

Design a coat of arms

The coat of arms has been a symbol of monarchy for centuries.

The Royal coat of arms represents Her Majesty The Queen, and you can see it on some coins, on public buildings, courts and many other places.

The design has developed throughout history, reflecting changes in monarch and the country.



Can you spot the lion of England and unicorn of Scotland supporting the shield?

How many crowns can you see?

The shield in the middle is divided into four sections. See if you can find the harp of Ireland, the three lions of England and the Scottish lion (called the Lion Rampant).

There are two phrases, known as mottos, in an old language called Latin.

When The Queen is in Scotland she uses a different coat of arms (right) – this dates back to 1603, when the crowns of Scotland and England were united. This coat of arms features different mottos; the Scottish Lion Rampant sits on top (and it appears twice on the shield); the Scottish unicorn is on the left and the English lion on the right; and the lion and unicorn hold the flags of Scotland and England.



Design your own coat of arms

Add some pictures, colours and patterns to the shield below to create your own coat of arms. Don't forget to include a motto at the bottom – yours doesn't have to be in Latin!

What could you include?

friends

family members

favourite colours

your name

favourite animal

your home

your hobbies

your initials

flowers / plants

pets

