

Design and colour in a 'colour' (flag)

What is a 'colour'? In the Civil War of the seventeenth century, each company in the army would have a flag; this was called a 'colour'. It was important not to lose your 'colour' in battle as you would not be allowed to replace it with another (unless you'd captured an enemy 'colour'). The 'colour' would usually consist of a background colour, be decorated with symbols, known as devices, which might be a star or a mythical beast. The flag of England may also appear in one corner of the flag. For ideas on how to design your 'colour', search online for images of 'colours' or flags from the English Civil War. Then create your own design and, using felt tip pens or colouring pencils, colour in the flag below.

