





# Personal Coat of Arms

*In the Middle Ages, individuals were identified by their Coat of Arms. As they were used on the battlefield to identify a person's friends and foes, they were often in the shape of a shield. The symbols used on coats of arms were chosen carefully to represent an individual or an entire family. The study of the symbols, colors and patterns used in Coats of Arms is known as heraldry.*

## Design your own Coat of Arms

*Create your own COAT of ARMS based on your hobbies, personality, character and family. Read through the list of colors, animals and symbols shown below—which represent you? Can you think of more animals or symbols that you could use on your Coat of Arms?*

*Include the following information on your own Coat of Arms.*

1. *A symbol / picture to represent an important place.*
2. *A symbol / picture to represent a hobby / activity*
3. *An animal that represents you*
4. *Any other symbol or picture that represents you.*
5. *Include a Personal Motto (words or a phrase that represent you) at the top*



### Heraldic Colors

Yellow or Gold - Generosity  
 White / Silver - Peace & Sincerity  
 Black - Constancy & Grief  
 Blue - Loyalty & Truthfulness  
 Red - Military Fortitude  
 Green - Hope, Joy & Loyalty  
 Purple - Sovereignty & Justice

### Heraldic Animals

Bear - Protectiveness  
 Bee - Industriousness  
 Camel - Perseverance  
 Dog - Loyalty  
 Dragon - Defender of Treasure  
 Eagle - Leadership & Decisiveness  
 Falcon or Hawk - Eagerness  
 Fox - Cleverness  
 Griffin (part eagle, part lion) - Bravery  
 Horse - Readiness to Serve  
 Lion - Courage  
 Pelican - Generosity & Devotion  
 Raven - Constancy  
 Snake - Ambition  
 Elk or Deer - Peace & Harmony  
 Tiger - Fierceness & Valor  
 Unicorn - Extreme courage  
 Wolf - Constant Vigilance

### Heraldic Symbols

Axe - Dutiful  
 Crescent - Enlightenment  
 Crosses - Christian sentiments  
 Crown - Authority  
 Fire - Enthusiasm  
 Flaming Heart - Passion  
 Hand - Faith & Justice  
 Heart - Sincerity  
 Horns & Antlers - Fortitude  
 Lightning - Decisiveness  
 Moon - Serenity  
 Oyster Shell - Traveler  
 Ring - Fidelity  
 Scepter - Justice  
 Star - Nobility  
 Sun - Glory  
 Sword - Warlike  
 Castle - Protectiveness

