

## KNIGHT'S BATTLE SHIELD

### You will need:

- cardboard
- paints
- scissors
- Sellotape
- glue
- paper
- coloured pencils or felt-tip pens
- Shield Design Sheet for ideas (available to download from West Cheshire Museums website)

### How to make your Knight's Battle Shield:

1. Decide which shape of shield you would like to make – look at our Shield Design Sheet for ideas.
2. Draw the shield shape onto a piece of card - I used card from a box - and cut it out. Because corrugated card has lines down it, I cut out two shield shapes the same but with the lines running in opposite directions. Then I stuck them together to make a stronger shield and less likely to bend in the heat of battle! (See photo) Your shield can be whichever size you want - I haven't put down measurements as it is going to be personal preference to suit the little person who is using it.



3. The next thing is to decorate your shield as you wish – remember your shield may be painted in one colour or perhaps split into 4 quarters with diagonally opposite corners the same colour. You can decorate it however you wish but remember that the most important part of the shield design was the knight's coat of arms. This was usually positioned in the centre of the shield - it could consist of any symbols (look at the Shield Design Sheet for inspiration or simply make up your own).



4. When you have painted the background colour(s) onto your shield, then design your coat of arms on a piece of paper; cut out and stick onto the centre of the shield when the paint is dry.

5. Finally, you need a handle on the back of the shield so you can hold onto it in battle! Cut a strip of cardboard which is at least 5/6cm wide and a little longer than the width of the shield in the middle section. Then make two consecutive folds on each end of the cardboard strip, each fold being about 2cm. Now fix the handle onto the back of the shield with Sellotape - this will secure it well (see photo).



**Now ride into battle!**