

Colour in a Garter Badge

This stained glass window depicts the beautiful Garter Badge, found all around St George's Chapel.



The Most Noble Order of the Garter is an order of knighthood founded by King Edward III of England in 1348.

Notice that in the middle there is a cross of St George, England's patron saint, which is surrounded by a blue Garter.

A garter was a piece of clothing used many years ago, tied around the leg, to hold up a stocking (or sock before the invention of elastic), or to secure a piece of armour in place. Members of the Order wear it on ceremonial occasions.

Do you see words on the Garter in gold lettering? This is the motto 'Honi soit qui mal y pense'. It is written in old French, and means 'Shame on him who thinks evil of it'.

A motto is a short sentence or phrase chosen to express the beliefs or ideals of an individual, family, or institution.

Use the line drawing to colour in your own version of the Garter Badge. Can you think of a motto that you would use, either for yourself or your family? It doesn't need to be in another language, and it should say something about what is important to you.

Write your motto in the space below.

