

In Portugal, the rooster is a symbol of faith, good luck and justice based on the legend of the "**Old Rooster of Barcelos**". The legend tells a story about a pilgrim traveling through Portugal who is accused of stealing silver from a landowner, and is sentenced.

To plead his innocence, he begs the judge to reverse his sentence. The judge was about to tuck into a roasted cockerel, when the pilgrim vowed that as proof of his innocence the cockerel will stand up on his plate and crow.

The judge pushed aside his meal and laughed. As the pilgrim was about to be hung, the cockerel miraculously stood up and crowed. Leaving the judge in disbelief, he then hurried to the jail to free the innocent man.

Many years later, the pilgrim returned to Barcelos to carve a statue of the cockerel, where the legend and symbolism lives on til this day.

Now it's your turn!

Use your markers to create a design on your Barcelos Rooster Template! Try to be creative and make a design that represents what brings you good luck! Or create a design of different shapes. There is no wrong or right way to design it!



Portugal



- **Name:** Portuguese Republic, short: Portugal
- **Government:** semi-presidential republic
- **Population:** 10 million people
- **Languages:** Portuguese, Mirandese
- **National Symbols:** National flag and coat of arms, red carnation (national flower), Iberian wolf (national animal), red and green (colours).
- **National anthem:** *A Portuguesa* (Song of the Portuguese)

