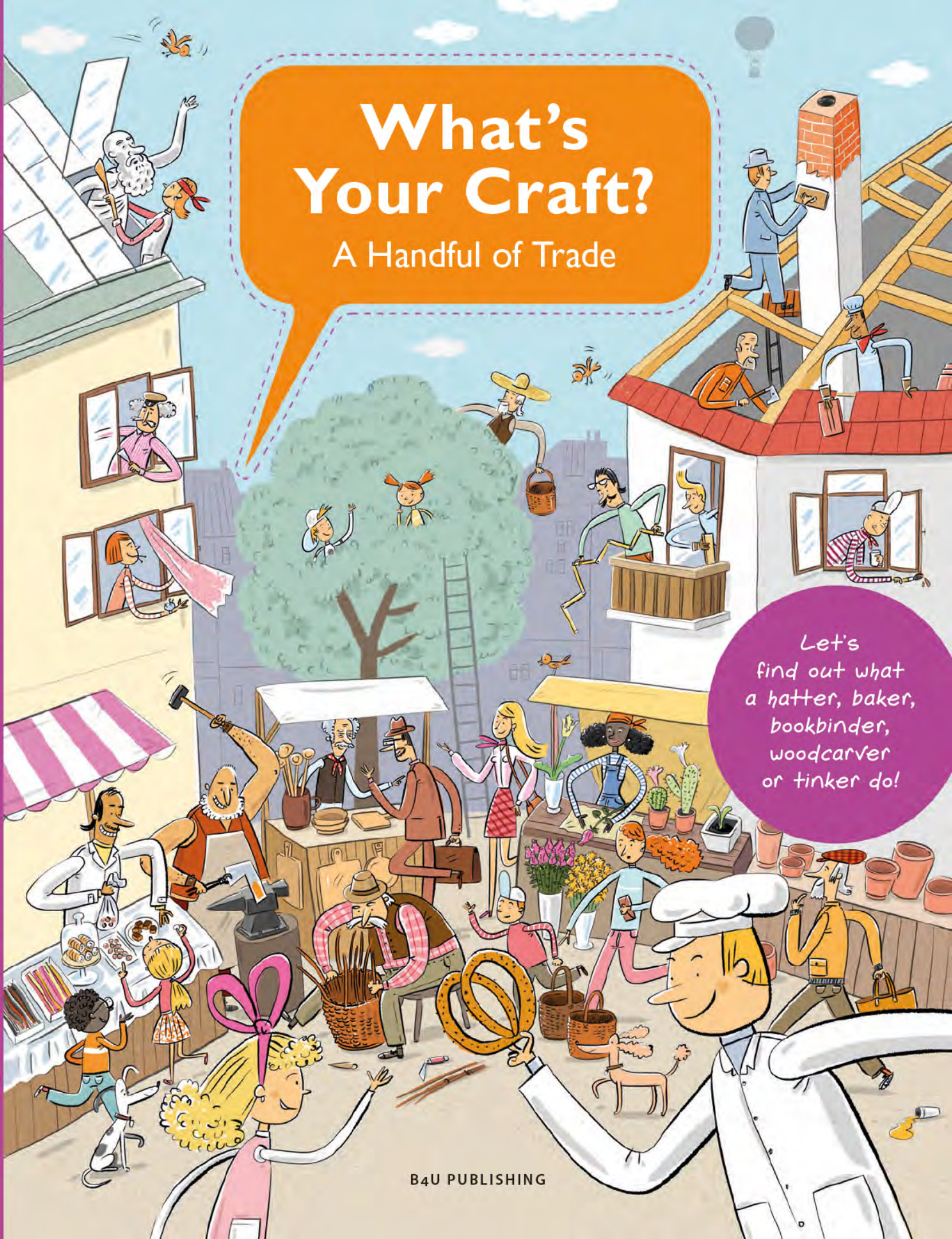


# What's Your Craft?

A Handful of Trade

Let's find out what a hatter, baker, bookbinder, woodcarver or tinker do!



# Who Does What for Us

Where would we be without artisans who work with their hands and are experts in their respective fields? We'd be missing all kinds of things that we use every day – dresses made by dressmakers, stockings made by knitters, shoes repaired by cobblers, to name just a few. Even though we have factories and machines, skilled artisans are indispensable. Only craftsmen and craftswomen know what needs to be made repaired, and how to go about it. A machine has nothing to say to us. Take a look at who does what for us. There's lots and lots of it!



Headdress – hand lacemaker

Beads – maker of fashion jewellery

Gold earrings – goldsmith

Modern skirt – fashion designer

Glasses – optician

Hat – hatter

Watches – watchmaker

Briefcase – leather worker

Trousers – tailor

Violin – luthier

Coloured shirt – textile printer

Hose – knitter

Wooden toys – makers of toys

Folding picture-book – bookbinder

Shoes – cobbler

Ollie

# Tailor



Skirt length?  
To the knee is in  
this year.

