

Medieval Crown

Recreate the majesty of the kings and queens of medieval Europe with this wearable crown craft made out of construction paper strips.

Materials

- Yellow or gold construction paper
- Round paper fastener
- Scissors
- Glue
- Scotch tape
- Red crepe paper (optional)
- Things to decorate your crown with: plastic gems,.



Steps



1. Cut out a 1½ to 2-inch wide strip of yellow or gold construction paper long enough to go around your head. This piece will be the crown's base so the construction paper should be thick/heavy weight for a sturdy crown.



2. Glue the ends of the strip together to form a circle.



3. Cut out a pair of 1½-inch wide by 10-inch long strips of black or brown construction paper (or a color that best blends with your hair color).



4. Glue the first strip across the middle section of the base, spanning the circle's diameter. This strip will define the crown's fit on your head and should follow your head's contour. Try on the crown and adjust the strip's position while the glue hasn't quite set yet.



5. Position the second strip perpendicular to, and at roughly the same height as the first. Glue the ends in place.



6. Reinforce each strip's connection to the base with tape. These two strips should be well-anchored since they form the supports or frame for your crown.



7. Cut out six identical strips of yellow or gold construction paper. Each strip should be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and 8 inches long.



8. Curve out the strips on one end and punch a hole near the tip.



9. Punch a hole at the center of the supports.



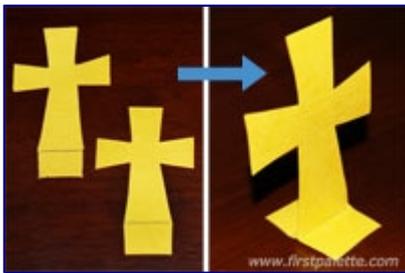
10. Glue the strips from inside the base at the 12 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 4 o'clock, 6 o'clock, 8 o'clock, and 10 o'clock positions. Try to glue the strips at the same height along the base.



11. If you want to create a lining for your crown similar to the fabric lining for a real royal crown, cut out a couple of "half-petal" or "hill" shapes from red crepe paper. Glue the base of these crepe paper shapes along the upper edge of the crown's base



12. Glue the tips of the crepe paper onto the center of the crown supports. If you prefer not to have this lining, skip Steps 11 and 12.



13. Create a cross-shaped crown topper by cutting out a pair of identical crosses from yellow or gold construction paper. Include a tab or rectangular extension at the base of each cross. Crease along the bottom tab. Glue the crosses together except the bottom tabs. The crosses should be aligned at the edges. Fold out the bottom tabs.



14. Punch a hole at the center of one bottom tab and insert a round paper fastener.



15. Insert the ends of the paper fastener through the hole on one of the crown's six strips.



16. Similarly insert the ends of the paper fastener through the hole on each of the remaining strips so that the tips of all six get tucked neatly under the cross.



17. Anchor the cross onto the crown by inserting the ends of the paper fastener through the center holes on the supports, easily puncturing the crepe paper cover. Split the ends of the fastener from the inside of the crown.



18. For safety, cover the ends of the paper fastener with tape or with a small piece of paper.



19. Decorate your crown with sequins, rhinestones, plastic gems, gem-style stickers, beads, glitter glue, puffy paint, bits of tinsel paper, and other notions. Check out our [Bjeweled Crown](#) craft for more crown decorating ideas.

20. Once the glue dries, try on your awesome royal crown!

