



# CORONATION ACTIVITY PACK



A COLLECTION OF ACTIVITIES TO  
CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF  
KING CHARLES III



Succession of Royal  
Cyphers from when  
Victoria Park was  
first established



Victoria  
1837-1901



George V  
1901-1910



George V  
1910-1936



Edward VIII  
1936 (Abdicated)



George VI  
1936-1952



Elizabeth II  
1952-2022



Charles III  
2022-

# WELCOME TO YOUR CORONATION PACK!

This pack contains a variety of activities themed around the coronation, from design challenges, colouring, and crafting to cooking!

The activities were put together for the Victoria Park Project by Vicky Fannon, with a bonus seven pages of activities from the Royal Collection Trust.

We hope you enjoy the celebrations and have a right royal coronation day!

## WHAT IS A CORONATION?

A coronation is the moment a monarch formally receives their regal powers. It is a grand, celebratory event in which the monarch is presented with royal ceremonial objects, such as the Crown Jewels, and it is where the crown is physically placed atop the monarch's head, in front of thousands of important guests. While the objects used in each monarch's coronation have occasionally changed, the way the coronation of monarchs in England (and later Britain) has taken place has remained nearly the same for almost 1,000 years. This year, we will see the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – the first coronation of a monarch to take place in the United Kingdom since that of the late Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. It's a very special occasion!

# DESIGN YOUR OWN CYPHER

Follow the instructions to create your very own Cypher. Don't forget to decorate it as well!



A cypher is a design made up of letters, usually representing someone's initials. Sometimes they also have numbers.

You may have seen examples of these cyphers in the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace.

ER

Queen Elizabeth II

VR

Queen Victoria

GR

George IV

'R' stands for *Regina* (Queen) and *Rex* (King). They are Latin words. So EIRR means Queen Elizabeth II.

What are your initials?

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### What to do next:

1. Choose a style of letter.
2. Decide how you will put your initials together. Will they be side-by-side or linking? Maybe one letter will be back to front?
3. Draw your cypher.

# ROYAL COAT OF ARMS



In the United Kingdom, the monarch has their own coat of arms. The coat of arms has changed over time, and each element is an important symbol. In the four sections of the shield are the Royal emblems of England (three lions), Scotland (single lion) and Ireland (harp). On each side, the two supporters holding the coat of arms represent England (the lion) and Scotland (the unicorn). The plants of the United Kingdom are also often included under the shield. If you look carefully, you should be able to spot the English rose, Scottish thistle, Welsh leek and Irish shamrock.

There are two mottos on the royal coat of arms. The one surrounding the shield in the middle is written in Latin and represents the Order of the Garter, an ancient order of knights who are chosen by the reigning monarch.

## DESIGN YOUR OWN!

### WHAT DID THEY LOOK LIKE?

Designs for coats of arms included:

A centre shield divided into sections. Each section had an image in it to represent the family the coat of arms was made for.

On either side of the shield, there might be objects or animals that look as if they're holding it up. These are called supporters.

Below the shield was a phrase, often written in Latin, called a motto. This was designed to reflect the person's beliefs.

### CHOOSING YOUR ANIMAL

Animals symbolised different qualities. So for instance:

Lions = bravery

Dogs = faithfulness, reliability

Stags = wisdom and long life

Eagles = power and nobility

Hares = speed

Badgers = endurance or 'hanging on'

