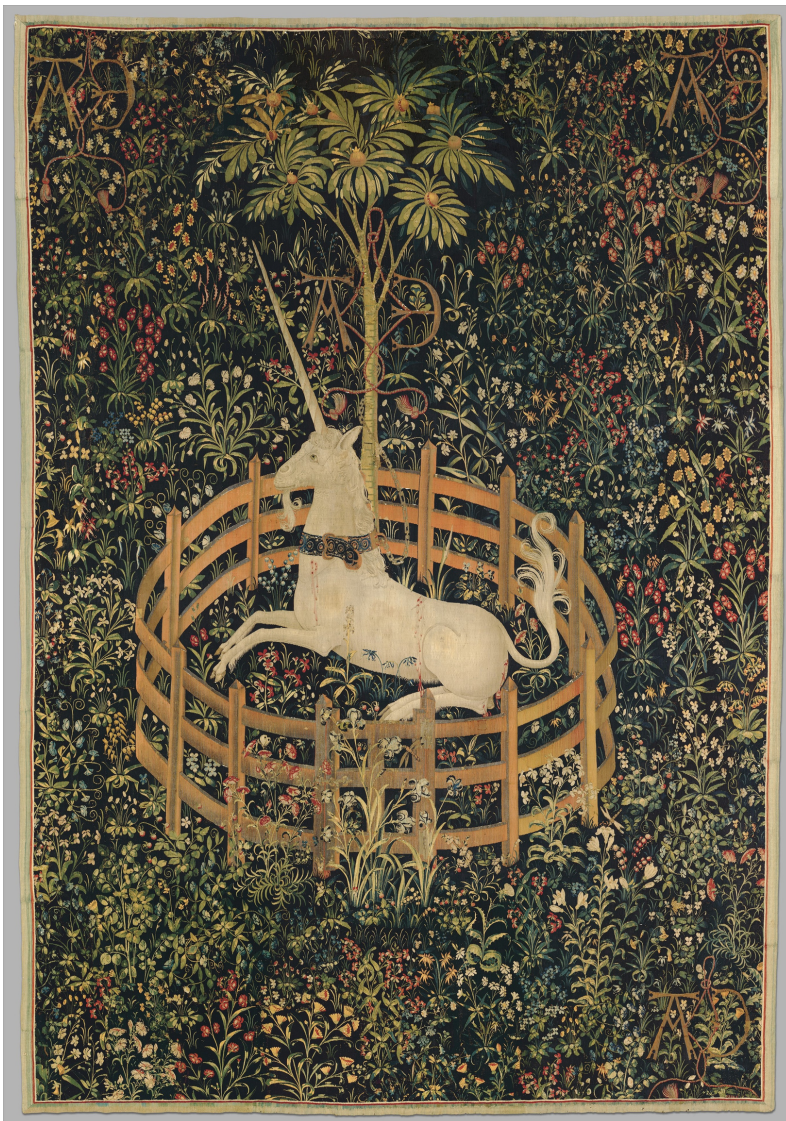


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What does Medieval mean?

If you look up the definition of Medieval, it will tell you it means "relating to the Middle Ages." But when were the middle ages? That's a tough question!

Historians don't agree on exact dates but generally consider it the years between 500 and 1500! That's a long time ago. Right now it's 2020, so that means that the year 500 was 1,520 years ago!

The entire Medieval era was 1000 years - that's a lot of history, and a lot of art!



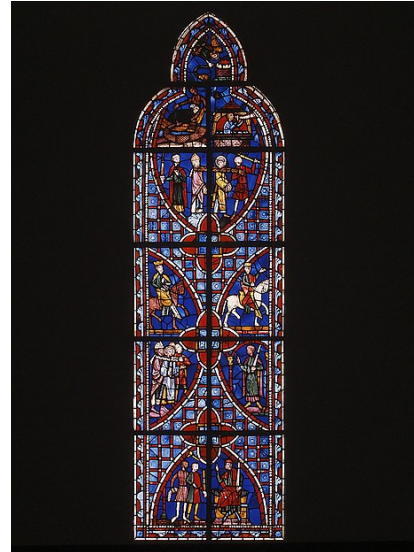
We're going to look at just some of the art that was created during this time period!

