

# Art Lesson Plan

## Medieval Sword & Shield

K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## Materials Needed

- 5-gallon paint stir stick
- 1-gallon paint stir stick
- 5/8-inch-wide ribbon
- gold flat-headed tacks
- paint- any color of choice, (Gold, silver, and glow-in-the-dark paint are some fun options)
- sand paper
- paper towels
- paper plate for paint tray
- cup for water to rinse paint brush
- duct tape (to adhere handle)
- 3x12 inch piece of corrugated cardboard (to make handle)
- Poster board 20x30 inch (optional- to make templates)
- Foam board 20x30
- hot glue gun
- hammer (optional-for tacks)
- hand saw or sheet cutters (the yellow handled ones) to cut the stir sticks
- Razor blade (to cut foam board)
- paintbrushes

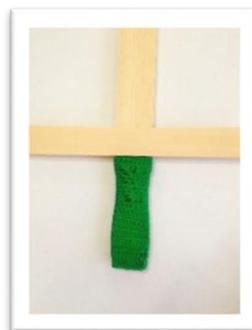
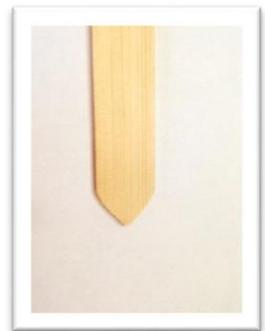


## SWORD

1. Take the smaller 1-gallon stir stick and cut or saw off the handle so it measures 9 inches. Sand the edge smooth.



2. Glue (hot glue gun) the 9-inch stick to a 5-gallon stick just above the handle groove.
3. Using the saw or clippers, cut the tip of the sword into a point.
4. Choose your color of ribbon and cut it to measure 4 feet 6 inches. This will give you plenty of length for overlapping.
5. To begin wrapping the handle, add a dollop of hot glue at the top of the handle just below the "t" then stick the end of the ribbon in the glue. Wrap the ribbon around the handle tightly and hot glue every 3-4 wraps. When you get to the end, trim the extra ribbon off and hot glue.
6. Press 3 gold tacks on both sides of the handle. Begin in the center and place the other two tacks beside it so it will be centered. You may want to use a hammer if this is too hard to push in.



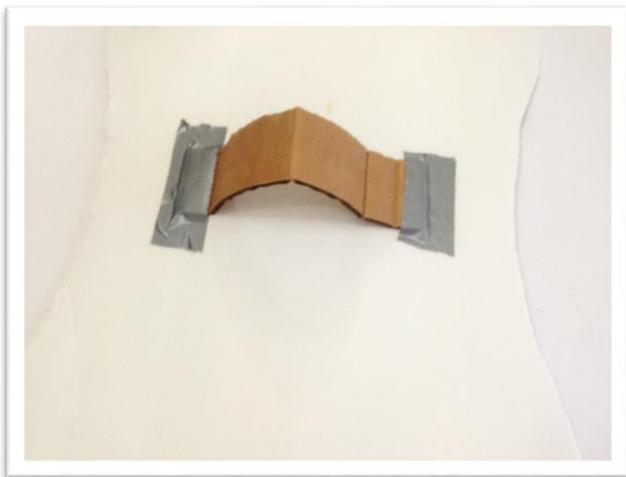
*Add a Personal Touch to the Sword by Painting It!*



## SHIELD

1. Before you begin look at the shield design ideas page.
2. Shield Shape- You may want to make templates for students to use out of poster board. Trace the shape for a shield onto the foam board and cut out. I used a pair of adult scissors and had a difficult time so children will need help with this. A razor blade works much better.
3. Using a pencil draw a design for your shield on the foam board.
4. Paint your design.
5. When its dry, turn over and make the handle. You will need 3x12 inch piece of corrugated cardboard for this.
6. Hot glue the ends of the card board so it makes a bridge. then add a piece of duct tape for added strength.

