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# Queens on coins: Queen Victoria

Victoria ruled for almost 64 years and had several different portraits on her coins at different stages of her life. The portrait on this silver shilling is known as the 'old head' and was the last portrait of Victoria, produced at the end of her reign. Victoria's coins were struck by steam-powered machines at the Tower Hill Mint in London.



Queen Victoria  
silver shilling 1893

## Make your own statue

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



This was not my favourite coin portrait. I liked William Wyon's portrait of me as a 16-year-old Princess. Wyon was one of the Royal Mint's most celebrated engravers. In fact, I liked his coin portrait so much that I was already a grandmother before I agreed to have a new one created.

When Victoria's beloved husband Prince Albert died at the early age of 42, the sad Queen wore black for the rest of her life out of respect for his memory. ↙

Glue this strip

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Britain and Ireland  
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