What are you expecting art from the Medieval period to look like?



So, what does it look like?

Good question! Medieval Art can look a lot of different ways
- let's look at some examples!



Whoa! Those are all very different types of art. Let's start
with one thing at a time...





Personalized Armor

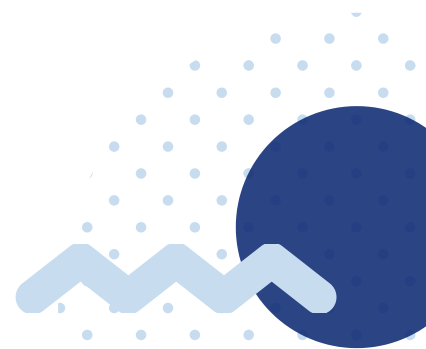
In medieval times, it was important to have armor! This is the Armor of George Clifford, Third Earl of Cumberland

It is made of steel, gold, leather, and fabric. Do you consider making armor a type of artwork?

Go ahead, create your own suit of armor right over there!



The man who this armor was made for had the letter "E" all over his armor. Try to include a certain letter in your design - maybe the first letter of your name!





Animal Helmets



This is a helmet in the form of a lion's head! Have you ever seen such a thing?

This was made in the shape of a lion to show that the person wearing it was brave and strong - strong enough to fight off a lion!

We are going to make our own helmets inspired by an animal!

Gather your supplies:

Hat or Helmet

Tin Foil

Tape

Your Turn!

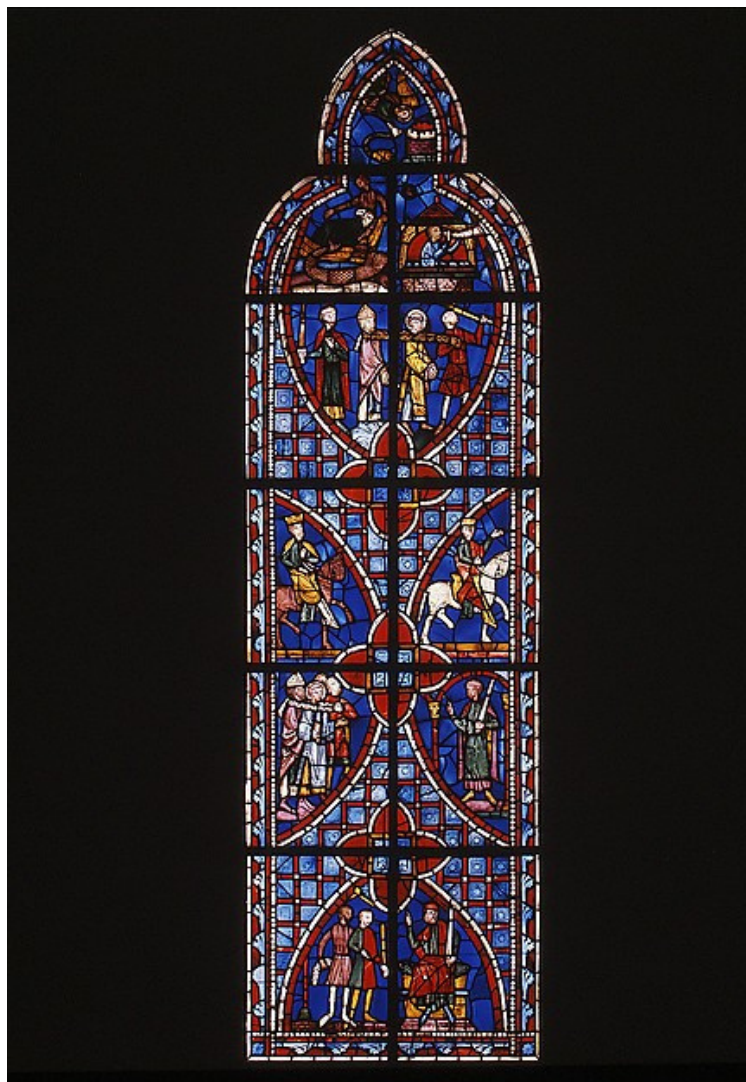
First, pick an animal you are inspired by. Think about characteristics of animals. Lions are thought of as brave, dogs are loyal, elephants never forget... and lots more!