## WHAT HE DOES

Shirts, trousers, waistcoats, blouses, skirts, dresses – only tailors and dressmakers know how to make all these things, and with what. They are also able to advise customers on which styles are currently in fashion and which would suit them best.

Turned out nice  
today, hasn't it?



It has. But we  
can expect rain  
again tomorrow.

tape measure

## HOW TO MAKE CLOTHES

Before dressmakers and tailors start work with the needle, they take the customer's measurements with the customer in a natural attitude, so they speak to him in order to divert his attention. Measurements are taken using a tape measure, and the customer's specifications are carefully recorded. Then they create the cut and the pattern, drawing on these in chalk. They cut out individual parts of the garment and remove support stitches by hand. Now the garment is ready to be made on the sewing machine.

## WHAT HE WORKS WITH

So that our clothes are just right, we go to the tailor's or dressmaker's salon for a fitting. In our absence, our clothes are then modelled on a tailor's dummy. For their work tailors and dressmakers need fabrics, scissors, spools of thread, zips, a sewing machine, buttons and ribbons.

tailor's dummy



sewing machine



The sewing machine  
makes my favourite  
sound.

## DID YOU KNOW ...

... that people first sewed clothes in prehistoric times! Instead of needles they used bones with small holes in them. The textile industry was revolutionized in the 19th century with the invention of the sewing machine. For progress to march on unimpeded, it was enough to move the hole in the needle from top to bottom.

Why don't we put  
the hole at the  
bottom?



# Cobbler



Do you need  
your shoes reheeling?  
Then leave it to me.

## WHAT HE DOES

A cobbler is an expert at making shoes. Sandals, leather loafers, high-heeled women's shoes, replicas of classic shoes from history – all these are child's play for a cobbler. We also pay a visit to his workshop when our shoes need repairing.

Custom-made shoes  
are original.



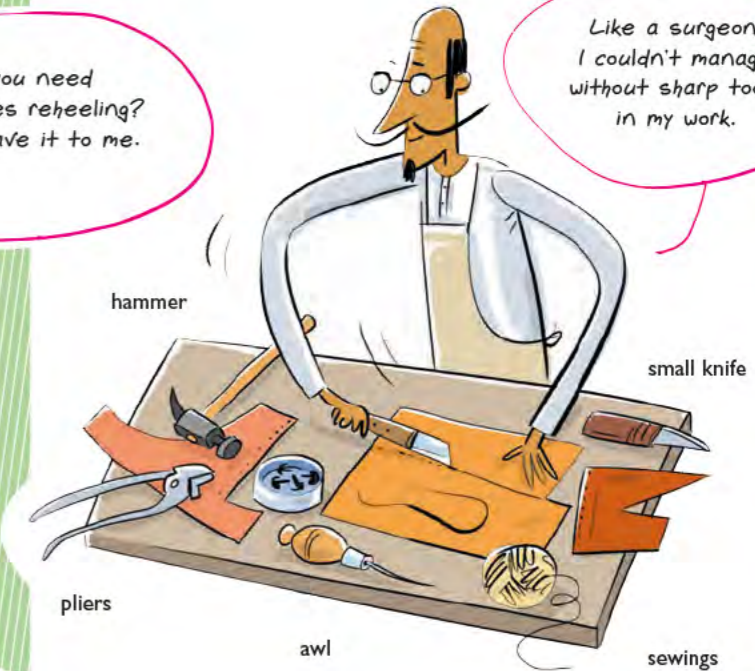
## HOW A SHOE IS MADE

The cobbler takes the customer's measurements and makes the shoes. The customer wears them for a week and then returns to the cobbler's workshop. If the shoes pinch him anywhere, the cobbler adjusts the last before completing the shoes in accordance with the customer's needs.

## WHAT HE WORKS WITH

A cobbler uses a small knife to cut out pieces of canvas, leather or, for the upper parts of a shoe or its lining, fur. He sews the cut-out parts together and attaches them to the cobbler's last with nails. Then he uses an awl to punch eyelets for shoelaces in the shoe. He either stitches the sole onto the shoe or attaches it using a special glue. While working on a shoe, he taps it constantly with a hammer, to make sure it won't pinch the wearer.

hammer



Like a surgeon,  
I couldn't manage  
without sharp tools  
in my work.

small knife

pliers

awl

sewings

## DID YOU KNOW ...

... that high-heeled shoes haven't always been for women only? During the reign of Louis XIV, for example, they were worn by men of high social status. But King Louis was so vain that he allowed only courtiers to wear high heels, and no one in all France was permitted to wear heels higher than his own.



Black with a four-inch  
heel - a shoe truly fit  
for a king.

