

Shield-making activity (based on [activityvillage.co.uk](https://www.activityvillage.co.uk))

Ancient Greek soldiers were known as Hoplites. They were named after their shield, which in ancient Greek was called a *hoplon*.

They carried a large shield made of wood or leather which was sometimes coated with metal. These were painted by the individual soldiers to their own design.

Have a go at making a mini-shield out of a paper plate. You will need:

- Paper plate or round piece of cardboard
Used teabag/brown paint (optional)
Paint/pens
Strips of card
Sticky tape
- To make your shield look like it is wooden rub it with a cold wet teabag or paint it with a brown wash. Leave it to dry.
- Draw or paint on any pattern of your choice.
- To make a handle for the shield, tape the two ends of the card to the back of the shield making a loop to slide your hand through.
- Instead of a paper plate, simply cut out a round piece of card.

Some ideas:



Source: <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/make-a-hoplite-shield>