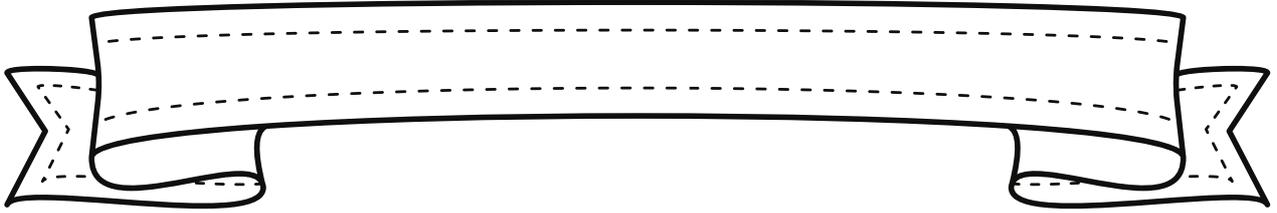
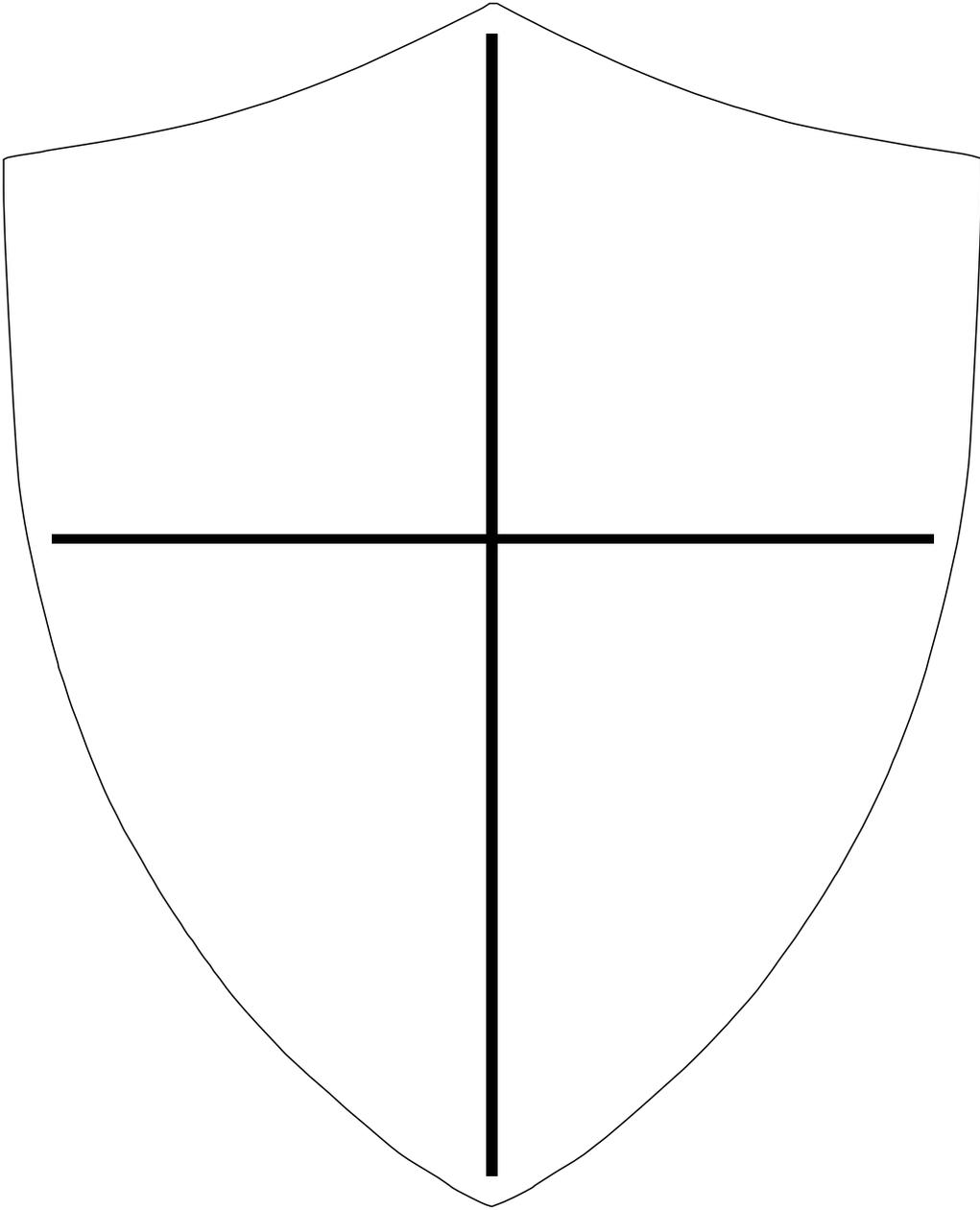
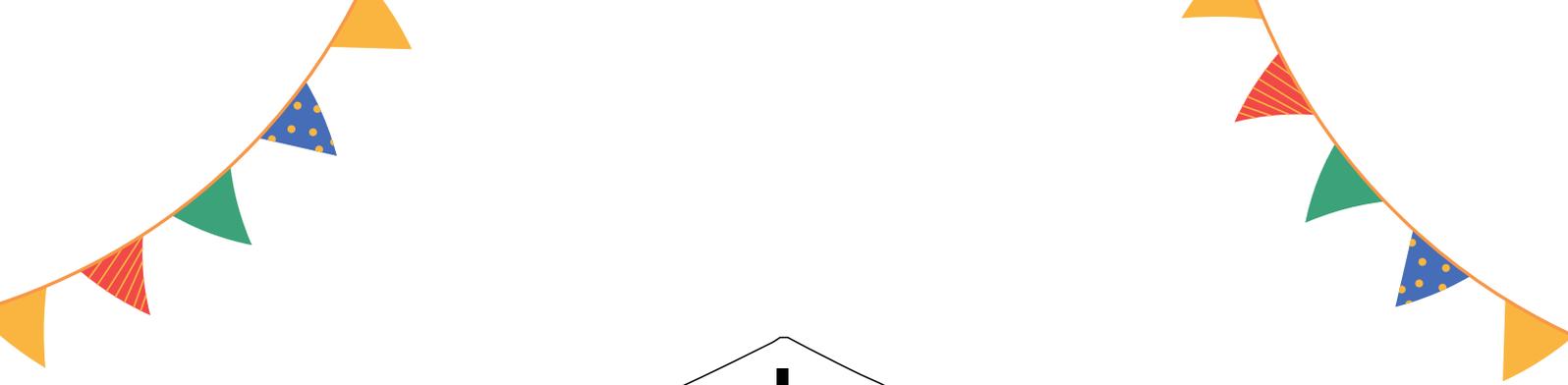
Griffin = a combination of lion and eagle and symbolises watchfulness and courage

Cockatrice = a cross between a cockerel and a dragon and symbolises protection

Dragon = the earliest and most common fabulous beast is a brave and cunning defender of treasure

You could also design your own animal charge- for instance a cat, horse or other favourite pet. Or you could choose a fabulous beast.

**START YOURS ON THE NEXT PAGE!**



# NATURE PRINTING/ HAPA ZOME

An activity exploring plants as natural dye

## 1. Gather your materials!

You will need simple cotton offcuts, collected items from nature, a mallet and somewhere flat and dry. Your cotton could be an old white bedsheet or t shirt.

## 2. Get arty!

Lay cotton flat and arrange natural items artfully across half of the sheet. Leave a gap between items.

## 3. Get bashing

Carefully fold the other half of the cotton over your art. Gently start tapping across the cotton.

