

Design your own Coat of Arms

A family's coat of arms would tell other people about them, their beliefs, their power or even their jobs. Different pictures were used to symbolise different things, a bit like a secret code.

Crowns – victory, power
Apples – peace, freedom
Badger – bravery, protection
Bee – industry, creativity
Books – learning
Castle – home, safety, defence
Dog – faithful, loyal
Elephant – strength, wisdom
Grapes – good luck
Heart – kindness, truth
Key – knowledge
Lily – innocence
Lizard – good luck
Rainbow – peace, good luck
Star – honour, achievement
Sun – glory, brilliance

Also, colours had special meanings:

Silver/white - truth

Black - wisdom

Green - hope, joy

Gold - glory

Purple - royalty

See if you can find out some more colour meanings.

You might find a coat of arms on flags, coins, or carved into buildings like town halls and schools. You might have a coat of arms on your school uniform badge.

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You will need:

Paper/card

Crayons

Scissors

Glue



You will need to:

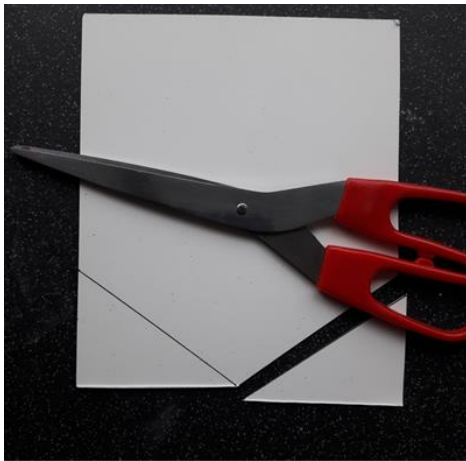
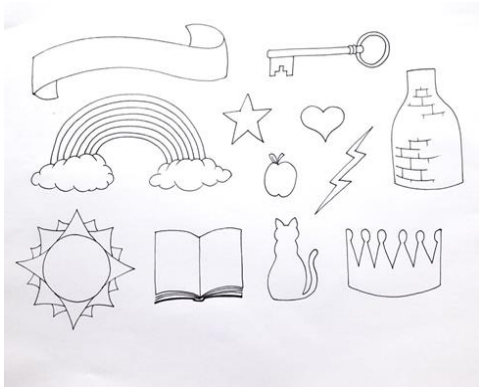
1. Use a rectangle of card for the background of your coat of arms. We used the back of an old Christmas card.
2. If you'd like a shield shape, you can cut off the two bottom corners.
3. You can print out and colour our designs or draw your own. You can draw straight onto your shield shape but if you cut them out of another piece of paper, you can move them around until you are happy with your design.
4. Glue your designs onto your shield shape. Add a loop of wool at the top if you want to hang up your coat of arms.

We have used symbols for happiness, peace and good luck, can you spot them?

We have used another symbol to represent Stoke-on-Trent; can you guess what it is?

Try inventing your own symbols that would tell someone all about you in pictures.

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Follow the photographs from left to right.



Coat of Arms Template

