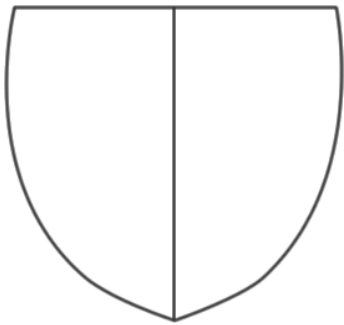
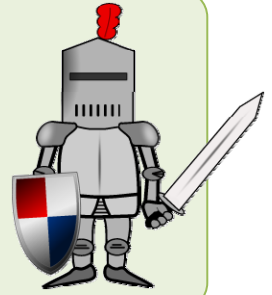
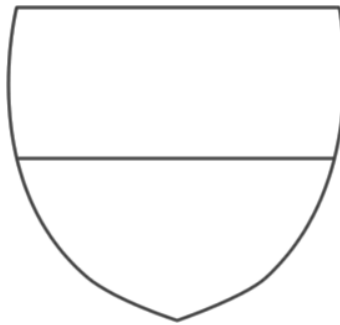


Heraldry was devised so that knights could be identified on the battlefield, after all you don't want to attack the wrong person! The shield was an important part of a knight's armour but it also made up a key part of his heraldic design. Take a look at the basic shield designs below and select one for your own design.

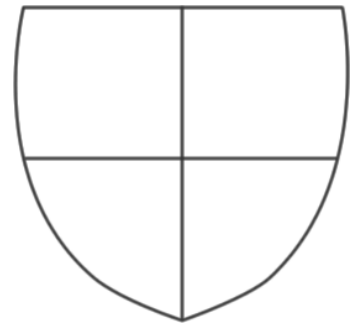
Colours also played an important part but were limited to silver, gold, red, blue, green, purple and black. Experiment with using different colour combinations on the shield outlines below.



