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DECORATE



YOUR OWN TREASURED ITEM



For most people, the Pennsylvania Long Rifle was one of the most treasured items in the home. Rifles were custom ordered and the average cost in the 1700's was \$10 to \$50. Today, that would equal \$600 to \$4000. They were decorative and unique, in the same way we like to customize our backpack, water bottle, or cell phone case.



A rifle maker could carve a design in the wood or use a stain that was called tiger striping.

Finer metals like brass, silver and gold were used to decorate the patch boxes.



Symbols such as stars, birds, fish and rabbits were added. Many thought that the symbols would give them good luck, and maybe even make them a better hunter.

What is your most treasured item?
How would you decorate it?

Use the box below to sketch out your design.

