

## Fun at home activity

### Make a medieval crown

#### Inspiration

Make a crown like the ones worn in medieval times, inspired by the Lewis chessmen on show in [A History of the World in 100 Objects from the British Museum](#) at the National Museum of Australia.

The chessmen were found sometime before 1831 on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland. It is believed they were made in Norway in the 12th century. The king and queen wear crowns.

What can the Lewis chessmen tell us about history? What makes a crown precious? Would you have liked to rule in medieval times?

#### Time

This activity takes about 30 minutes and is easy.

#### What you need

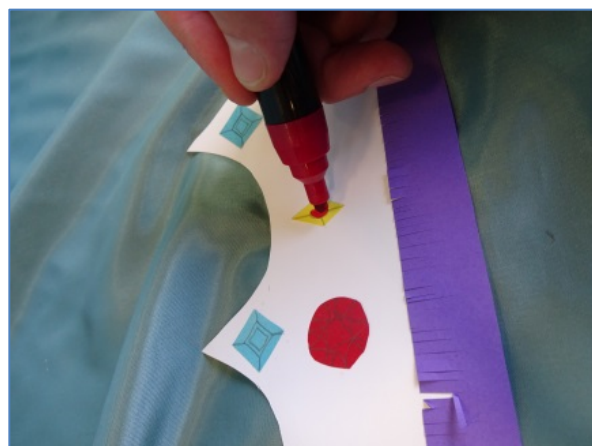
- cardboard, coloured or metallic card or paper
- crayons, textas, pencils or paint
- decorations such as stickers, glitter, cellophane, felt or silk
- scissors (remember, these can be sharp, so ask an adult for help).
- measuring tape or string
- tape or stapler and staples
- glue

#### How to make your crown

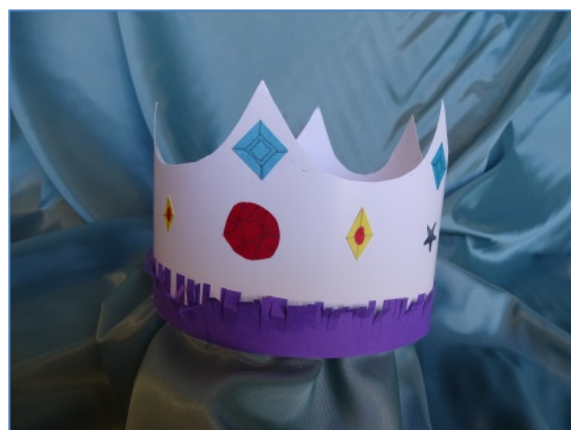
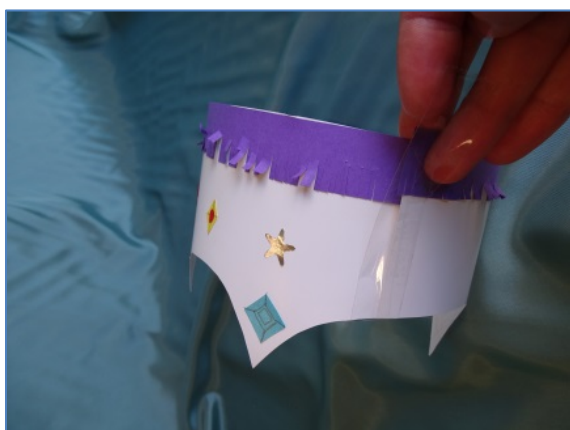
1. Gather your materials. Cardboard makes a strong and flexible base or you could try coloured paper. Experiment with different materials.
2. Measure your head with a piece of string or measuring tape. You can ask a friend or family member to help. Mark the length of your crown on the card.
3. Draw the outline of your crown onto the card, after deciding how wide it will be. Cut your design out with scissors, asking for help if you need it.



4. Decorate your crown, remembering that crowns are special! You may like to start by painting your crown or covering it in metallic paper. We used stickers for precious jewels, drew on pearls and stuck coloured paper around the base.



5. Once your crown is decorated (and dry if you used paint), bend the two ends towards each other and tape or staple together. Try on your crown and check it out in a mirror. You might like to make a medieval shield to match your crown!



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