# At the Craft Fair



Glass Painter

Glass Cutter

Glassblower

Ointment Maker

Soap Boiler

Chandler

Oily & Olivia

Saddler

Woodcarver

Manufacturer of Painted Silk

Basket Maker

Tinker

Artist and Calligrapher

Ceramicist

Button Maker

Wheelwright

Ceramic Artist



# Woodcarver

## WHAT HE DOES

A woodcarver has a good understanding of all kinds of wood and can make all sorts of things from it, including cooking spoons, bowls, chopping boards, hair slides and earrings. His wooden puppets are very popular with children. An artistic woodcarver also makes more complicated objects, such as sculptures of different sizes.

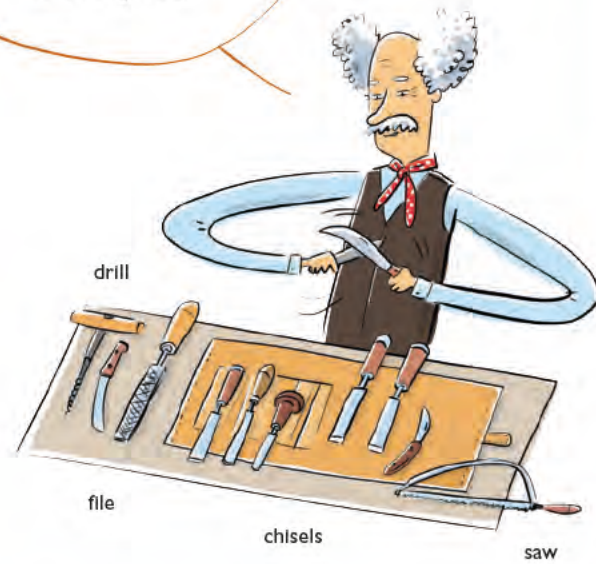


## HOW TO CARVE A WOODEN BOWL

On a piece of squared timber, the carver makes a drawing of the shape he wishes to carve. The wood needs to remain stable and not slide about during the work. He cuts the sides of the block before moving on to the front and back. For more sophisticated figures, he uses smaller chisels and knives. He completes the product by sanding it down and impregnating it.



I need to sharpen my tools regularly.



## WHAT HE WORKS WITH

The woodcarver's case contains chisels and knives of various sizes. It is most important that he keeps them sharp. In addition, the work of a woodcarver requires saws, gimlets, drills and files.

It's important to know how to choose the right wood.



## DID YOU KNOW ...

... that the wood most suitable for carving is lime? But lime, too, has drawbacks. Lime trees growing next to roads contain a lot of sand, which serves to blunt the carver's knife. For this reason the carver often prefers the wood of other deciduous trees. The wood of conifers, however, is not good for carving with.

# Soap Boiler

## WHAT SHE DOES

If you want solid or cream soap or fizzy tablets for your bath, go to the soap boiler. She has a choice of soaps made with goat's milk, coconut oil, medicinal herbs, salt from the Dead Sea and many more.

Tallow soap is good for laundry.



## HOW MAKE SOAP WHEN IT IS HOT

In one pot, the soap boiler melts the fat – for example, lard, olive oil or coconut oil. In another, she mixes together distilled water and lye, taking great care during this stage of the process. Then she adds the lye mixture to the melted fat, before adding perfume and colouring as she sees fit (orange zest and lavender, for instance). Soaps solidify in moulds.

I weigh out all the ingredients to be sure that they are in the right proportions.



Before I start boiling, I put on my protective goggles.



## WHAT SHE WORKS WITH

As a soap boiler works with chemicals, her eyes, hands and clothes need protection. For the boiling itself, however, she needs only a good pot, a cooking spoon and moulds for the finished soaps. She'll never ever use the same pot and cooking spoon for preparing meals.

No, it's fine. At least your hands will be clean.

Isn't this soap too foamy?



## DID YOU KNOW ...

... that only use of soap gives a true guarantee that your hands are really clean? By using just water, you create clusters of droplets on your skin that can't get to the dirt on their own. Soap breaks down these droplets, allowing the water to reach deep into the pores; the soap coats the dirt and the water washes it away.



Choose your favourite trade.

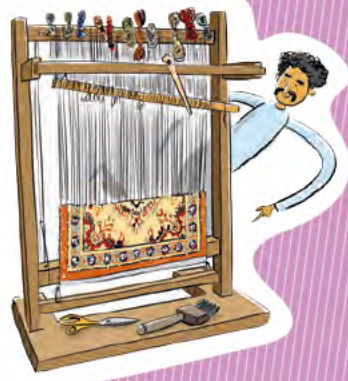


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Imagine a world without people able to do skilled work with their hands. How on earth would we manage without their expertise? We'd lack so many things that we use every day – things we can't imagine being without, such as shoes, clothes, books, rucksacks, toys, tables, chairs and dishes. What if we had no one to paint our homes, bake our bread, produce our honey or make belts for our trousers? What a mess we'd be in! Quite simply, practitioners of trades and crafts are indispensable. When we need them, they help us – and that's the best thing of all. Only they know how to get things done!




Do you like flowers and trees? Be a gardener!



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