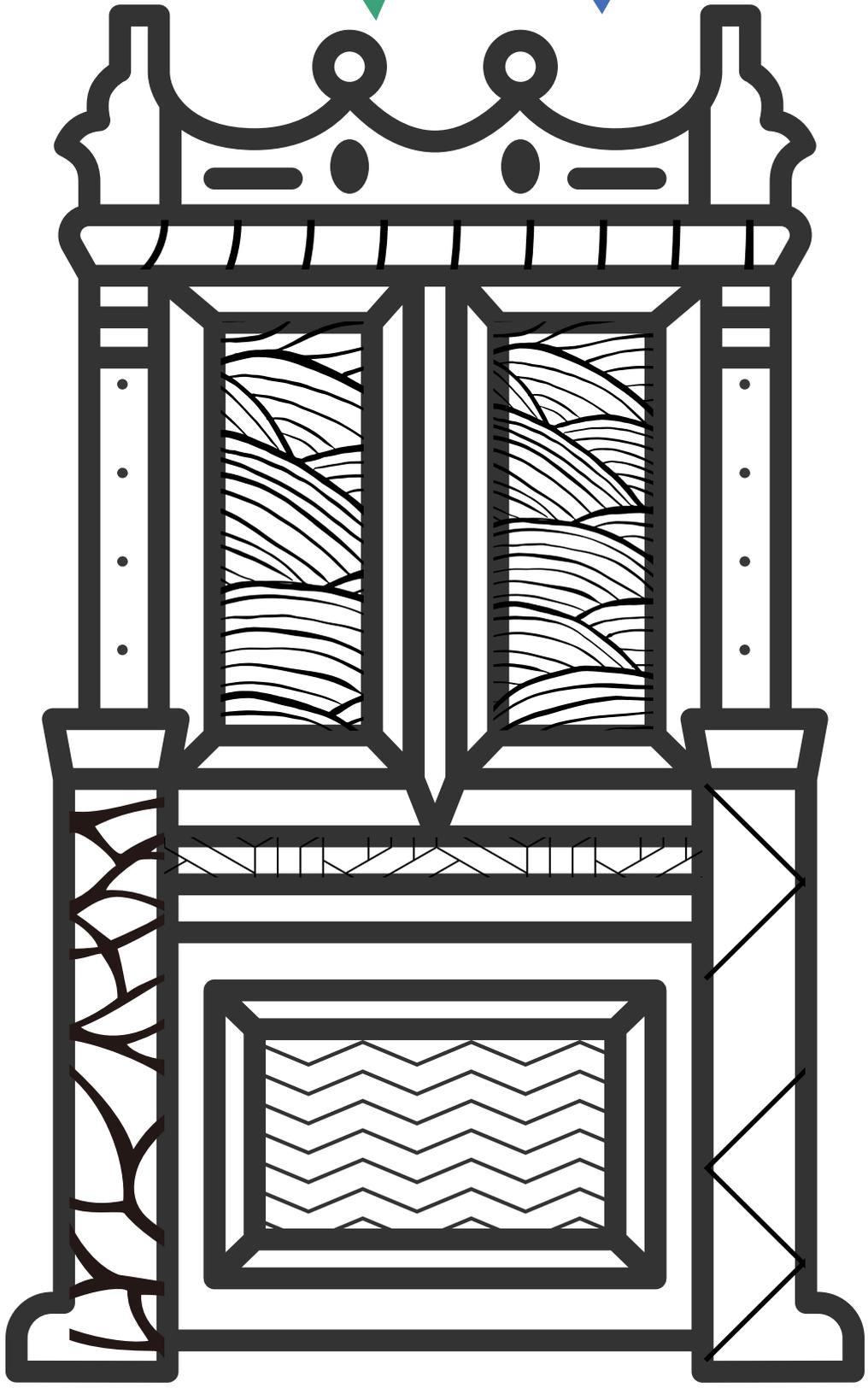
## 4. Reveal your creation

Keep tapping the surface all over until you see colours coming through. Open and remove nature items.

## 5. Adapt and explore!

You could explore a variety of shapes and creations such as butterfly wings, carnival flags, or journey pages.



