

## What did the Romans wear?

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Ancient Rome was founded in 753 BC and ended around 476 AD in the country of Italy. Like us, the Romans wore jewellery to make themselves look better but also to display their wealth and status. Children wore special jewellery to protect them from evil spirits.



These three pieces of jewellery are part of our collection. They are two Roman brooches and a pendant.

Necklaces and bracelets were made out of brightly coloured glass beads and polished stones. Pearls were also used. As well as necklaces and bracelets, Roman women would also wear ear-rings and friendship rings. In Roman times men and women would often fasten their cloaks with brooches. Brooches would come in all different shapes and sizes. Often brooches were shaped like animals to bring the wearer good luck.





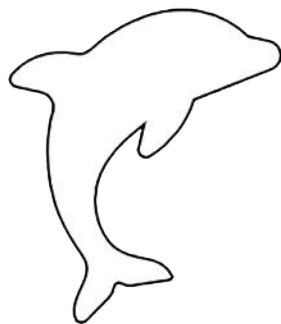
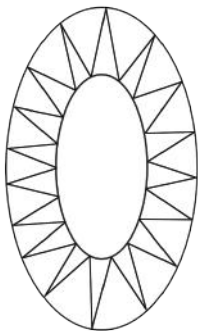
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### Your turn!

Now it's your turn to get creative and decorate or design your own Roman brooch. You can then cut it out, stick it to a piece of cardboard and ask an adult to attach a safety pin at the back so you can wear it!

Some examples of design:



You can also design and colour your very own brooch here: