

Design a Royal Bedchamber

Use your interior design skills to create a bedchamber fit for a queen or king!

In 1589, King James VI of Scotland married Anna of Denmark – and gave her Dunfermline Abbey as a wedding present!

Queen Anna decided to turn the abbey guesthouse into a palace. She spent lots of money making it a more comfortable and luxurious place to live including larger windows to make the most of the splendid view towards Edinburgh. You can still see the fancy stonework and fine fireplaces if you visit the palace nowadays.

Queen Anna redecorated the royal bedchamber before she gave birth to her son Charles. We know that her colour scheme was green and for the bed she ordered:

- Green velvet for the canopy
- Silver and gold embroidery thread
- Green taffeta curtains
- Green silk curtain ties
- fringes, tassels and knots



Over to you!

Use the Design a Bedchamber template to create a royal bedchamber.

- Cut along the solid black lines and fold along the dotted lines.
- Decorate the interior of the bedchamber by adding colours and patterns to the illustrations. There is also space to add your own drawings.
- Put some glue on the tabs and tuck them underneath the floor.

You could use the information above for your design or use your imagination!

- What colours do you think would suit a King or Queen?
- What furniture might Queen Anna have had in her bedchamber? Think about what you have in your bedroom. Where would she keep her clothes? What might she have on the walls (tapestries? paintings?) What would you have on the floor?

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