

CREATE YOUR OWN MEDAL

Patriotic Craft for All Ages

Medals are awarded to those in the military for both service and conduct. Some medals are awarded because a person has served in a particular war, campaign, or engagement. Some medals are awarded because a person has demonstrated bravery, a special skill, or performed an exemplary act of valor. **Valor** is having great courage, especially while facing danger in battle. The highest personal honor a member of the military can be awarded is the Medal of Honor. Each branch of the military has regulations about where on the uniform and when to wear medals.

SUPPLIES:

- Medal template (below)
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Stickers (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

First, decide what your medal is awarded for! This can be something military-related or not, just make sure it's something important to you!

Then, choose a base for your medal (circle, star, hexagon, or draw your own), and decorate it with words and images that show what your medal is all about! Think about the use of color and symbols when making your design.

Be sure to decorate your ribbon as well!

EXAMPLES:



Medal of Honor (Army)



Purple Heart



Vietnam Service Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal

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