



Design your own Cypher

What is a cypher?

A cypher is a design made up of letters, usually representing someone's initials. Sometimes they also have numbers.

For example, if your name is **John Jones**, you would use the letters **J** and **J** to make your cypher.

There are lots of different examples of cyphers in the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, representing the different Kings and Queens who have lived there over the years.



Queen Elizabeth II



Queen Victoria



George IV

R stands for *Regina* (Queen) and *Rex* (King). They are Latin words. So EIRR means Queen Elizabeth II, and GIVR means King George IV.

What are your initials?

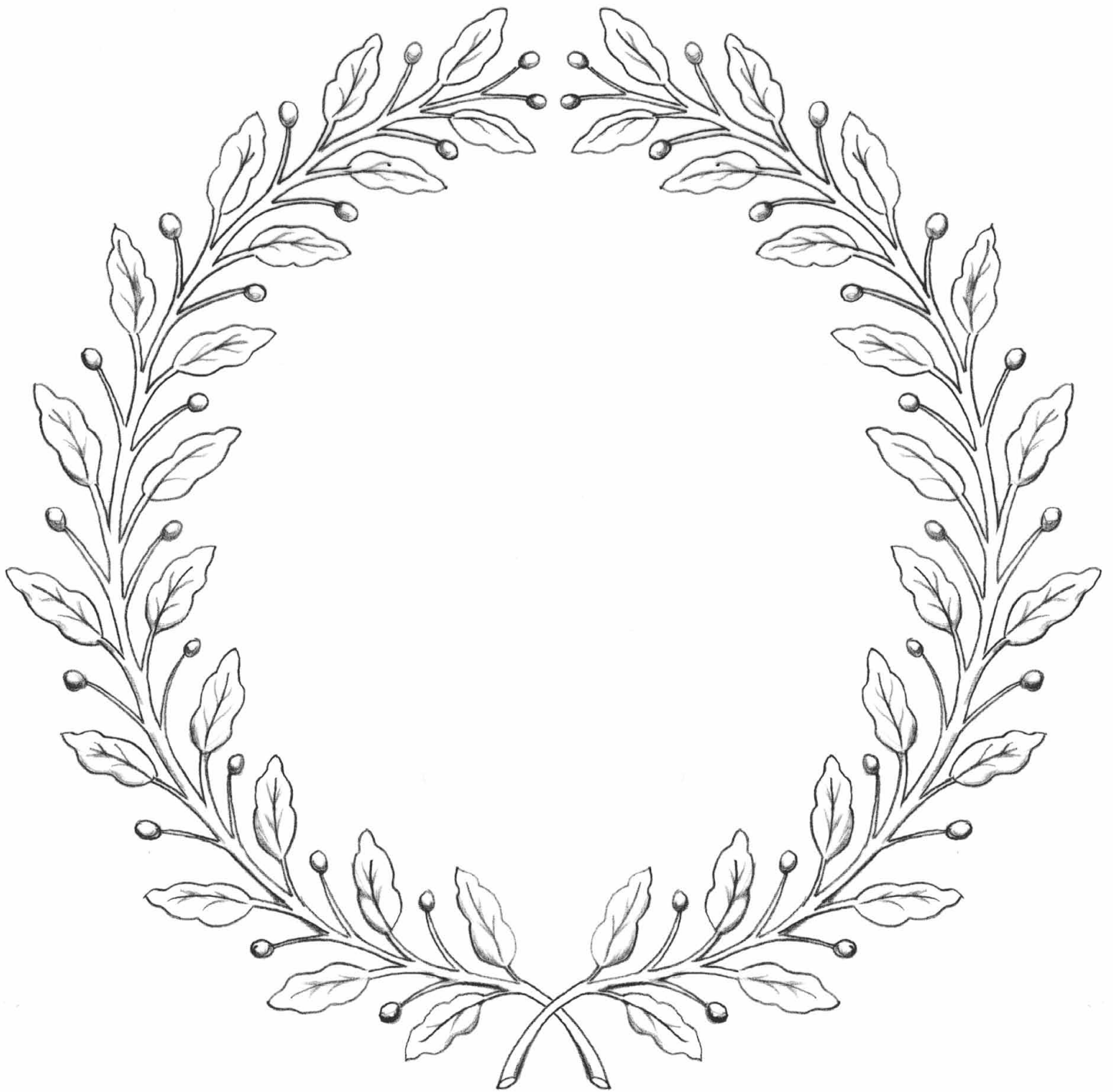
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What to do next:

1. Choose a style of letter.
2. Decide how you will put your initials together. Will they be side-by-side or linking? Maybe one letter will be back to front.

Please turn the page to draw your own cypher.





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