



Make an Anglo-Saxon Brooch

Suitable for: Children aged 4-11

Things You Will Need:

- Stiff card (or old cereal packet)
- Craft foam sheets
- Household aluminium foil
- Tracing paper
- Clear tape
- Pencil or ball point pen
- Scissors
- Glue
- Badge back or safety pin
- Optional: Sharpie colouring pens, gems, hole punch, ribbon or string



You will love using foil to make your designs!

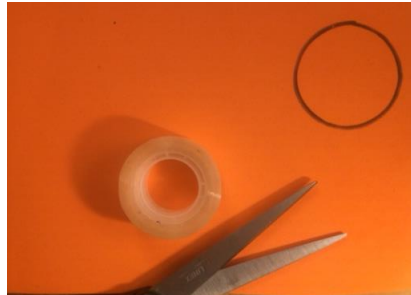
About this craft activity: You can make your designs from as simple or as complex as you like.

Did you know? Anglo Saxon brooches were an essential wardrobe item. They were mainly worn by women and were used to join pieces of clothing together- and are said to have been as essential to Anglo Saxon women as modern buttons and zips today! Circular, jewelled brooches were popular in the middle to late Anglo-Saxon era.

How to Make Your Anglo-Saxon Brooch

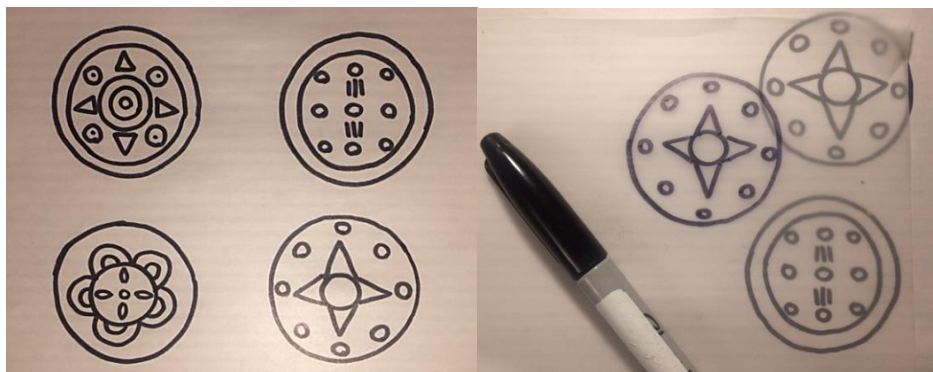
Step 1: Cut your craft foam into a brooch sized circle, about 5cm in diameter.

Top tips: you can also use other shapes such as squares, rectangles or triangles.



Step 2: Get creative and make your own design and then trace it carefully onto tracing paper.

Top tip: Younger children can skip this step and draw directly onto their brooch (step four).



Step 3: Cut a foil shape about 2cm larger than your circle. Trace your design onto the foil using a blunt pencil or ball point pen.

Top tips:

- *Have a few spares of foil in case you make any holes in the foil!*
- *Turn the foil over once you have done your design for an 'embossed' look!*



Step 4: Wrap the foil around the foam and secure with Sellotape.

Top tips:

If doing this activity with younger children, wrap the blank foil directly around your shape, secure with tape and then draw your design. This doesn't give the 'embossed' look (which you get on the other side of the foil) but does make it easy and fun and it also looks great!



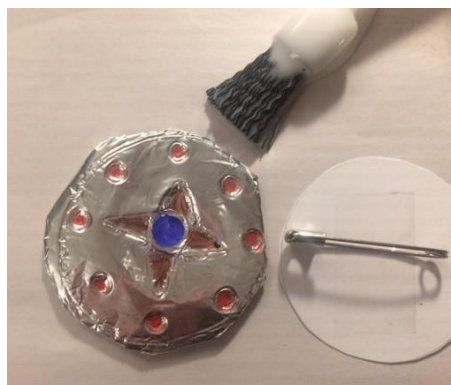
Step 6: If you want to add colour to your design you can use coloured sharpies.

Top tip: Only use sharpies with supervision and in a well-ventilated area.



Step 7: Cut out a 5cm circle, or whatever shape you have used, from a piece of stiff card (or old cereal packet). Attach a badge back or safety pin to the back of the card and glue in place.

Top tip: If making with younger children, you can use a hole punch and add ribbon to make a necklace.





Step 8: Decorate with any extra gems and wear with pride!

