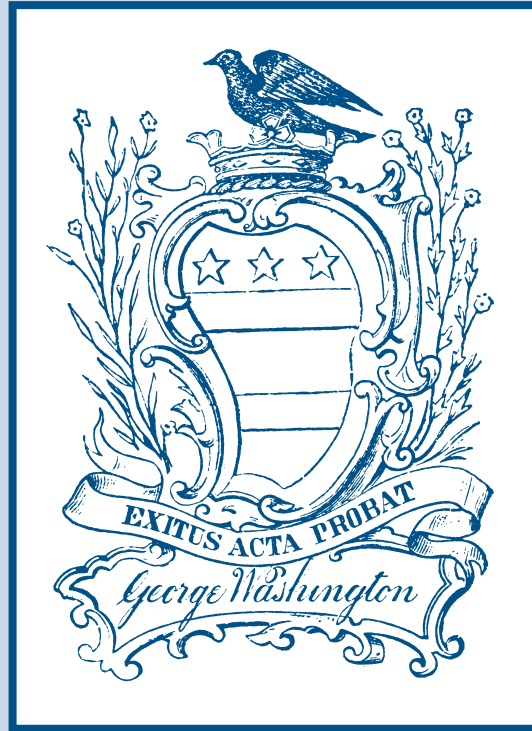


Design a Bookplate

In 1772 Washington ordered an engraved bookplate bearing the Washington coat of arms, to label the inside cover of his books. (Washington often signed his books on the title page, as well.) His bookplate carried the Latin motto *Exitus Acta Probat* from the coat of arms: “The result justifies the deed.”

Materials

- Ruler
- Heavy weight paper
- Colored pens and markers
- Scissors
- Photocopy machine (optional)
- Glue stick



Using the ruler, draw a 4-inch-by-3-inch rectangle onto the heavy weight paper. Design your bookplate. It must have a place to show the name of the book owner, but you can make it as fancy as you wish. Try creating a border using patterns of scrolls, leaves, geometric designs, stars, or whatever you choose. You can also include a favorite phrase or motto as Washington did. Or your bookplate can be as simple as “This Book Belongs to _____.” You can take your bookplate and have photocopies made if you wish. Cut out your bookplate. Center it inside the cover of a book you own and glue it down.