

A Typical Medieval Manor House.

1. Work with a partner. Have a sheet of plain paper between you and one set of instructions each. You are going to tell each other what to draw or label, you are drawing a plan of a typical Medieval manor house—don't show your partner your written instructions. You can cross things out & correct things.

1. Draw a large rectangle in the centre of your piece of paper, you will need space around it to add more details.

3. Next to the passage way label the smaller room as the kitchen.

6. Add a tower to your plan. This would be attached to the Great Hall.

8. Draw a flight of stairs going from the Great Hall into the tower.

10. In the Great Hall draw a platform with a table on it for the lord's family.

12. The tower could be an office or storeroom or extra family room. Decide what you want it to be and draw some items in it to show what it was like.

14. Bread and baked goods were kept in the Pantry, show this on your plan.

16. The buttery was where the butts or barrels of ale and wine were kept, include these in your plan.

18. Give a title to your plan, you could include some outside features.

2. A third of the way across the rectangle draw a narrow passageway and label this. There should now be a room on each side of your passageway, one bigger than the other.

4. Label the bigger room as the Great Hall.

5. Near your kitchen draw two small rooms & label these as a pantry and a buttery.

7. Add an extra room attached to the Great Hall and label it as the chapel.

9. In your Great Hall show where the central fire would be in the middle of the room.

11. In the Great Hall add some benches and tables.

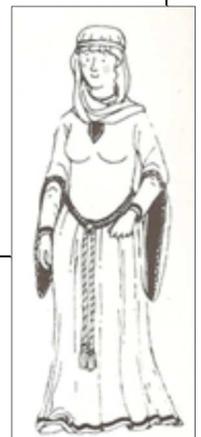
13. The top floor of the tower—decide how you can show this on your plan—was the best room for the Lord and was called a solar. Label this and some of the likely items in it.

15. The kitchen would contain a large table, open fire and oven. Include these in your plan.

17. The chapel would include a cross and altar, show these in your plan.

Clues:

- There was very little furniture. It was often made out of oak and had carved decorations.
- Tapestries on the walls were popular to provide decoration and protection from draughts.
- Open fires provided heat and were used for cooking.



2. Do some research and find out how accurate your plan of a Medieval manor house is. Provide 2 pictures and a description to support your points. Explain what you had missed out or been mistaken about.

3. i) Compare the lord's manor house to a peasant's house—what are the similarities and differences?
ii) What does this suggest about Medieval society?