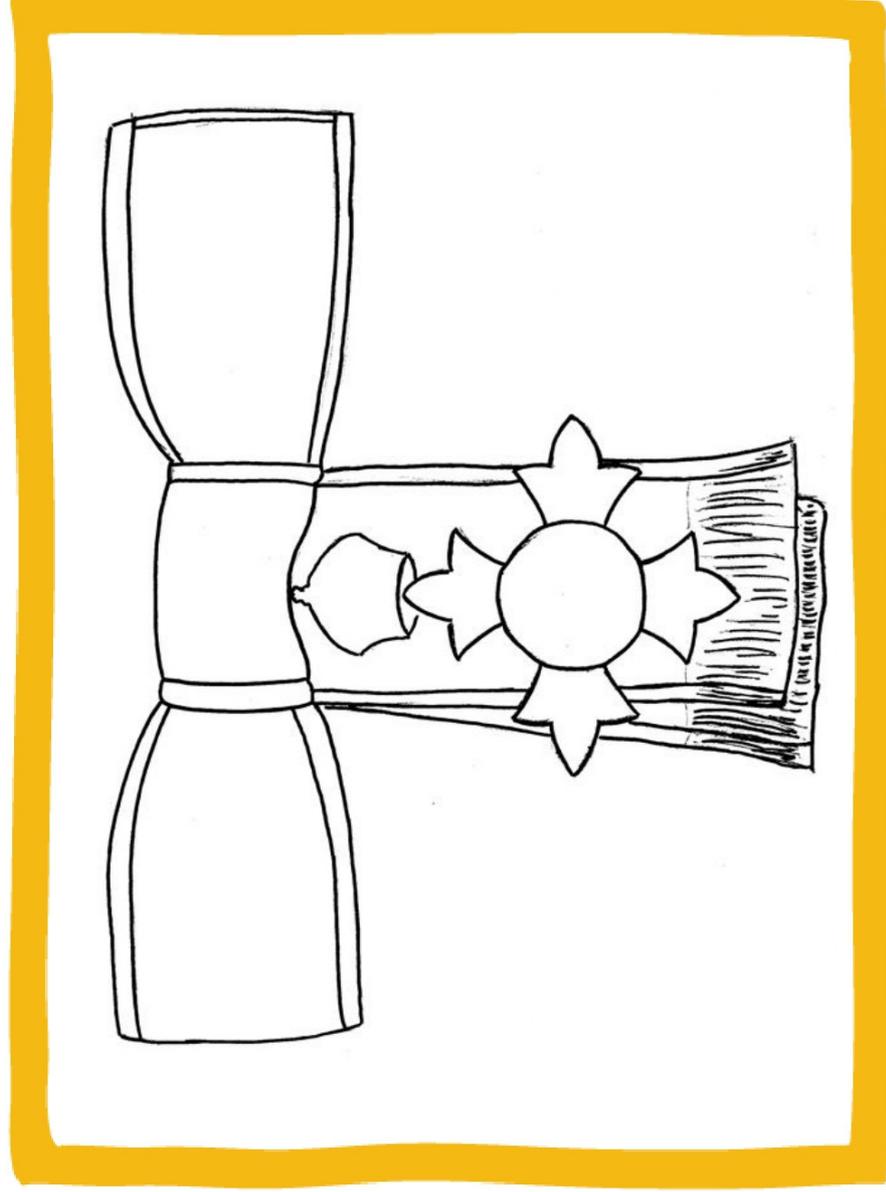


COLOUR THE THRONE

# CREATE A MEDAL

Medals are given by The Queen or another member of the Royal Family to people for special achievements, personal bravery or services to the United Kingdom.

Create your very own special medal with the coloured pencils provided.

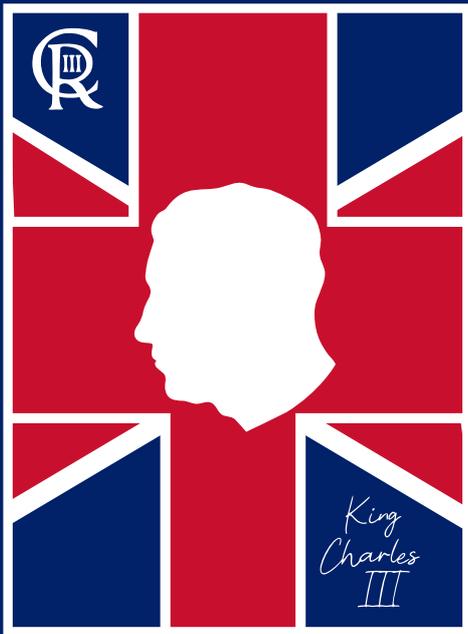


## Some things to think about:

What colours you are going to use?

What patterns and symbols are you going to include? Maybe you want to add something that symbolises you or your family?

Personalise your medal thinking about what makes your achievement special or why you are being honoured.



## NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.



### FUN FACT!

King Charles learned trumpet, piano and cello as a child, and, although he described his own playing as "hopeless", he stuck with the cello and played in the Trinity College Orchestra.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.



## JUST FOR FUN!

### CREATE YOUR OWN CORONATION SANDWICH

The popular sandwich filling, coronation chicken was invented in 1953 by Le Cordon Bleu cookery school founder and writer Constance Spry during the preparations for the coronation banquet of Queen Elizabeth II.

It is thought to have been inspired by 'Jubilee chicken', a curried mayonnaise chicken dish eaten for the jubilee celebrations of King

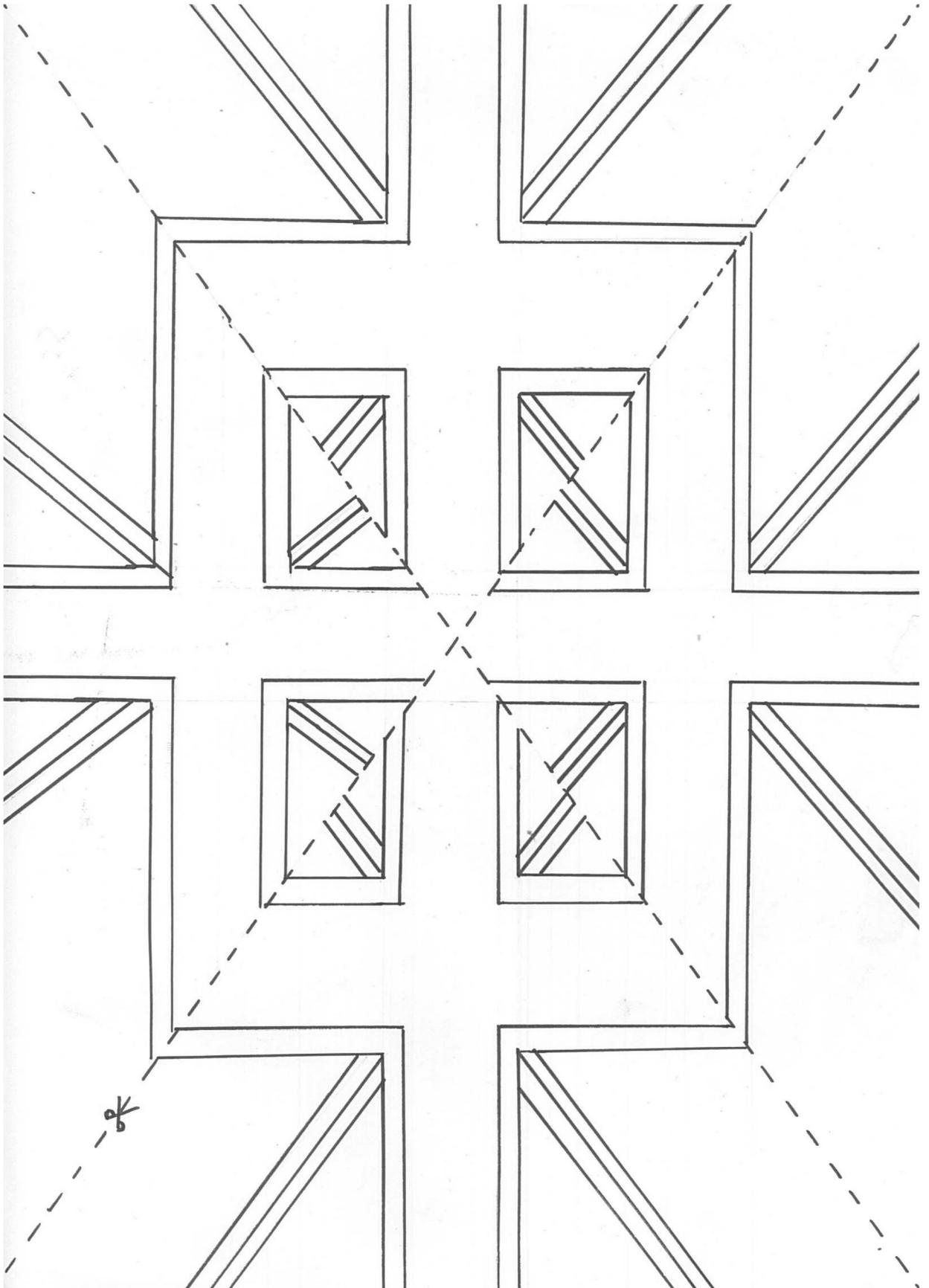
George V, Elizabeth's grandfather, in 1935.

