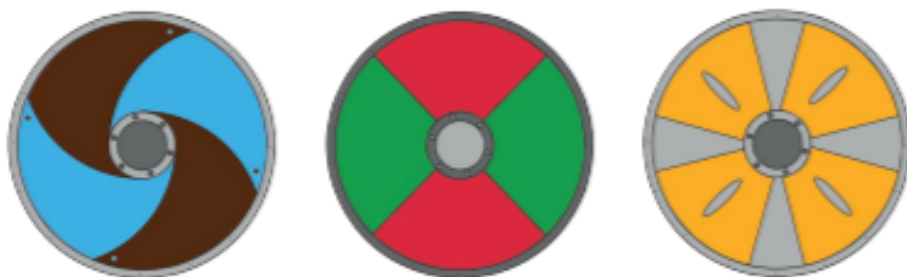


Design a Viking Shield

Viking Shields

Vikings used shields to protect themselves in battle. Their shields were made of **wood**, **metal** and **leather**. In the middle of the shield, there was a circle (an **iron boss**) made of metal which **protected** their hands. **Decorating** their shields was a huge part of the Vikings' culture. They used **colours** and **intricate** designs. Here are some examples of what they might have looked like:



Viking Runes

The Vikings use special **pictures** to write **messages** and label things. These were called runes. Look carefully at the runes below. Can you write your name in **runes**? Why not add some runes to your shield design?



My name in runes: _____

Extra Tip:

Bring your shield to life using a spare piece of cardboard and some paints. Use string or paper (or leather straps if you have them) to make a handle for your arm. Use tinfoil to add some metal sections.



Design Your Viking Shield

Choose **four** colours (one must be a colour for the metal parts) and design your own Viking shield!

