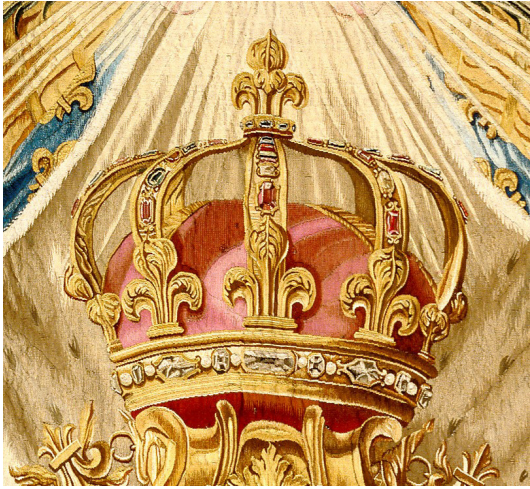


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Royal Crown



Tapestry: *Portière aux Armes de France* (detail), woven under the direction of Etienne-Claude Le Blond, Pierre-Josse Perrot, Royal Factory of Furniture to the Crown at the Gobelins Manufactory, designed 1727, woven about 1730-1740.



Materials and completed royal crowns

This royal crown includes a fleur-de-lis design (a stylized lily flower). The fleur-de-lis has traditionally been used to represent royalty; especially the French monarchy.

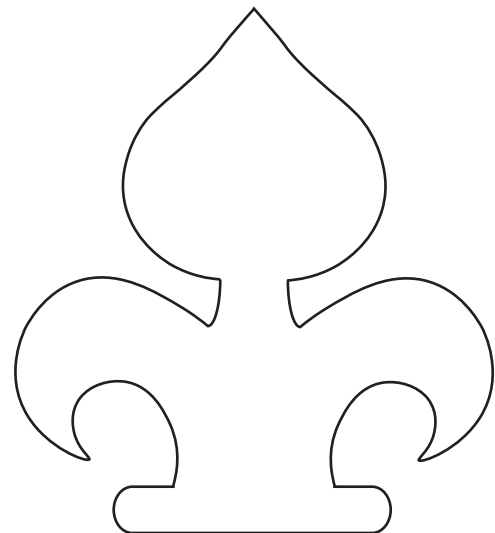
Materials:

- Primary: construction paper or card stock, crayons, colored pencils, markers, paints, scissors, glue, and paper clip.
- Optional: stapler, glue gun, decorative stickers, glitter, sequins, tin foil, noodles, cereal, lace, pom poms, pipe cleaners, 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 other lightweight cardboard.

Tips for starting:

- Gather all materials beforehand. If you don't have the exact materials, improvise!
- Use sheets that measure 8½ x 11 inches or 9 x 12 inches
- You can also use a stapler or glue gun to secure the crown segments.

Fleur-de-lis template to cut

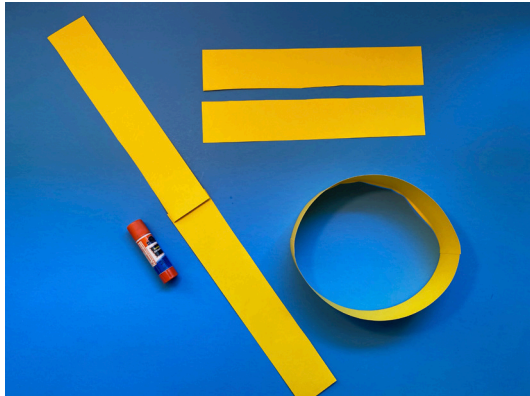


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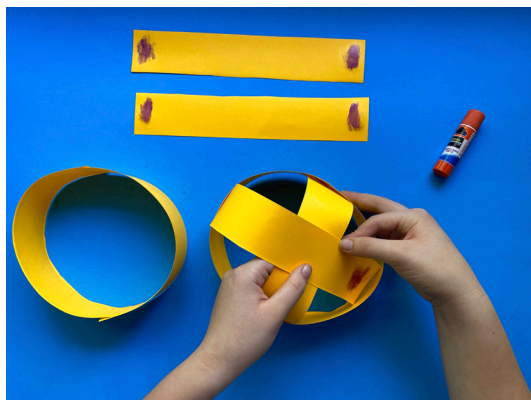
Royal Crown Instructions:



Folding and cutting four strips



Gluing two strips to form the crown band

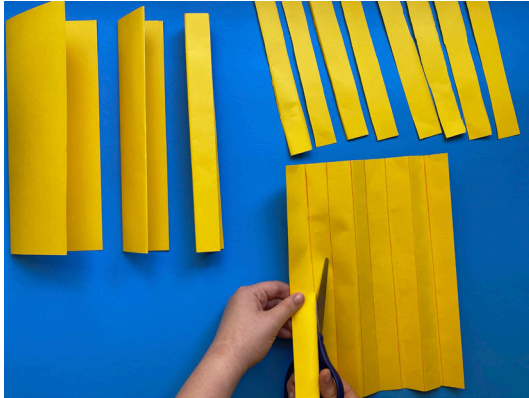


Creating X-pattern in the middle of the crown

1. Take a piece of 8½ x 11-inch construction paper or cardstock and fold it in half along the long edge. Then, fold it in half again.
2. Unfold to reveal four equal sized strips (each strip will be about 2 inches wide).
3. Cut out the four strips.
4. Glue two of these strips together to make one long strip. This will be the headband for your crown. Let dry.
5. Measure the strip around your head to ensure a good fit.
6. Mark and glue the closing edge to make a circle.
7. Take the remaining two strips and put a 1 to 1½-inch border of glue on both ends of each.
8. Glue a strip across the inside of the headband so that the strip ends align with the bottom edge of the band.
9. Glue the last strip to the inside of the headband, arranging it perpendicular to the first one to create a cross or X-pattern in the middle of the crown.
10. Glue these two strips together at the top. Let dry.

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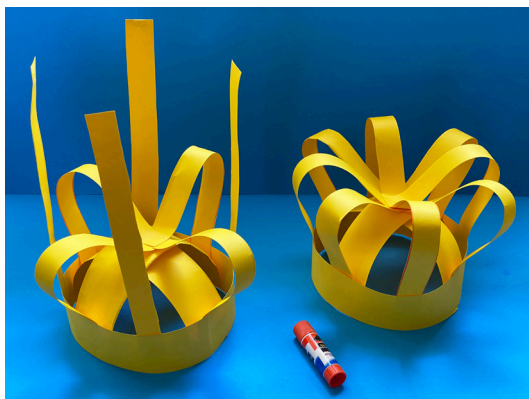
Royal Crown Instructions:



Folding and cutting eight strips



Gluing strips to the center of the cross



Gluing the remaining strips to the center of the cross

11. Take another piece of construction paper or cardstock and fold it in half along the long edge.
12. Then, fold it in half two more times until you have a long folded piece of paper about an inch wide.
13. Unfold to reveal eight equal sized strips.
14. Cut out the eight strips.
15. Place the first four strips so they are centered on and overlap the existing cross or X-pattern.
16. Glue bottom end of the strip about midway down the headband.
17. Glue the top ends to the center of the cross or X-pattern.
18. Center the last four strips in each of the empty quadrants of the crown.
19. Glue bottom end of the strip about midway down the headband.
20. Glue the top ends to the center of the cross or X-pattern.
21. Add the fleur-de-lis decoration (template provided) and embellish to your satisfaction.
22. Enjoy the royal treatment!

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