Why not try mixing some different flavours to make your own coronation sandwich?

# Coronation Bunting



Colour in and cut out the template below to create your own bunting ready for celebrating the Coronation!



# Mini Maypoles

By Victoria Fannon for the Victoria Park Project



**STEP ONE:** You will need coloured card, ribbon and a wooden skewer. You should get an adult to cut off the sharp tip of the skewer with scissors. **Top Tip-** you can collect and use the hanger ribbons that adults cut out of their tops and dresses!



**STEP TWO:** Tie your first ribbon to the top end of the skewer. **Top Tip-** Don't worry about neat ends, these can be trimmed later!



Keep going!



**STEP THREE:** When you have finished you may need to trim off any long ends to help with the next step.



**STEP FOUR:** Fold your card in half and then half again



**STEP FIVE:** With your card folded, draw half of a heart on the closed side.

**Top Tip-** Once you're confident with making these you can try a variety of shapes for your mini maypole topper!



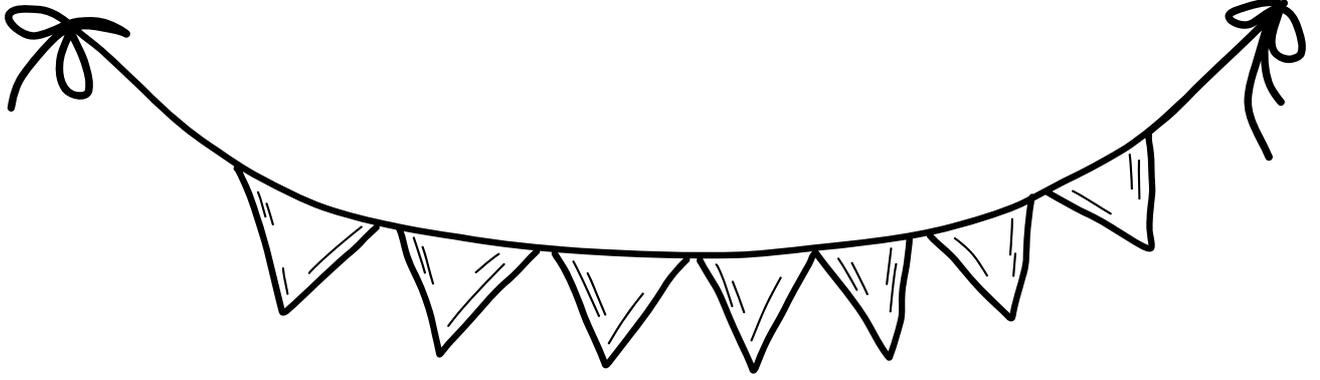
**STEP SIX:** Cut around your outline. When you finish, you should be left with two hearts that are exactly the same size.



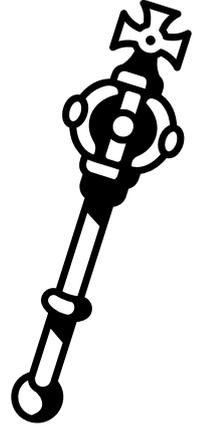
**STEP SEVEN:** Place your mini maypole onto one of the hearts and brush some PVA glue on the dotted line as shown. This will leave the bottom of your heart open for the ribbons to move freely.



**STEP EIGHT:** Place your second heart on top of the maypole and topper and hold down for a few moments to allow the glue to dry. Then your mini maypole is ready to play with!



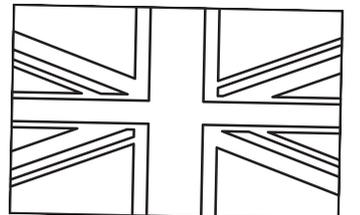
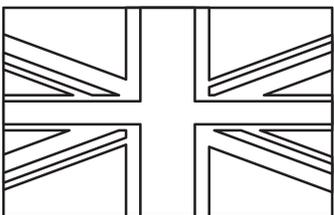
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# ROYAL WOODLAND SALAD

## INSTRUCTIONS:

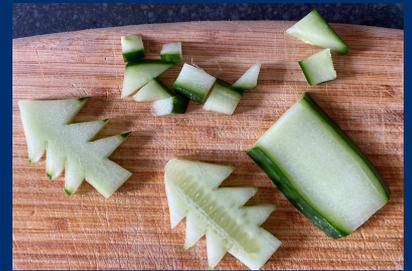
1. Lay out your salad leaves on a plate. I have added some chives to look like grass.



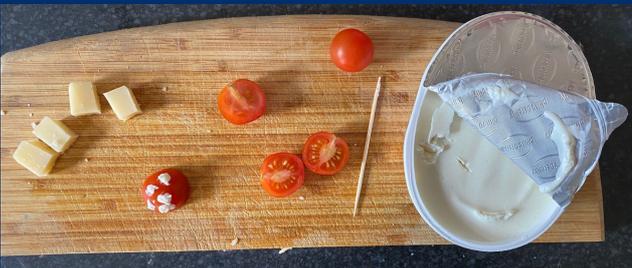
2. Cut wedges around the edge of your carrot slices to create a flower shape.



