

# Make Your Own Spode Plate!

In this activity for upper elementary to middle school-aged students, learn about Spode at Fort Vancouver and make your own Spode plate design!

## Transferware at Fort Vancouver

Dishes with a “transferred” decoration are a common artifact found by archaeologists at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. The Spode Company in England made many of these types of ceramic dishes. Since Spode had a contract with the Hudson’s Bay Company (who ran Fort Vancouver and other forts in North America), these ceramics ended up at many fur trade sites. These types of dishes were used by all types of people.



At Fort Vancouver, Spode dishes have been found both at the site of the fort’s grand Chief Factor’s House and where small one- or two-room cabins stood in the Village, where the fort’s workers lived with their families.

Spode dishes came in a variety of colors and patterns. One of the most popular was blue on white.

## Activity Instructions

Choose if you would like to hand draw or draw digitally to make your transfer print. Use the PDF template on the next page as a template. You can also draw your design on a paper plate, if you have one at home!

Common designs in the 19th century included flowers, landscapes or buildings, geometric patterns, or famous events.

# Spode Pattern Examples

from the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site museum collection



A Spode plate found at Fort Vancouver with a pattern called "British Flowers."



A Spode plate found at Fort Vancouver with a pattern called "Italian."

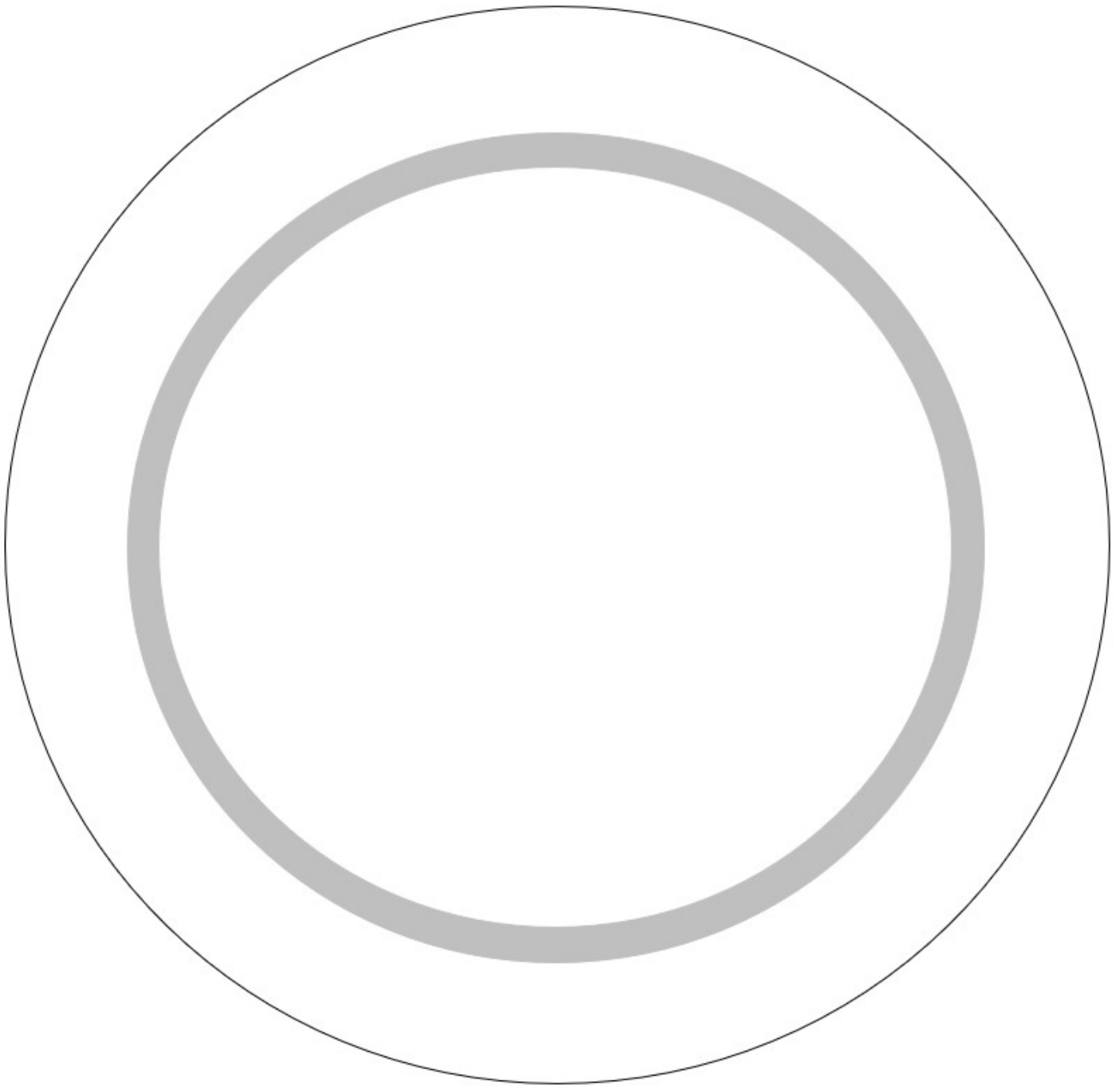


A Spode plate found at Fort Vancouver with a pattern called "Chinese Flowers."



A Spode plate found at Fort Vancouver with a pattern called "Willow."

# My Spode Plate



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