

History - Creating your own Heraldic Shield

Heraldry are the rules which govern the way coats of arms and other designs of family lineage are created, described, and displayed. The idea of having a distinctive symbol that represents your family is for **pride**, **power** and to **draw** others to you.

First, we have to choose our **ordinaries**! Each pattern had its own name. Have a look below at which you think you might want to use!



Next we have to choose the right **colours**, or '**tinctures**'! Us Medieval knights are not allowed to have a *basic* colour next to a *basic* colour, nor a *metal* colour next to a *metal* colour. Choose wisely or the King won't be impressed!

Basic Colours:

- **Purple** – Justice / Honesty
- **Blue** – Loyalty / Sincerity
- **Red** – Military / Boldness
- **Black** – Knowledge / Hard work
- **Green** – Joy / Beauty / Youth

Metal Colours:

- **Gold** – Glory / Generosity
- **Silver** – Peace / Purity

Now you can choose a **charge**. This is an image that represents something about you and your family. Below are suggestions, but you can make up your own.



Use the information to design your family heraldic shield.

- 1) Choose a name (e.g. 'House of Johnson' or 'House of Williams')
- 2) Don't forget a slogan (e.g. 'For Honour and Glory')
- 3) Write a few sentences why you chose:
 - The colours (tinctures)
 - The pattern
 - The charge

E.g. I chose the colours blue and gold because blue represents... while gold...