3. Cut wedges out of your cucumber slices to create a tree shape.



4. Slice your cherry tomatoes in half. Cut the cheddar into small cubes. Using a cocktail stick, dab some soft cheese on top of your tomato halves and arrange on top of your cheddar cubes to create toadstools.



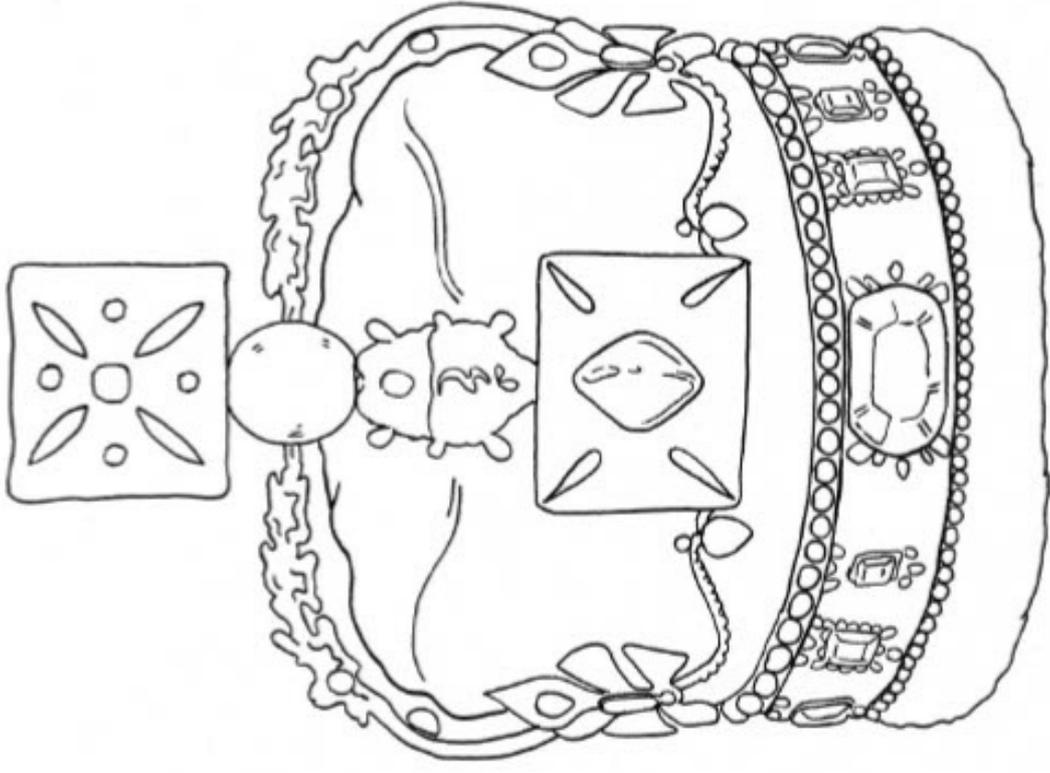
5. Layer all the items to create your fun woodland scene and eat!



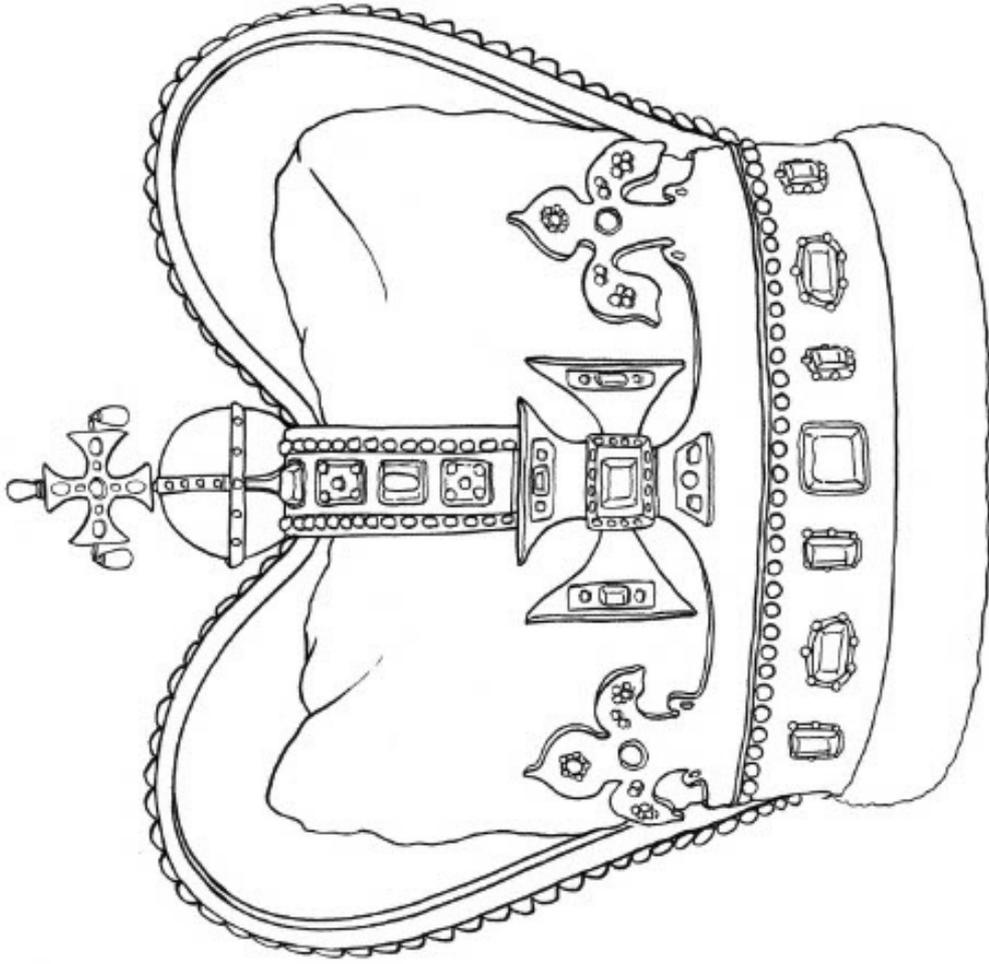
## FUN FACT!

