

## **Hiding the Modern**

Hiding the modern amenities of camping can be difficult in a medieval style, but we have put together some helpful hints and suggestions to help you disguise the mundane and maintain the medieval. We know that it can be hard and expensive to erase mundane evidence when camping, and honestly, there are some things we just couldn't live without in the modern world - like stoves and sunshades! We also recognize that financial priority often belongs in the mundane world, and we don't want 'period' camping to become a stressor in your life. We would just like to provide some easy, and affordable helpful hints at disguising the basics, and we promise the effort will be appreciated!

You will notice below that blankets, fabrics and cloths will become your best friend when attempting to period-ize your encampment. They are cheap, portable and easy to pack! They will not only disguise the mundane but also add great colour and design to your space!

- Put blankets, cloaks or fabrics over your coolers. Not only will it disguise them, it will also help insulate them and keep them colder in the heat of the day
- Cover your lawn chairs and tables with blankets or fabrics
- Put your pop cans in a tankard to hide the can
- Use candles, and torches where appropriate instead of large flashlights and lanterns
- Use baskets to carry just about anything! They are lightweight and great for items for feasts, weaving, and children's toys. Trunks are also another great addition and extremely useful.
- For the motivated, you could look into period tents or create custom paint or fabric designs for trailers and RV's. We have seen many with removal stone and castle facades among our tents.

If you have any other great, easy suggestions for period-izing your encampment please let us know so we can add your addition to our list!