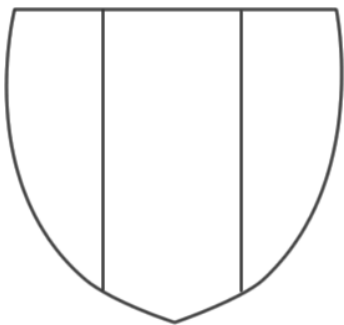
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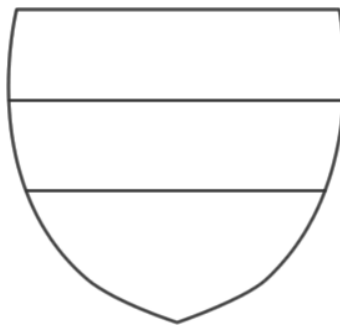
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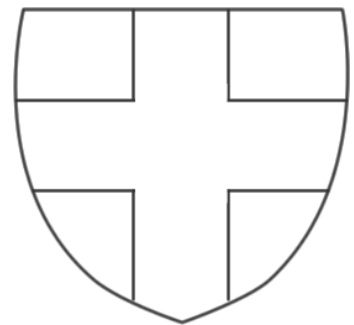
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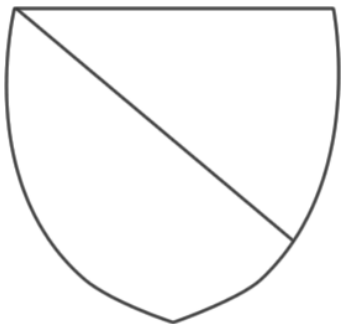
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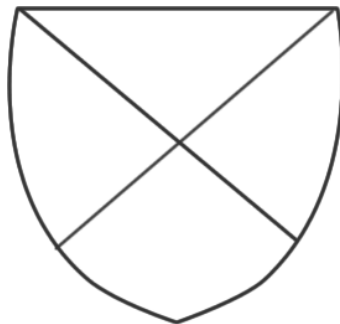
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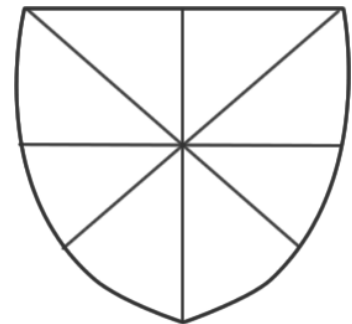
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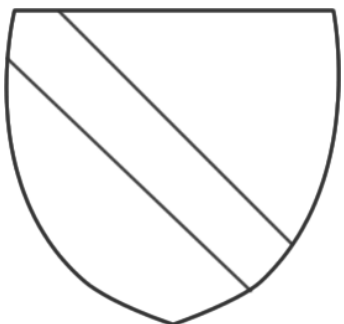
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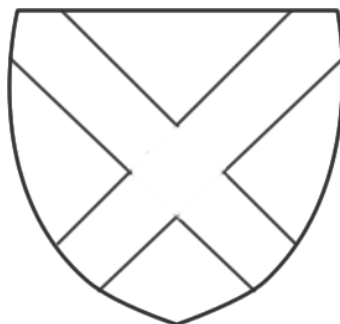
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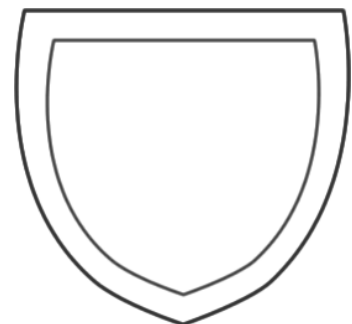
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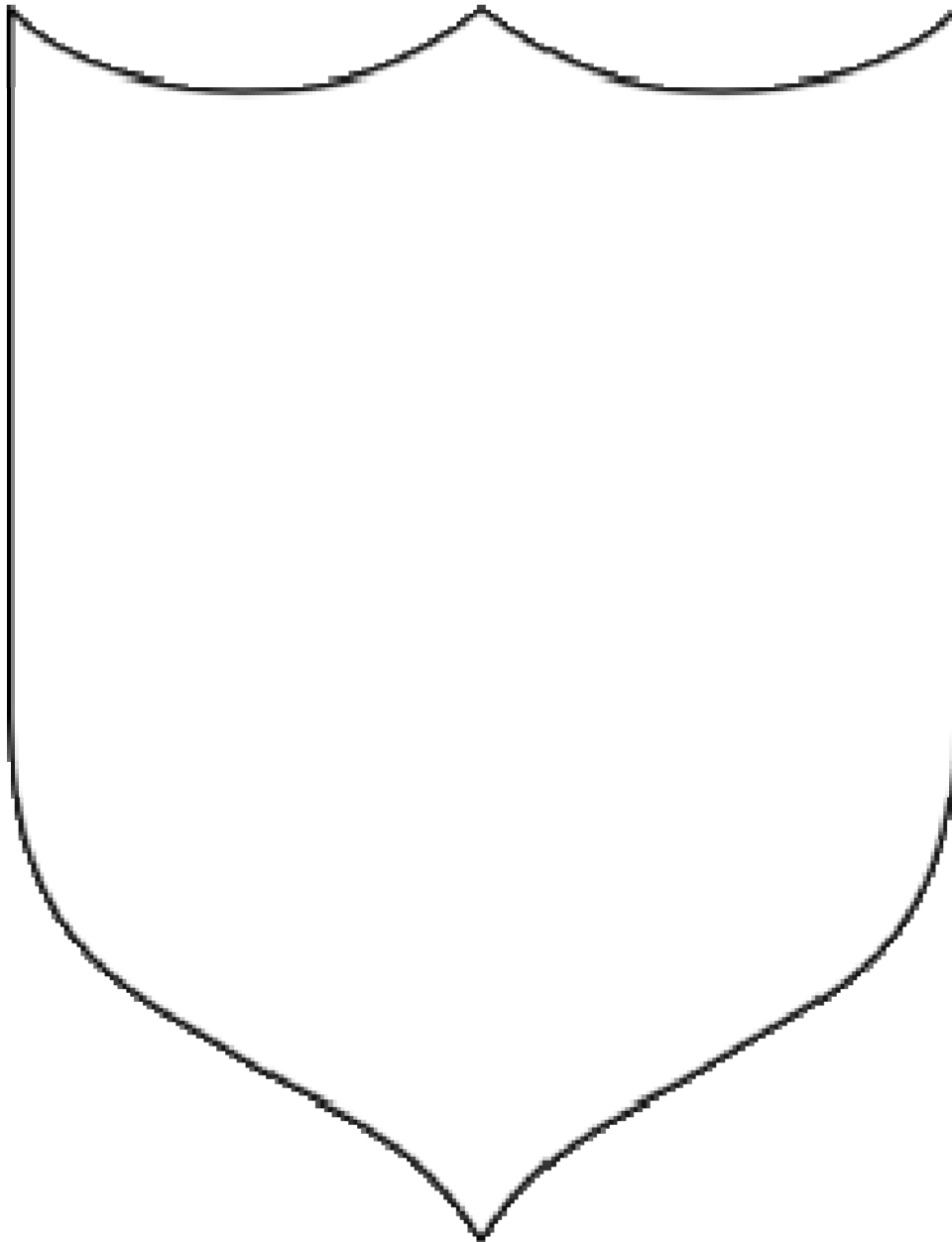


Border

A knight's shield may also have an animal such as a bird or a lion. This would have also appeared on the cloak covering your armour (surcoat) and the cloth covering your horse (trapper). Think about which animal you would like to have on your shield and what it represents about you.



Draw out your shield design including the animal of your choice. Include an explanation of your animal choice.



Explain your animal choice for your shield:

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