

Introduction to Heraldry

Heraldry is the art of assigning specific symbols in an exact arrangement to make a picture that represents a person, family or business.

Although modern heraldry has strict rules that govern the registration of official crests and coats of arms, it is still fun to arrange or "BLAZON" your own coat of arms.

The following pages contain common heraldic symbols. Though most symbols have a commonly agreed upon meaning, you can choose a symbol to reflect your own meaning.

Use these symbols to create your own coat of arms on the blank page provided. Your main design, or "ARMS", should go inside the shield outline. On top of the helmet there is a blank space for a "CREST". This can be the same symbol used in your arms or something completely different.

Your symbols can be separated by lines, waves or zig zags. You can use different colored backgrounds, or even patterns such as a checkerboard.

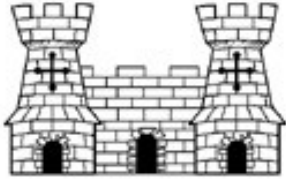
Around the helmet is a fabric drape called the "MANTEL". It may look confusing. Imagine it is like a piece of fabric hanging from the back of the helmet. Then imagine the edges of the fabric are cut into jagged shapes called "DAGS". Then imagine that a breeze is blowing the fabric so the dags are flipped over onto the front of the fabric. Traditionally, the sides of the fabric are two different colors, so the dags will be a contrast from the main fabric.

The banner shape at the bottom is for your "MOTTO". Traditionally written in Latin, this is where you write a word or phrase that means something special to you or your family. It could be a battle cry, a pledge to be loyal, or a cause that you feel strongly about.

The color yellow is symbolic of gold, and the color white is for silver. That is why these colors are called metals. The other colors are called "TINCTURES" and have special names in Latin.

Instructions:

- First sketch out a rough idea of your coat of arms.
- Copy the symbols and shield outline to a transparency sheet.
- Use a projector to draw the outline on a large piece of paper, then trace your symbols onto the shield.
- Write your motto in fancy letters and color your design.



PHEON

BROAD ARROW

CALTRAP



PORTCULLIS



BEACON



GRENADE



SCALING LADDER



HORSE-SHOE



SPUR



WINGED SPUR



BUGLE-HORN STRINGED



HAWK'S LURE



ROSE



ROSE SLIPPED AND LEAVED



THISTLE



ACORN SLIPPED AND LEAVED



OAK TREE ERADICATED



ARM EMBOWED IN ARMOUR



LANCE OR JAVELIN



ADDICE



ALTAR



ARCH



ARROW SHEAF



ANCHOR



LYMPHAD SAILS FURLED

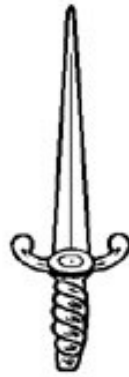


ESCALLOP





BATTLE-AXE



SWORD



SCIMITAR



GAUNTLET



BEE VOLANT



SERPENT NOWED



CENTAUR



COCKATRICE



SPHINX



WYVERN, WINGS
DISPLAYED



GRIFFIN SEGREANT



GRIFFIN PASSANT



DRAGON RAMPANT



UNICORN
PASSANT



PEGASUS
RAMPANT



UNICORN RAMPANT



PASCHAL LAMB



ESCARBUNCLE



FLEUR-DE-LIS



ESTOILE



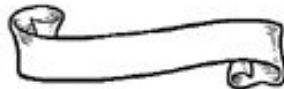
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SPLENDOR



CATHERINE WHEEL



BANNER #1



BANNER #2



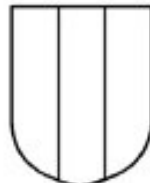
TREFOIL



QUATREFOIL



CHEVRON



PALE



BEND



THE FRET



CINQUEFOIL



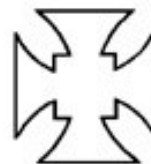
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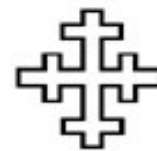
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MALTESE
CROSS



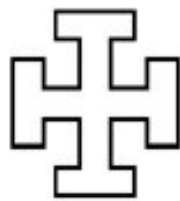
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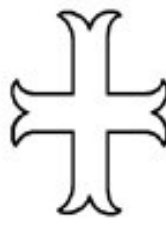
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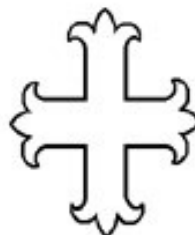
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POTENT



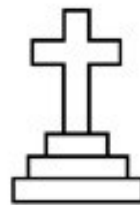
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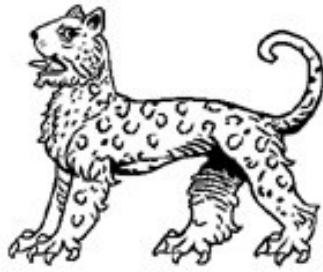
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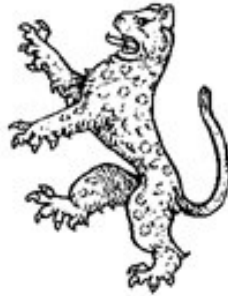
CROSS BOTONY



CROSS CALVARY



LEOPARD PASSANT



LEOPARD RAMPANT



LEOPARD'S HEAD ERASED



LEOPARD'S FACE JESSANT-DE-LIS



WOLF PASSANT



WOLF RAMPANT



FOX PASSANT



FOX SEJANT



BEAR SEJANT ERECT



BOAR RAMPANT



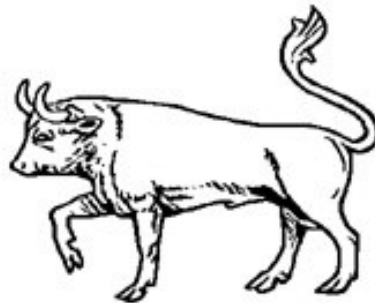
BOAR PASSANT



TALBOT SEJANT



STAG SPRINGING



BULL PASSANT



BULL'S HEAD CABOSHED



EAGLE RISING
WINGS ELEVATED &
ADDORSED



EAGLE RISING
WINGS ADDORSED &
ELEVATED



EAGLE RISING, WINGS
DISPLAYED AND INVERTED



EAGLE RISING, WINGS
ELEVATED AND DISPLAYED



EAGLE DISPLAYED



EAGLE DISPLAYED
WITH WINGS INVERTED



EAGLE ERECT



DOUBLE HEADED
EAGLE DISPLAYED



MARTLET
VOLANT



COCK



HERON



RAVEN



OWL



B413 BAT



SEA HORSE



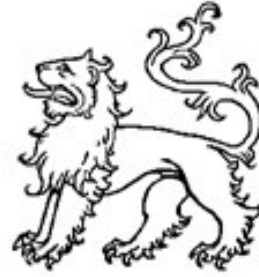
SEA LION



LION RAMPANT



LION PASSANT



LION STATANT



LION SALIENT



LION SEJANT



LION SEJANT ERECT



LION'S HEAD ERASED



LION COUCHANT



LION DORMANT



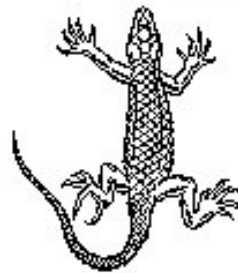
LION'S HEAD COUPÉ



CHALICE



HARP



LIZARD



LOBSTER

