



ACTIVITY

## Puzzle of *Constitution's* Orlop Deck

Use the plan of *Constitution's* Orlop deck plan (bird's eye view) to create and color a puzzle with your students! Use the puzzle pieces and the corresponding numbers to teach students about the Orlop deck. Have students color each section by the color-by-number below, cut the pieces apart, and try to put it back together.

### Answer Key:

- 1. Red** - This section is the stern, or back, of *Constitution*, and contains the hatch to the Magazine, where barrels of gunpowder were stored.
- 2. Blue** - The Bread Rooms and the Surgeon's Mates' Quarters.  
The Bread Rooms on Orlop Deck were designed to keep Ship's Biscuit cool and dry for long voyages. The Surgeon's Mates Quarters were the living space for the Surgeon's Mates, who assisted the crew with their medical needs.
- 3. Brown** - More Bread Rooms!
- 4. Pink** - More Bread Rooms and more Surgeon's Mates' Quarters!
- 5. Green** - Cable Tier and the Main Hatch  
Sailors coiled the anchor cable on the Cable Tier, and the Main Hatch was the main passageway for lowering barrels and other large items into the hold.
- 6. Grey** - The Main Hold  
*Constitution* had to store tons of food and water for months at sea in the Main Hold.
- 7. Orange** - Sail Room, Armorer's Storeroom, Master's Storeroom  
The Sail Room, and Armorer's, and Master's storerooms held supplies like spare sails and tools for repairs.
- 8. Purple** - Boatswain's Storeroom, Gunner's Storeroom, Lockers & Shelves

ORLOP DECK  
U.S. FRIGATE CONSTITUTION  
Traced of the Bureau of Construction and Rep  
from the original drawing of C.F. Meade 1816

