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Radiant Crown



An Emperor or a King (detail), Unknown, about 1550.



Materials for crown



Completed radiant crowns

The “radiant crown” or “sun crown” is distinguished by its ray-like pattern that symbolizes the power of the sun. It is an ancient crown shape that you might recognize from the Statue of Liberty.

Materials:

- Primary: plain paper plates, crayons, colored pencils, markers, paints, brushes, and scissors.
- Optional: decorative stickers, glitter, sequins, tin foil, noodles, cereal, lace, pom poms, pipe cleaners, or cut paper shapes. You can cut or hole punch elements from old greeting cards or wrapping paper for more decorative options. Use your imagination!
- Alternative: paper bag, gift bag, flattened cereal box or lightweight cardboard.

Tips for starting:

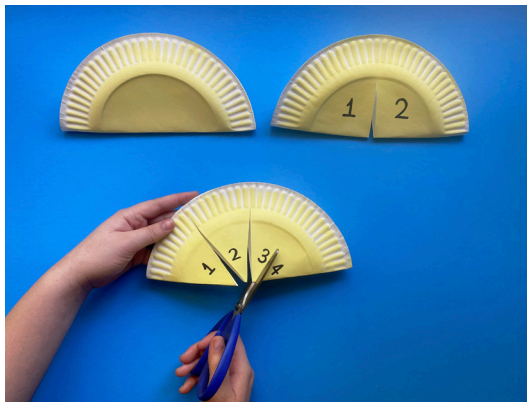
- Gather all materials beforehand. If you don't have the exact materials, improvise!
- No paper plate? Try cutting a large circle (about 9 inches in diameter) out of a paper bag or flattened cereal box, etc.
- As you decorate, remember that the middle section of the paper plate will be cut into eight sections to form the rays of the crown.
- If your crown is too small, make the cuts a bit longer.

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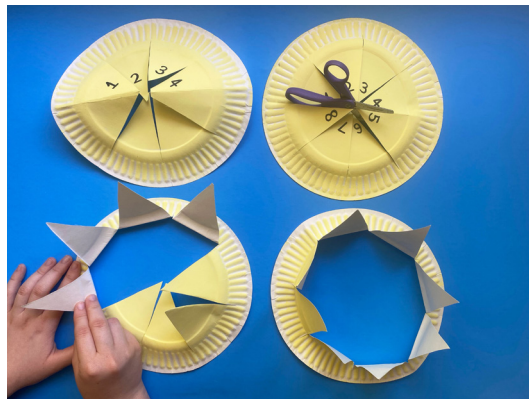
Radiant Crown Instructions:



Decorating paper plates



Cutting triangles



Forming crown rays

1. Get a paper plate (preferably 9 inches in diameter, uncoated)
2. Decorate the backside with paint, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.
3. Let dry.
4. Fold the paper plate in half so decorated side is visible.
5. Cut through the center of the folded plate. Start the cut at the folded edge, leaving an inch of uncut border at the open edge.
6. Next, make similar cuts through the center of the two halves created to make four equal triangles (or imagine four slices of pie!).
7. Open the paper plate and cut the two larger triangles in half (along the crease line) for a total of eight triangles.
8. With decorated side up, fold each triangle up and away from the center to form the rays of the crown.
9. Crease each triangle or ray at the base so they stand upright.
10. Enjoy the royal treatment! Or, continue to embellish with lightweight decorations like stickers, glitter, sequins, lace and cut paper shapes.

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