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Queens on coins: Queen Mary I

I am Mary Tudor, daughter of King Henry VIII. I'm proud to be the first ever Queen of England and Ireland to rule in my own right without a King.

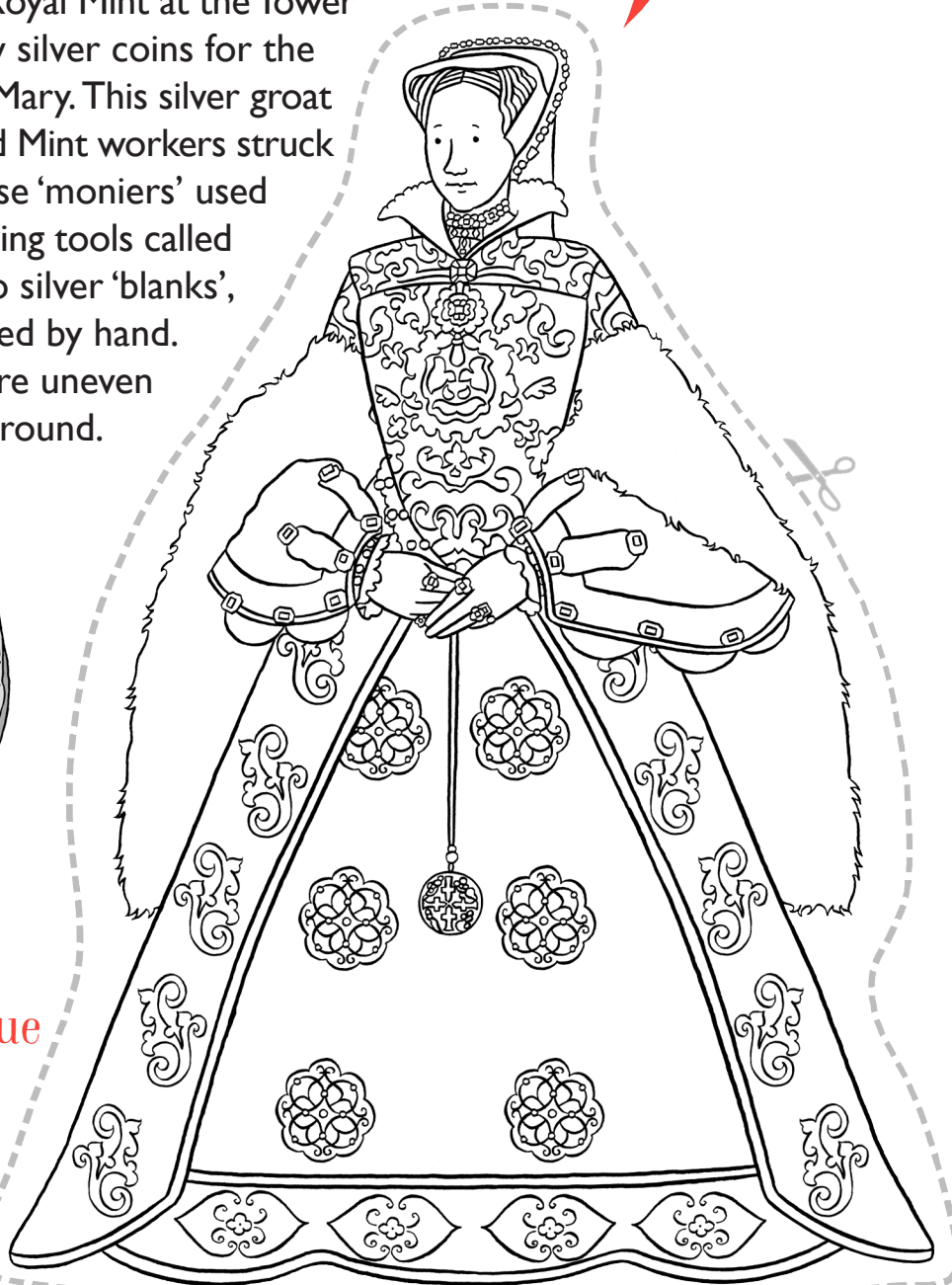
Over 450 years ago, the Royal Mint at the Tower of London produced new silver coins for the five-year reign of Queen Mary. This silver groat was worth four pence and Mint workers struck these coins by hand. These 'moniers' used hammers and special coining tools called dies to strike designs into silver 'blanks', which were cut and shaped by hand. This is why these coins are uneven shapes and not perfectly round.



Queen Mary I
silver groat 1553

Make your own statue

Colour in, cut out and make up your statue. Stand your Queen on display at home.



Glue this strip

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Mary I
Queen of England
and Ireland
1553–58