Make your own brooch

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.

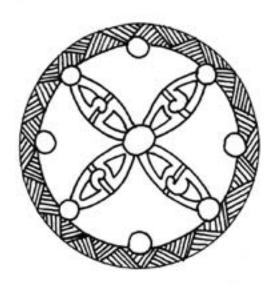
Anglo Saxon brooches







Activities



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You will need

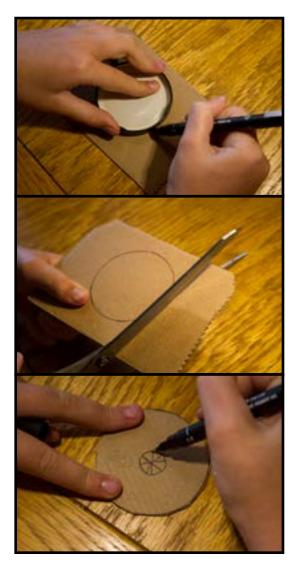
- ♦ Stiff card
- ✤ A safety pin
- Something to draw around e.g. a jam-jar lid
- ✤ PVA glue & paintbrush
- ✤ Sticky tape
- ✤ Scissors
- ✤ Pencil
- String, beads, small pasta shapes for decoration



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!