Next, starting with your hat or helmet as a base, begin to sculpt your animal out of foil!

When you are done sculpting, make sure you attach it to your hat or helmet really well with tape. Wear your helmet around with pride!



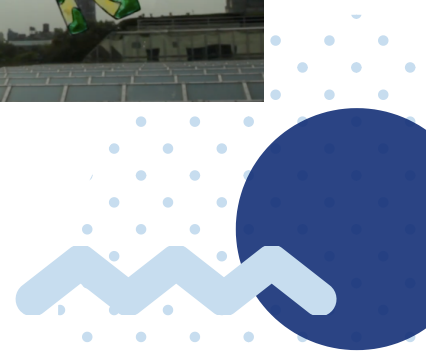
Stained Glass



Have you ever seen a stained glass window? Maybe one in a church or a museum!

Stained glass windows can be decorative, or tell a story. This one is kind of like a comic book - except you read it from top to bottom! Can you tell what's going on here?

Make your own stained glass art project! Follow along with a video by clicking this image!



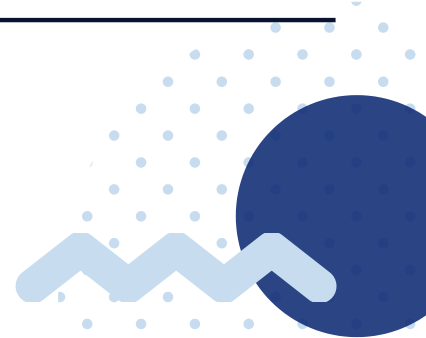
Tapestries & Storytelling

Tapestries are huge woven works of art! This one is made of wool, the design first sketched out, then artists weave the wool over and under itself to make a fabric.

Your Turn:

Tapestries were often illustrated to tell stories during this time. What do you think is going on in this tapestry?

Write your story here:



