circles and staple the folded green strips to the middle.



6. Tape together the two sheets where the staples are showing.



7. Once both sides are taped together. Fan out the other sheets to make a complete circle.





**F**rank Miller was a natural businessman and in 1879 he set up a lively “Cash Grocery Store!” as he announced in the *Weekly Press*. He filled it with “a stock of groceries, candies, fruits, and nuts and everything usually found in a first-class family grocery store”.

**D**uring the citrus boom in Riverside it was common to ship, store and sell citrus in wooden citrus crate.

Next, we are going to create our very own **Citrus Crate** to store our **Oranges!**





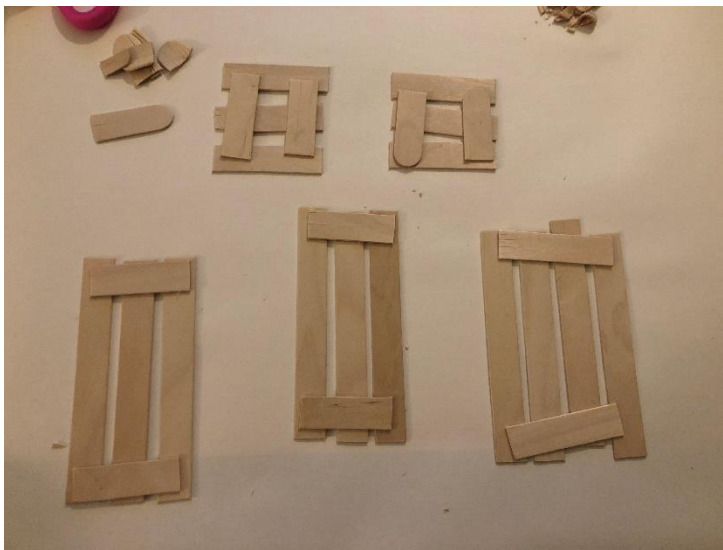
## Creating a Citrus Crate

### Materials:

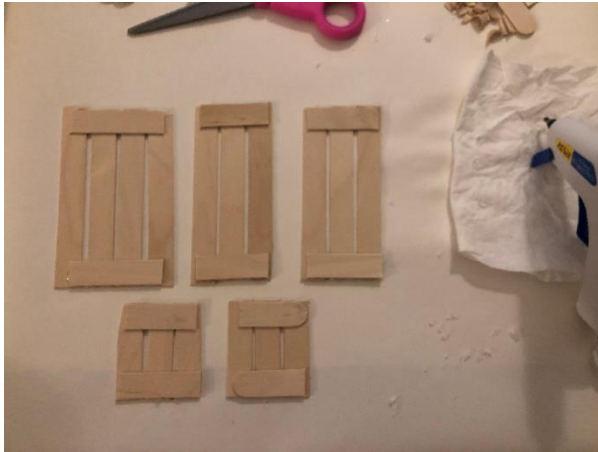
- 12 craft sticks
- Scissors
- Hot Glue Gun (For Best Results) - Regular Glue can be used as well

### Directions:

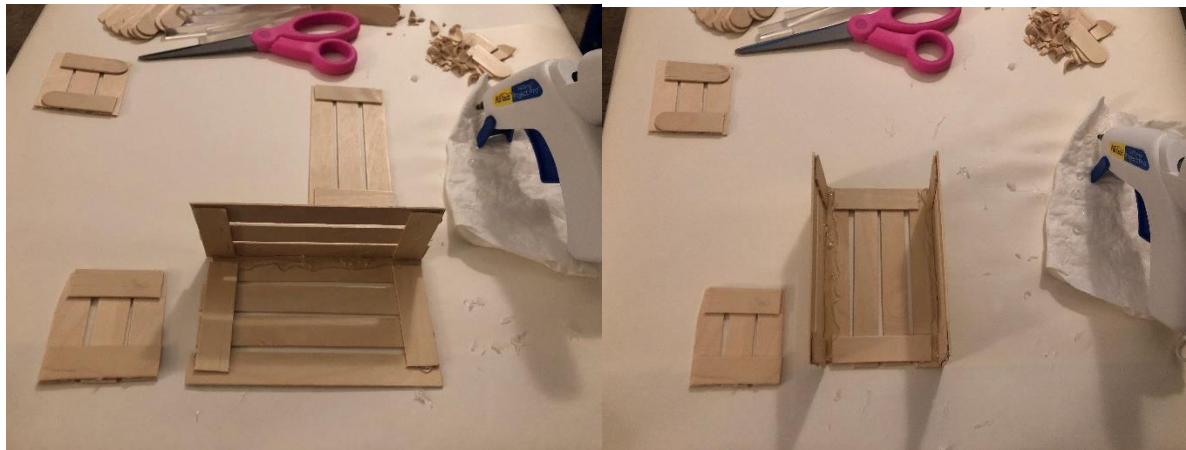
1. Cut craft sticks into 4 bundles. Be sure to cut off the round edges.



4. Glue bundles together. Let dry.



5. Start/ Finish assembling and gluing edges of crate. Let Dry.





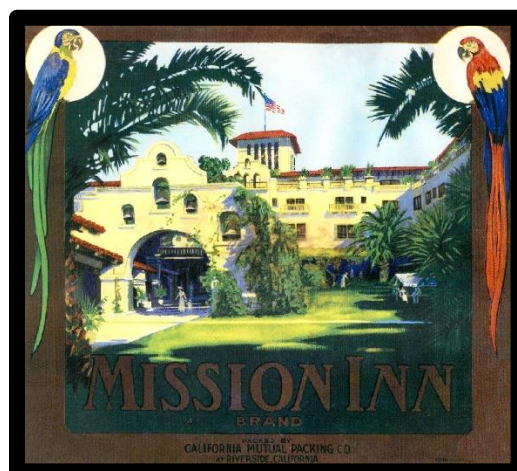


After successfully running a fruit grove and a general store, Frank Miller had established himself as a businessman in the community. Then in 1880 opportunity struck with the ability to purchase the Glenwood boarding house from his father Christopher Columbus Miller. Frank purchased the boarding house that would eventually become the Mission Inn Hotel.

As the Citrus Industry grew across California, it became common to create a unique label to help customers identify different citrus groves. In the process several citrus labels were created and inspired by Riverside, CA.

Now, let's go ahead and create a **Citrus Label** to put on our **Citrus Crate!**

**FUN FACT:** Did you know the Mission Inn had a few different citrus labels inspired by the unique Inn! Check one of them out below!





## Creating Citrus Label

### Materials:

- Citrus Crate Label Print
- Crayons/ Markers/ Coloring Pencils
- Scissors
- Tape

### Directions:

1. Decorate citrus labels.



2. Cut out the Citrus labels and tape them to both sides of the citrus crate.





**F**rank Miller stated, “Dramatize what you do!” So, don’t hesitate to elaborate on your own Citrus Label!

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## Content Resources

If you are interested in learning more history about Citrus, Frank Miller and the Mission Inn. Check out the resource below.

Hodgen, Maurice. *Master of the Mission Inn: Frank A. Miller, A Life*. South Carolina: Ashburton Publishing. 2013.