Inspired by superheroes like Wonder Woman and Captain America and the shields in our Plaster Cast Gallery, design a shield to convey a message about yourself, your family, or even your country.

**YOU WILL NEED...**

- A round piece of cardboard (recommended size 8-18 inches)
- Paint, markers, or crayons
- A strip of chipboard (like a cereal box)
- 2 brass fasteners
- An awl or pencil

**GET CREATING!**

1. **Create a design:** Add colors, shapes, and images to the round cardboard with paint, crayons, markers, etc.

2. **With help from your adult:** Poke two holes about 3 inches apart from each other near the middle of the cardboard. Poke a hole at each end the chipboard strip.

3. **Form the handle:** Line up the hole on the strip with the holes on the cardboard and insert the brass fasteners through the front of the shield, flattening out the ends of the fastener.

**THINK ABOUT IT...** What other materials might you use to make a shield? What would you need to fend off a squirt gun attack?

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