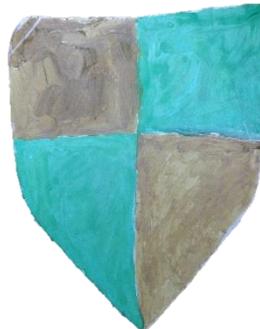
## Poster Board Templates



# Shield Design Ideas & Samples



Here are some samples of my students' art work!

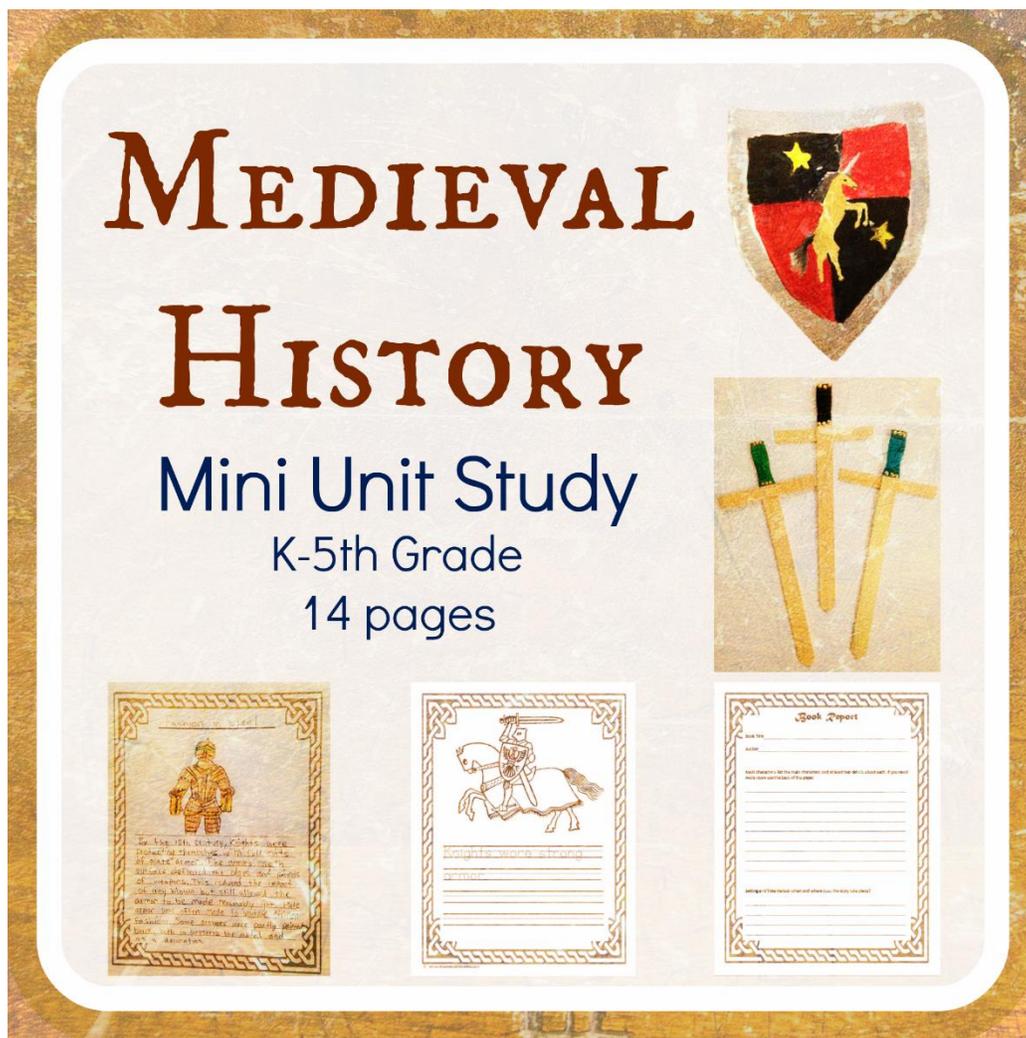


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