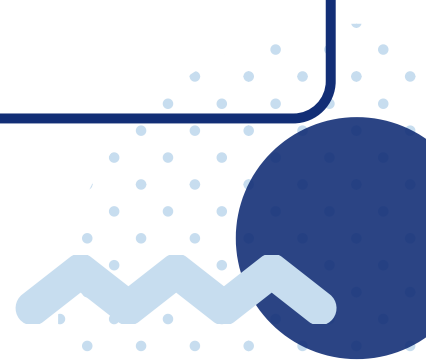
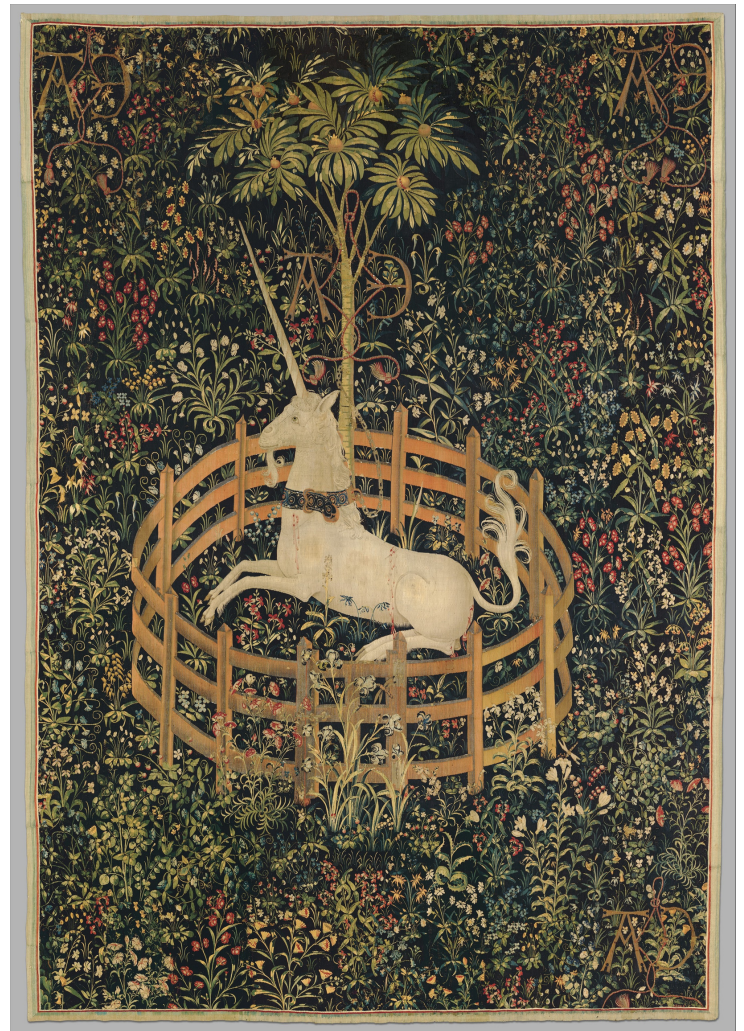
Unicorns!?

It may seem funny, but the Unicorn Tapestries are some of the most well-known surviving tapestries from the Medieval era.

Some people in the Middle Ages believe that unicorns were real animals - and some even believed that you could make poison water safe to drink by dipping a unicorn's horn in it!

This tapestry is just one of seven that make up the Unicorn Tapestries. This one is called "Unicorn in Captivity."

Below, illustrate your own tapestry - magical animals included!





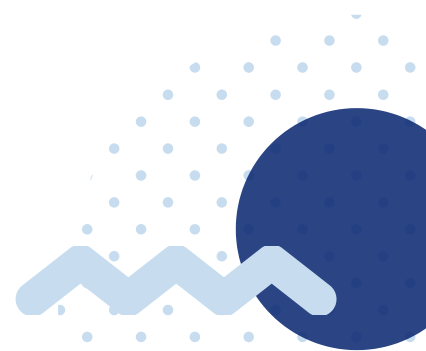
Putting It All Together

Let's take that tapestry you drew and bring it to life!

You can make your art 3-D with things you find around your house.

First, you're going to need some things:

- Cardboard--it can be from an old cereal box, a storage box, or any piece of cardboard you have lying around.
- Tin Foil--if you have it. If not, no worries, you can use pieces of plastic, paper, or other pieces of cardboard.
- Newspaper--find some old newspapers or any extra pieces of paper you have, any kind works!
- Scissors
- Glue and/or Tape
- Paint, markers, and/or colored pencils--whatever you have, feel free to use!



Step 1: Make Your Background

Take your piece of cardboard and color in your background with paint, markers, or colored pencils.

Maybe you have mountains, trees, or buildings. Use whatever color or style you want to make your background.



Medieval art is characterized by bright colors, as seen in their stained glass.

You could add some stained glass designs you learned earlier to your background.



Step 2: Design Your Characters

Just like how you made your helmet, shape people, animals, and any other objects you have on your tapestry.

You can use paper or newspaper to cut out shapes of people or animals.

