

# Design a jewel

This jewel is said to have belonged to Lord Darnley's mother. It is made from gold, rubies and emeralds and decorated with emblems and symbols linked to Darnley's family.



## Fun facts

The Darnley Jewel has tiny hidden compartments where secret decorations are enclosed.

One of the decorations shows how the countess hoped her grandson would one day rule all of Britain, which did indeed happen in 1603 when James VI of Scotland also became James I of England.

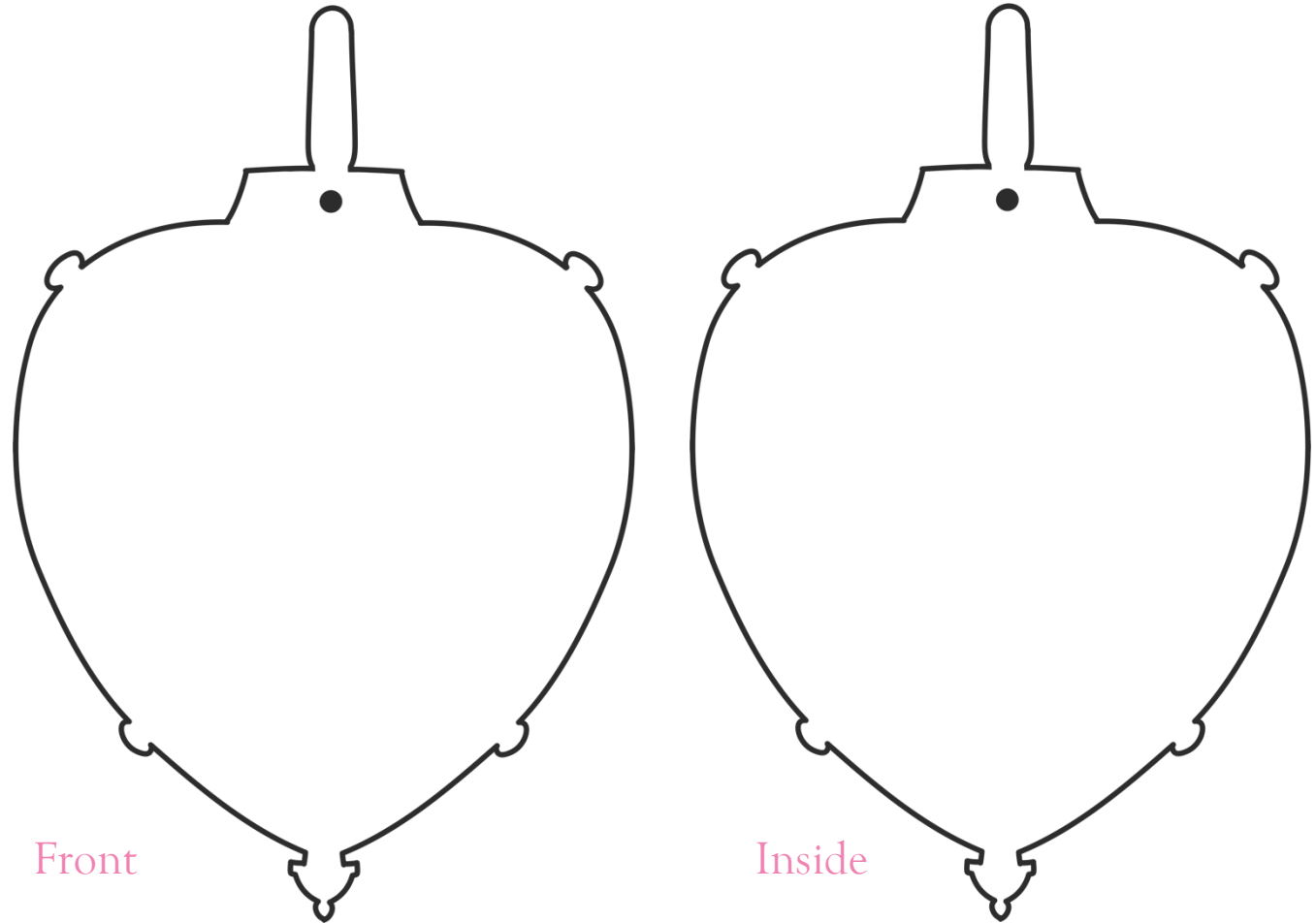
A member of Darnley's family is said to have taken King Robert the Bruce's heart to the Holy Land. That is why the family symbol is a heart.

## What you need

- A pencil
- Colouring pencils
- A pair of scissors
- A piece of ribbon, string or wool

## Instructions

1. Take inspiration from the Darnley Jewel and think about what emblems and symbols link to you.
2. Decorate the front of your jewel by drawing and colouring your emblems and symbols.
3. Write a hidden message on the inside of your jewel.
4. Cut out the front and inside of your jewel and make holes in the tops of them.
5. Thread the front and inside of your jewel onto a piece of ribbon, string or wool through the holes that you have made.
6. Put your jewel around your neck and ask someone to fasten it for you by tying a bow.



### Top tip

Your emblems and symbols could link to your friends, family, interests or hobbies.