

MHS Heraldry Group

Blazoning – Unit 4

NON-STRAIGHT LINES

HERE ARE SOME VERY COMMON TERMS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER



NB the points stick outwards

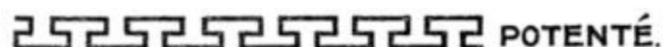


It is sometimes a matter of opinion whether a line is indented or dancetty

HERE ARE LESS-COMMON TERMS THAT YOU'LL MEET BUT COULD LOOK UP



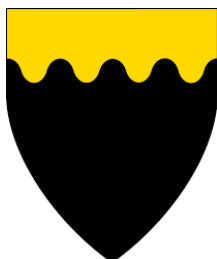
AND THESE ARE EVEN LESS COMMON



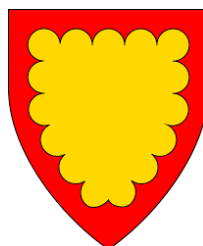
Invected is the opposite of engrailed, with the points sticking inwards

Note

Describe the line before giving the tincture – ie 'a fess engrailed sable', rather than 'a fess sable engrailed'.

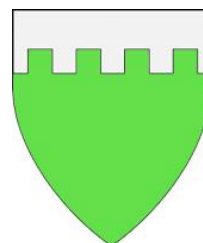
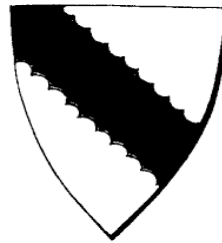
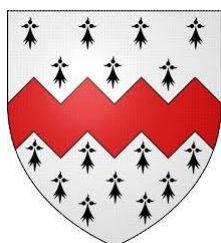
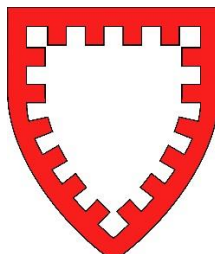
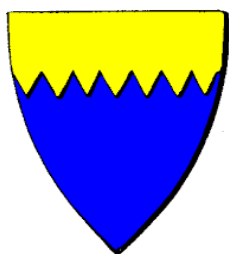


sable a chief wavy or
- only the lower edge of
the chief is altered



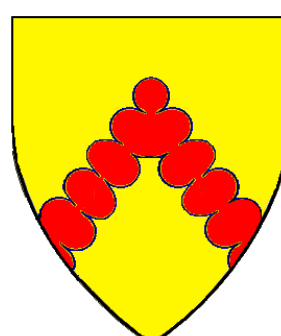
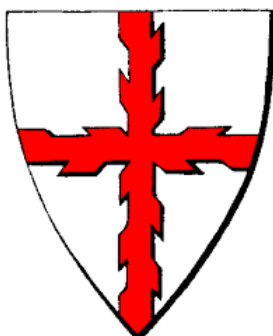
or a bordure engrailed gules
- could almost be described as
gules an escutcheon invected or

**LEARN THE COMMONEST FIVE LINES, THEN KEEP PRACTISING THE
EXAMPLES BELOW UNTIL YOU CAN BLAZON THEM ALL QUICKLY**



Answers below – if you feel you need them!

NOW HAVE A SHOT AT THESE MORE UNUSUAL ONES



Answers

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| Azure a chief indented or | Sable a saltire engrailed or | Argent a bordure embattled gules | Or a fess dancetty sable | Or two pallets wavy azure |
| Ermine a fess dancetty gules | Azure three bars wavy argent | Or a chevron indented azure | Argent a bend engrailed sable | Vert a chief embattled argent |

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| Argent a cross raguly gules | Sable a chief nebuly or (or tenné) | Or a chevron invected gules |
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