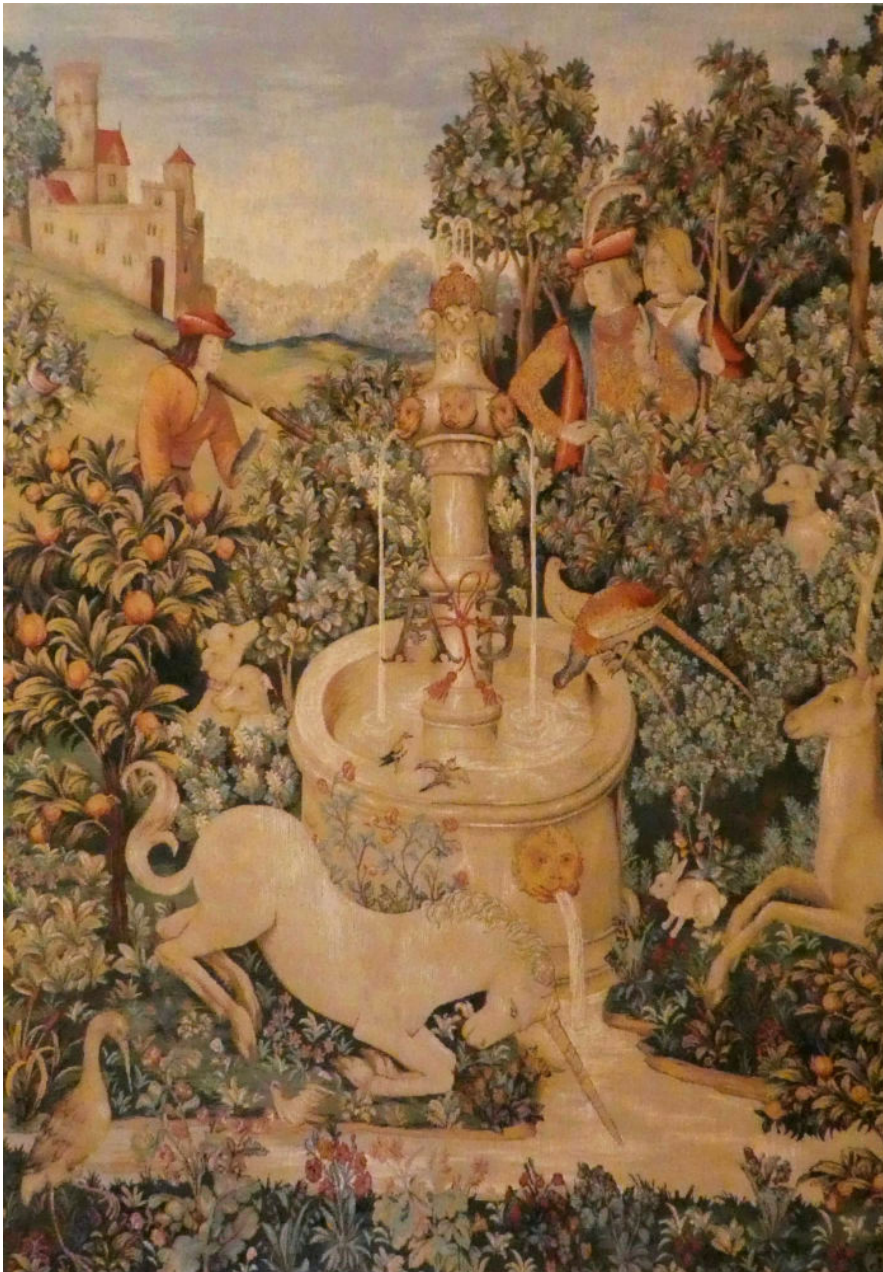
To make your piece more 3-dimensional, use cardboard or aluminum foil.



Step 3: Add Color and Connect

Use markers, paints, or colored pencils to color your characters. Be creative!

What color would your animals and people be in this world you created?



Now you can use glue or tape and put all your animals and people onto your background. Think about the story you want to create with your scene.

What are the people or animals doing?





Learn more about Medieval Art!

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