

Activity – Norman arch to arcade

1) Print off pic 1; stick it on to cardboard (any old cereal box or similar will do), and then cut out the grey shape to make your stencil - don't forget to add the mark on the bottom. Take a piece of paper, draw round the stencil. Then title the page 'Old Doors and Windows' and write under the window/door you've drawn 'A Norman Arch' - keep the stencil, you'll need it again.

Your drawing should look like pic 2.

2) At the bottom of the page underneath the Norman Arch you've just drawn, or on another page if there's no room, draw a line across the page with a ruler or other straight edge. On the line, draw another window using your stencil, make this one to the left-hand side of the page. Make a mark about half-way across at the bottom of your 'window'.

It should look like pic 3 top

Move the stencil so that the left-hand bottom corner is on the mark you made in the middle of the shape you just made, then draw round the stencil.

See pic 3 bottom

3) Look at what you just drew - it's a shape cut into three parts - draw round the middle part with a felt tip or coloured pencil - (Use the stencil to help you)

See pic 4

The pointed shape you've now drawn is called a lancet - doors and windows this shape are called lancets; they came after the Norman style and were used up to Tudor times. They were also very popular in Victorian churches. Write the name 'Lancet' under your picture

See pic 4

4) Take a new sheet of paper and lay it down in landscape shape. Draw a line across the page about 1-2 cm up from the bottom. Use your stencil to draw a window on the left of the page. On the bottom of the stencil you will see a mark – make sure you copy this mark on the 'window' you've just drawn

See pic 5 sheet 2

Now as you did with the lancet, move the stencil to the mark you made and draw another window. This leaves two lines to the right, see pic 5 sheet 3 where I've put circles around these two points

5) Draw round the large lancet. It should look like pic 6

6) Now draw two more windows starting at each of the two circles, then repeat until the line is finished. Now colour in the arcade, which is what a row of doors or windows are called. It will look like pic 7 and pic 8.