

Shields

Shield- A broad piece of armor worn on the arm to protect against weapons.

Though shields are primarily designed for physical protection, many are decorated with emblems or symbols for *spiritual protection* or to *represent one's self or family*.



American Indian Shield, ca. 1850,
Nelson-Atkins Museum



Replica of Medieval Shield,
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Figure 1 Shield, 19th-20th Century, Maasai
People, Met Museum



Shield, 19th century,
Solomon Islands, Met
Museum

How to Make a Papier Mâché Shield

- Bend a wire hanger into a circle or other shield shape.
- Wrap the hanger with a few layers of newspaper.
- Use masking tape to secure the edges of the newspaper on the back side.
- Cover shield with a layer of Mod Podge.
- Think about your design and what kind of symbol or emblem you want on your shield. Protection? Representation?
- Paint your background color or colors. Add your symbol or emblem with paint or create it on another piece of paper, cut, and glue.