

Family Art from Home

Family Coat of Arms

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This project can involve all family members. The original purpose of the coat of arms in medieval Europe was to distinguish sides in the battle. Later it also represented family origin, alliances and trade. The science and art of heraldry uses many symbols, field divisions and colors to express and record family identity.

Supplies Needed

- Scissors
- Hot Glue Gun and Glue Stick
- Color Cardstock Paper (Optional, Cereal Box or Brown Cardboard Paper)
- Decorative Paper (Optional)
- Metallic Paper (Optional)
- String, Ribbon, Wire or Raffia

How to Do it

Cut out the selected shapes from cardstock paper for the background of your coat of arms. Choose symbols and decorative shapes that represent your family most accurately. If you wish to follow detailed heraldic rules, please do some research on the internet (division of the field, colors, symbols, etc.). Cut your decorative shapes out of your chosen papers.

Glue everything with a glue stick, attaching the edges well to the surface. You can layer your shapes and add metallic pieces for more interesting design (see image).

Use hot glue to attach string, ribbon, wire or raffia to the upper corners and hang in an honorable spot in your home.

