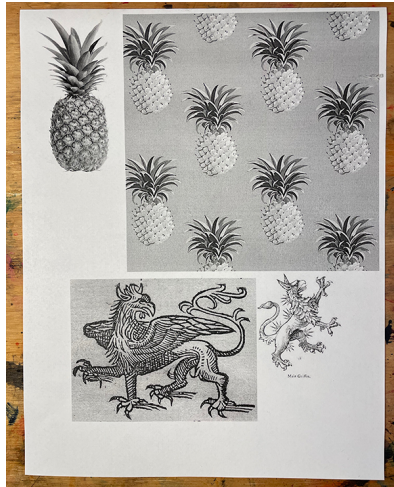


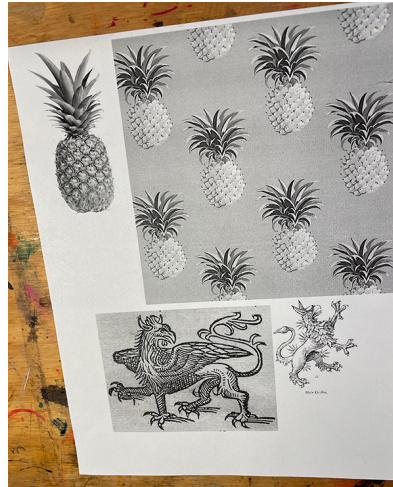
# HOW TO USE YOUR PHONE AS A DOCUMENT SCANNER

At some point you may need to get a document into your phone/computer. You may have a scanner app that helps this process. We are assuming you just have a basic phone+camera.

The secret to taking a good document photo is to get above the document. Sometimes the floor is the best place to put it. You want to find a way to keep your camera level to the document otherwise the image gets distorted.

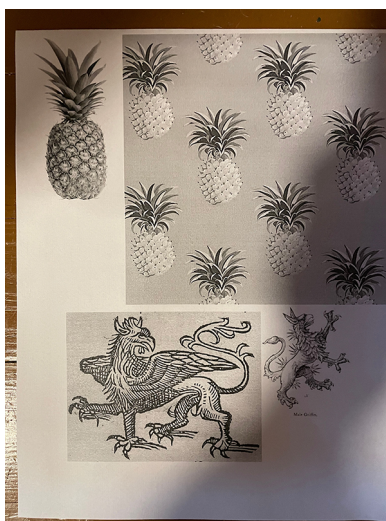


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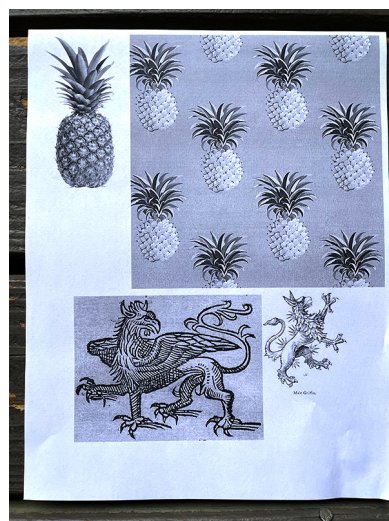


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How light falls on your document is important. The idea is to capture the most even and readable version of the document. Light that is too bright or is behind you or even right above will give you faded or shadowed pictures. If you are struggling with the light around you try taking the picture outside in daytime. You don't want direct sunlight so anywhere that is in indirect sunlight will work. This can also work inside if you have a large window or sliding glass door.



**Not very readable**



**Indirect outside light**