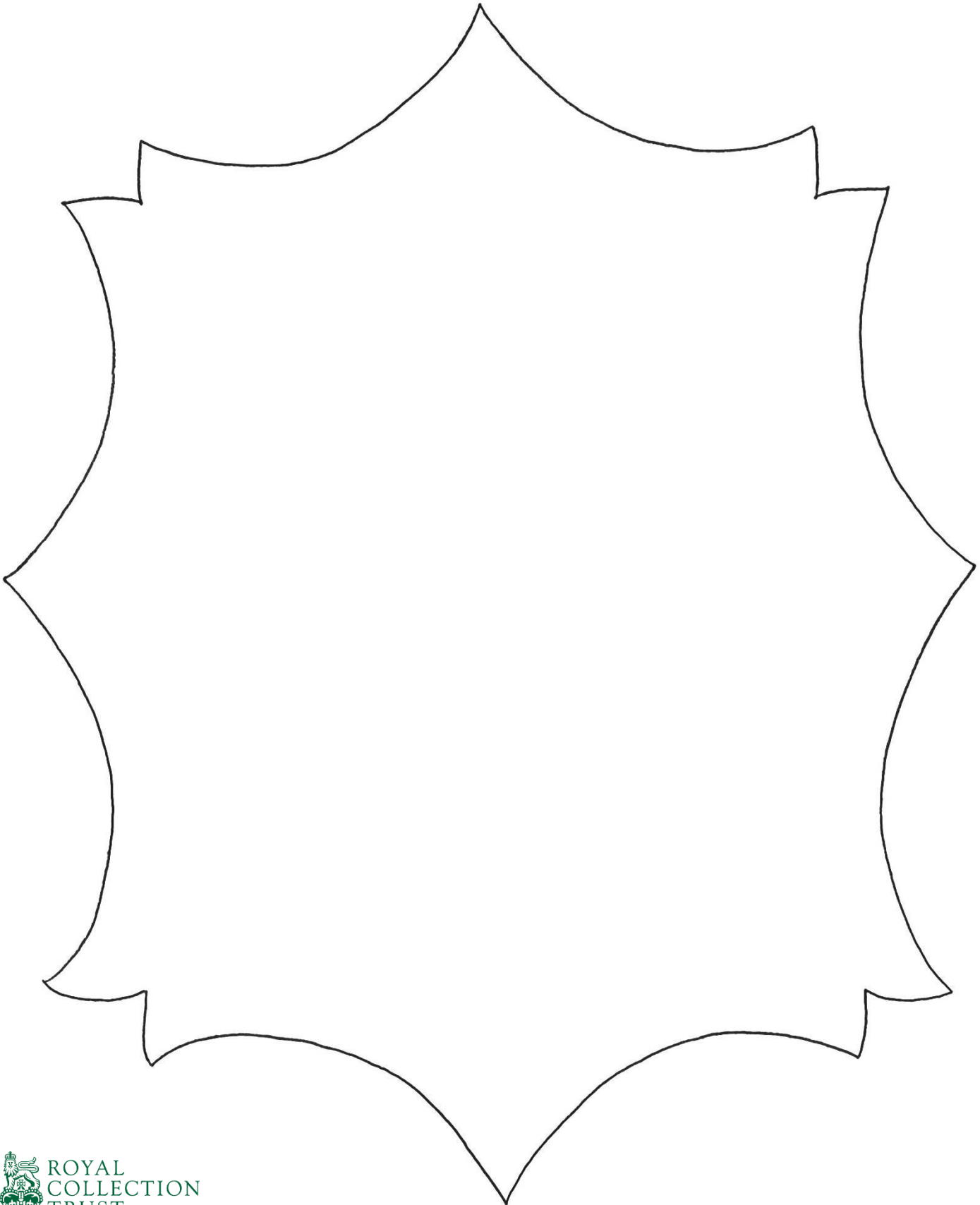


Cut out, design and decorate
your own Coat of Arms.



Resource: The Language of Heraldry



Heraldic Animals:

Bear - Protectiveness
Bee - Industriousness
Camel - Perseverance
Dog - Loyalty
Double Eagle / Eagle - Leadership & Decisiveness
Dragon - Defender of Treasure
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
Stag, Elk or Deer - Peace & Harmony
Tiger - Fierceness & Valour
Unicorn - Extreme courage
Wolf - Constant Vigilance

Common Design Features (heraldic terminology):

Bend - a diagonal stripe
Chevron - an upside-down "V"
Chief - broad stripe across top of shield
Dexter - the right hand side of the shield
Ermine - a white fur (with black tail tips)
Fess - broad horizontal stripe through
Pale - broad vertical stripe through centre
Passant - an animal shown walking
Rampant - an animal standing on hind legs
Sinister - the left hand side of the shield

Heraldic Colours:

Yellow or Gold - Generosity
White or Silver - Peace & Sincerity
Black - Constancy (& also Grief)
Blue - Loyalty & Truthfulness
Red - Military Fortitude & Fairness
Green - Hope, Joy & often Loyalty
Purple - Majesty, Sovereignty & Justice

Heraldic Symbols:

Axe - Dutiful
Bridge - (a governor or magistrate)
Crescent - Enlightenment
Crosses - Christian sentiments
Crown - Authority
Fire - Zeal
Flaming Heart - Passion
Fleur-de-Lys (stylized flower) - Purity
Hand - Faith, Sincerity & Justice
Heart - Sincerity
Horns & Antlers - Fortitude
Lightning - Decisiveness
Moon - Serenity
Oyster Shell - Traveller
Ring - Fidelity
Sceptre - Justice
Star - Nobility
Sun - Glory
Sword - Warlike
Tower or Castle - Protectiveness

COAT OF ARMS EXAMPLE I

Baroness
Manningham-
Buller



Women have been involved with the Order of the Garter since the Middle Ages, when some were presented with its robes. However, it was not until 1987 that ladies could become full Companions of the Order.

Baroness Manningham-Buller was appointed a Lady of the Garter in 2014. She is the fourth woman to become a full Companion of the Order. Between 2002 and 2007, Baroness Manningham-Buller served as Director General of MI5, Britain's Security Service.

Baroness Manningham-Buller's coat of arms is based on a pre-existing coat of arms. It does not appear to contain any symbols relating to her. However, it does contain a number of griffins and eagles.



COAT OF ARMS EXAMPLE II

Lord Stirrup



Lord Stirrup was Chief of Defence Staff between 2006 and 2010, while British troops were stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Much of his career was spent in the Royal Air Force, where by 2003 he held the rank of Chief of Air Staff.

Lord Stirrup's coat of arms shows some stirrups – a play on his name. The stirrups have wings, which symbolise his career in the RAF. Lastly, the gold diagonal stripe on a blue background is meant to suggest a searchlight beaming through the sky.

