

# Make your own brooch



**This activity will show you how to make your own brooch.**

These would have been worn by both men and women to fasten their clothes, and came in various shapes. You can choose to make a disc or an oval brooch, just choose a suitable item to draw around to get your shape and then have fun decorating!

## Viking brooches

Oval brooches were worn by women, usually in pairs to hold their dresses at the shoulders. Disc brooches could be worn by men and women and were usually used to fasten cloaks.



Viking designs could be very complicated and often involved fantastical creatures, interwoven designs and lots of detail.

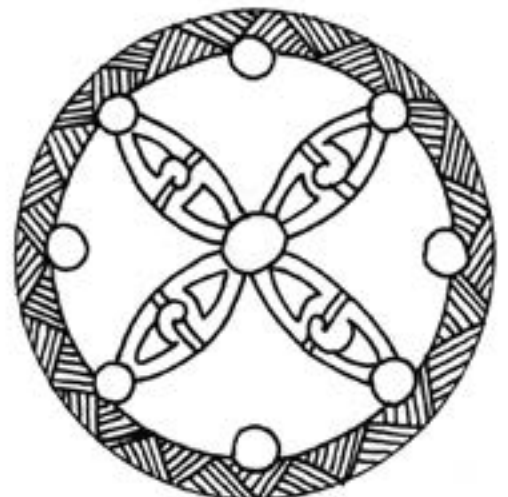




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Disc brooches were worn to fasten all kinds of clothing. Anglo Saxon brooches were usually symmetrical and decorated with geometric shapes like circles, lines and dots. Sometimes they were also inlaid with ivory, glass and precious stones.

## Anglo Saxon brooches



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## You will need

- ✂ Stiff card
- ✂ A safety pin
- ✂ Something to draw around e.g. a jam-jar lid
- ✂ PVA glue & paintbrush
- ✂ Sticky tape
- ✂ Scissors
- ✂ Pencil
- ✂ String, beads, small pasta shapes for decoration



Place the jam-jar lid or other template on your card and draw around it.



Cut out the circle



Design your brooch, making sure it is symmetrical. Don't make it too complicated or you won't be able to make it 3D.



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Glue over the design.

Using beads, string, or other items make your design stand out from the card. Once your design is completed, leave the glue to dry.

Now cut a piece of kitchen foil a little larger than your brooch.

Put some more glue over the front of the brooch.

Put the foil on top of the brooch and gently press it down with your finger or the blunt end of the pencil. You are trying to make the design stand out without breaking through the foil. You might press over the same areas several times to make the shape show through the foil.

Once you are happy with the foil, turn the brooch over and wrap the foil around the edges. Glue or tape it in position to keep it secure.

Now tape your safety pin onto the back of the brooch.

Wear your brooch with pride!

