

Family Crest Building Kit

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Supplies: Paper, ruler, a pencil and crayons or markers.

Page 2: Design Guidelines

Explains what colors and symbols to use.

Page 3: Blank Crest

Print it out to decorate with your family name, colors, etc.

Page 4: Symbol Stencils

Cut out and trace for your family crest. More can be found online. (Ask for an older person's help when using scissors.)

If you need help or need someone to print this kit for you, please contact the Alexander Library at 601-354-8911 or email alexander@jhlibrary.org.

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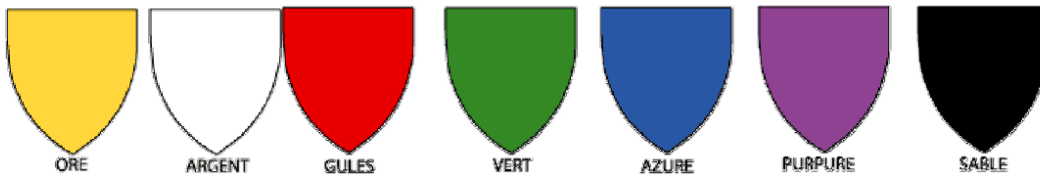


Design a shield using the following information.

When designing your herald, these are the design elements to consider:

- 1st: Tincture (Color)
- 2nd: Ordinaries (Divisions of colors)
- 3rd: Charges (Images)

Tinctures:



Metals

Gold/yellow "Ore"-generosity, wealth, youth

Silver/white "Argent"-peace, sincerity, faith

Colors

Black "Sable"-grief, misery, mystery

Blue "Azure"(royal, never light)-loyalty, truth, honesty

Red "Gules"-military power, love

Green "Vert"-hope, joy, prosperity

Purple "Purpure"-royalty, justice, power

Tawny or Brown-ambition, desire (not a common color)

Furs

Ermine: generally displayed as a white/argent field with a repeating black/sable motif representing the animals' tails. It is considered regal since ermine has long been associated with the crowns and robes of royalty. It symbolizes valor, justice and dignity.

Vair: usually shown as a white/argent field with a bell/shield shape in blue/azure spaced evenly across the surface. Symbol of great wealth.

