



Medal Medley

A Day to Remember by Jackie French

Research the various medals that were awarded to Australians. Choose one of these and note the design and ribbon colours. Then create your own medal from the materials provided.

You will need:

- Small pieces of copper/bronze/silver metal shim (8cm sq.)
- Strips of coloured cover paper or quilling paper of different widths
- Medium card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Stylus or old biro
- Scrap paper & pencil
- Tape
- Wads of newspaper

Instructions

1. Make a drawing of the chosen medal to the size shown.
2. Tape the drawing to the appropriate coloured metal shim and trace over the drawing carefully, using the biro or stylus.

3. Determine which parts of the medal will be shown in relief, turn the metal over and gently rub these out from the back, to create the relief on the front side.
4. Tidy the front of the medal, then cut the shape from the shim being careful not to cut fingers on the sharp edges.
5. Cut the coloured papers into strips and glue onto card in the correct sequence for the medal's ribbon.
6. Glue the metal shape over the ribbon using a hot glue gun.
7. Carefully cut the medal and ribbon from the card.
8. Hang to display.

Extension:

Older students may like to research people from the local community or their own family or friends who have served in Australia's Armed Services, and make a medal to reflect their theatre of service.



Defence department website for medals:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/medals/>

