

Instructions for using the AoA level templates:

There are currently 4 separate templates in 3 styles (with more to come). Each PDF has 2 pages; one with the overall page design, and one with individual elements to put into the assigned areas. There is an additional file with color references for each of the scroll types.

First, print out both pages of the PDF you wish to use. If you print them out full size, they will fit on an 11"x14" piece of Bristol Board with a nice margin for framing. If you choose to print them smaller, please be aware that the seal spaces need to be about 2" diameter regardless of the size of the rest of the scroll; at this point we are not recommending this option.

Next, place the overall design behind the scroll paper on a light box or sunny window. Tape the papers lightly together to prevent movement while you are tracing. Trace the design elements onto the scroll paper lightly with pencil (just outlining the corners should be sufficient for the box shapes). Then take the second page and pick which patterns or letters or shield shapes you wish to use and trace those elements into the appropriate areas. If you know who the recipient of the scroll is, you can put it device on the scroll (get a copy from the Roll of Arms or Crescent Herald); if not, leave that area blank.

The next steps are calligraphing and painting. If you can get the scroll calligraphed before you paint, that is slightly preferred, but if you are not doing your own calligraphy and don't have access to a calligrapher right at this moment, go ahead and paint the scroll. In the References file, there are color photos of the original pieces that served as inspiration for these scrolls- you do not have to paint them exactly as the reference, but it's a good idea to note general colors and patterns before you start.

When you are finished, give the scroll to the Scribe Armarius, who will get it calligraphed if necessary, sealed, and presented.