



Personal Coat of Arms

What are some important places for you? What symbols represent these places?

What are your favorite hobbies / activities? What symbols represent these activities?

What is an animal that represents you? Why?

What else is important to you and should be represented in your Coat of Arms? What color best represents you?

ideas for a Personal Motto.



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The Coat of Arms started in about the 12th Century. A knight dressed in armor from head to foot could not be recognized by friends or enemies. This resulted in

markings being painted on knights' shields, as it was the largest piece of equipment the knight had and as the shield was easily seen from far away. 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, sports, interests, character, and family. Read through the list of colors, animals, and symbols shown below for some ideas. Which represent you? Can you think of other animals or symbols that you could use on your Coat of Arms?



















Include the following information on your own Coat of Arms.

- A symbol/picture to represent an important place.
- A symbol/picture to represent a favorite hobby/activity.
- An animal that represents you
- Any other symbol or picture that represents you

Examples of traditional heraldic symbols:

Heraldic Colors	Heraldic Animals	Heraldic Symbols
Yellow/Gold – generosity	Bear – protectiveness	Axe – dutiful
White/Silver – peace & sincerity	Bee – industriousness	Crescent – enlightenment
Black – constancy & grief	Camel – perseverance	Cross – Christian sentiments
Blue – loyalty & truthfulness	Dog – loyalty	Crown – authority
Red – military fortitude	Eagle – leadership & decisiveness	Fire – enthusiasm
Green – hope, joy, & loyalty	Dragon – defender of treasure	Flaming Heart – passion
Purple – sovereignty & justice	Falcon/Hawk – eagerness	Hand – faith & justice
	Fox – cleverness	Heart – sincerity
	Griffin (part eagle/part lion) – bravery	Horns/Antlers – fortitude
	Horse – readiness to serve	Lightning – decisiveness
	Lion – courage	Moon – serenity
	Pelican – generosity & devotion	Oyster shell – traveler
	Raven – constancy	Ring – fidelity
	Snake – ambition	Scepter – justice
	Elk/Deer – peace & harmony	Star – nobility
	Tiger – fierceness & Valor	Sun – glory
	Unicorn – extreme courage	Sword – warlike
	Wolf – constant vigilance	Castle – protectiveness

CADENCY IMAGES or SYMBOLS OF BIRTH ORDER

<u>SONS</u>			<u>DAUGHTERS</u>	
File / Label		FIRST		Heart
Crescent		SECOND		Ermine Spot
Mullet		THIRD		Snowflake
Martlet		FOURTH		Fir Twig
Annulet (Ring)		FIFTH		Chess Rook
Fleur-de-lis		SIXTH		Scallop Shell
Rose		SEVENTH		Harp
Cross Moline		EIGHTH		Buckle
Double Quatrefoil		NINTH		Clarichord