

Chapter G: Design a Monastery

Monasteries were an essential part of society during the Middle Ages. They still exist today and follow the traditional design below. Fill in and decorate the outline of the monastery. As you decorate, it might be helpful to revisit chapter H to remind yourself of the kinds of responsibilities the monks had.

Here are terms you may need to know:

- The *garth* is an interior garden with no roof.
- The *refectory* is the dining room. Monks ate at long tables and sat on stools with no backs.
- Each monk or nun has his or her own room, or *cell*, in the area labeled “Cells.”
- The *chapter house* is a meeting-room where a chapter of the Rule of Saint Benedict is read each day and commented on by the abbot or abbess.
- The *parlor* is a room where the abbot or abbess and the monks or nuns receive guests.
- The *cloisters* are covered walkways that surround the garth.



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