The royal family have long been associated with wildlife and the environment. The late Queen even requested that people celebrate her jubilee in 2022 by planting trees.

# Colour a crown



Imperial State Crown



St Edward's Crown



- YOU WILL NEED:**
- TOILET ROLL TUBES
  - BIRD SEED
  - LARD OR SUET
  - WOODEN STICKS
  - STRING
  - HOLE PUNCH



# MAKING BIRD FEEDERS



**Step 1:** Take your toilet rolls and punch two holes each end. These will be for your bird perch and a method of tying it up.

**Step 2:** Spread some lard or suet all over the toilet tube.



**Step 3:** Now roll your lardy creation in a plate of nuts and seeds!

**Step 4:** When it is fully coated poke one of your sticks through the two holes in the bottom.



**Step 5:** Next poke some string through the top two holes and put in the fridge to harden.

**Step 6:** Hang up outside and enjoy watching the birds!

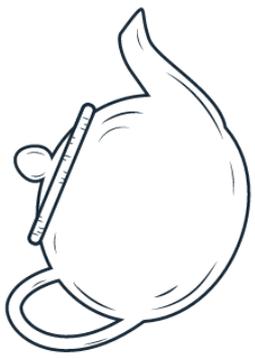
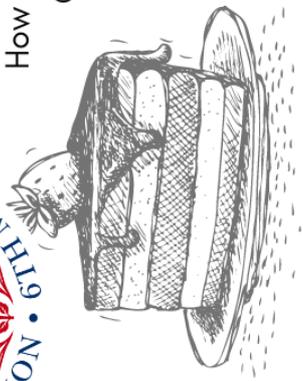




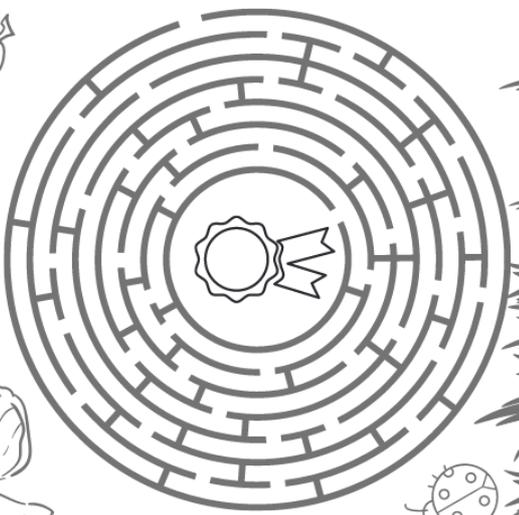
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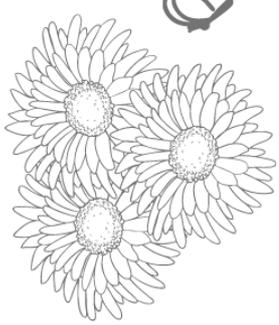
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Colour them in as you count them!



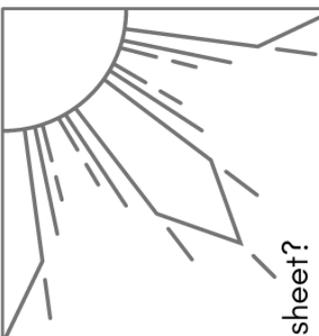
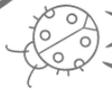
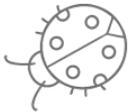
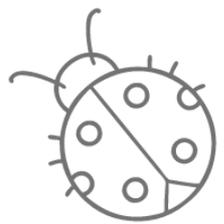
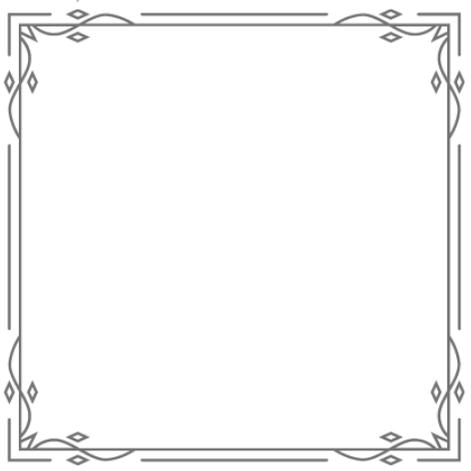
# WELCOME TO BIG LUNCH!



Help the corgi get to the rosette!



Design a cake for the Coronation!





# Create a Time Capsule

A time capsule is a way of recording the present time or current events by bringing together objects or information that will be preserved for future generations to discover. This Coronation year marks a historic moment in the life of the nation and time capsules – whether physical or digital – offer a great way of recording this special moment in time.



To make a time capsule, begin by collecting anything you feel reflects how exciting, significant and historic this year is. Remember to make sure to include things that show how you have been involved in the celebrations, or how events have made you feel. You might want to include:

- Photographs
- Tickets
- Postcards
- A diary or a letter describing any events, parties or activities you have taken part in for the Coronation
- Pictures you have drawn, for example, a special Coronation portrait of The King and Queen!
- Newspaper articles

You might want to ask whether your time capsule could become a part of your school or local library, or even local archives. Remember, you are a part of history in the



Why not try making a digital time capsule? You could make a film about 2023 – or even interview your friends about their experiences in this Coronation Year!



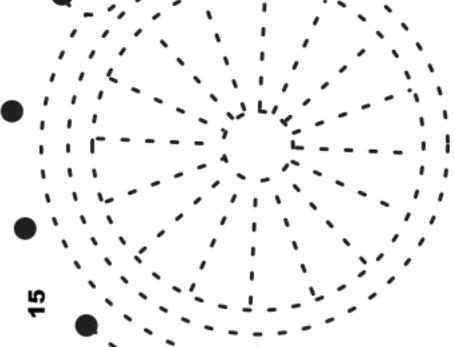
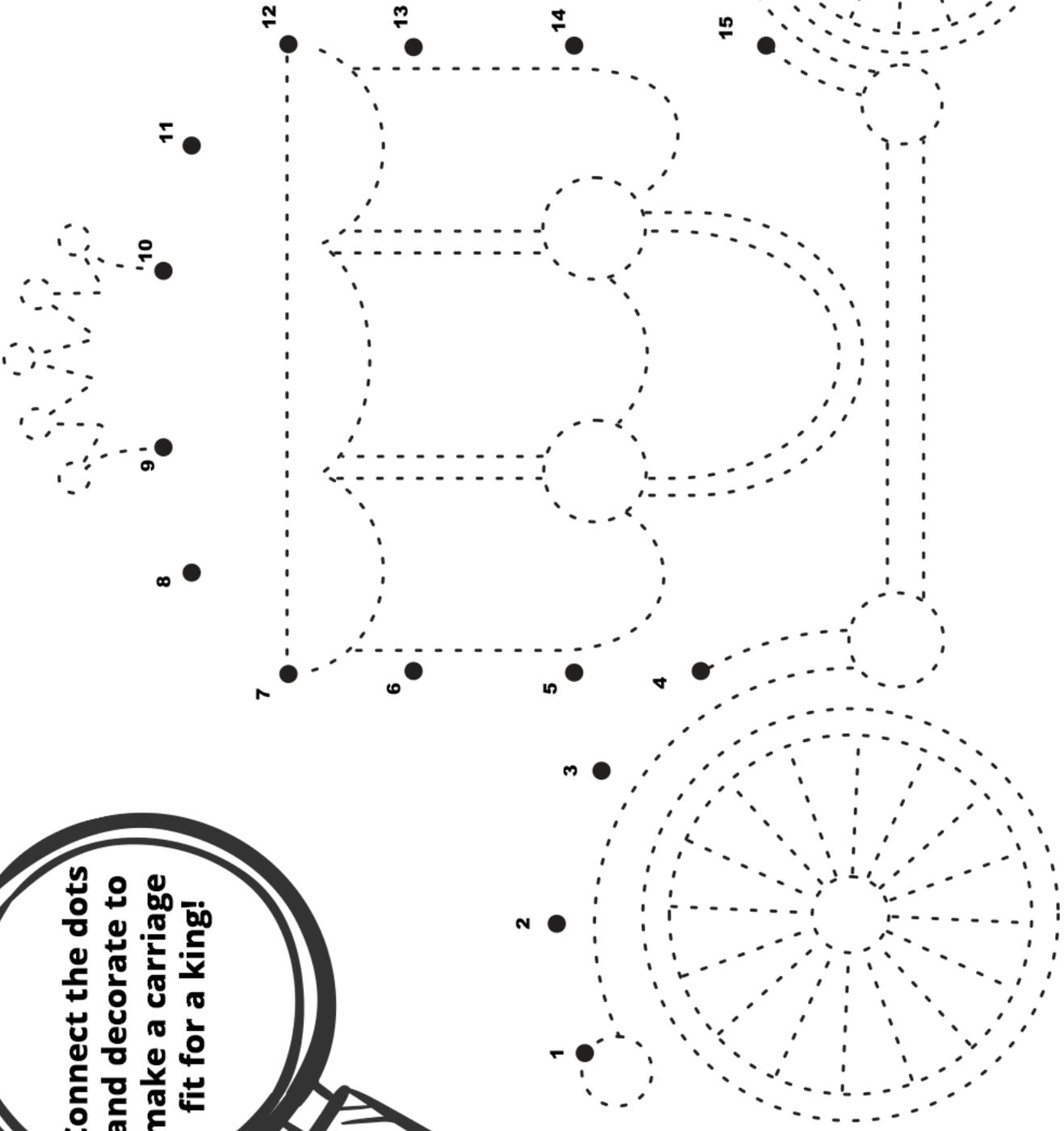
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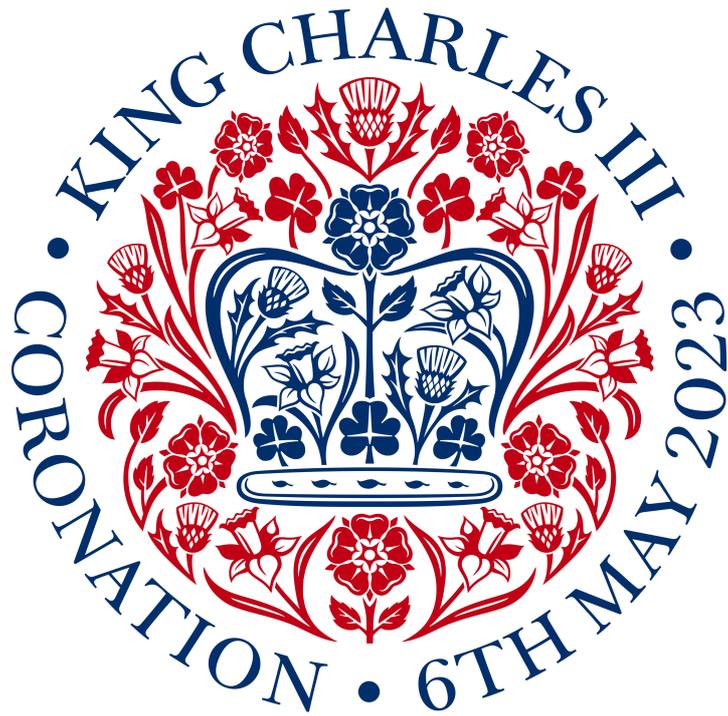
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Coronation



When your time capsule is finished, you can fill in this certificate and add it to the contents. Just think, hundreds of years from now this capsule might be discovered and people will know that you created it!

Connect the dots  
and decorate to  
make a carriage  
fit for a king!





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