

## Make your own Crown!

**Suitable for:** Children aged 4-11

### Things You Will Need:

- Thin cardboard (you can use plain card or old cereal boxes)
- Felt tips, paint, crayons
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Sellotape
- Optional: stickers, gems, glitter, shapes cut from coloured paper, cotton wool



**You will love** the creativity of planning designs and decorations!

**About this craft activity:** This activity can be adapted to make simple crowns for smaller children by using a slightly wider piece of card (about 3 or 4 inches wide) and cutting the top with a zig zag or wavy pattern and then decorating. Remember, always supervise children when they're using scissors and staplers!

**Did you know?** More than 1,000 years ago, Kingston was the place "where England began". The Saxon kings were coronated at the site where All Saints Church is now (but before the Church as we know it was built!). When King Athelstan was crowned in Kingston in 925 AD the Kingdom was divided- but he went on to defeat the Scots and Vikings and united all the Kingdoms, making him the first true ruler of the whole of England!

## How to Make Your Crown

**Step 1:** Cut a strip of card long enough to go around your child's head and overlap slightly. It should be about 2 inches wide.

*Top tips:*

- You may need to tape two pieces together to make it long enough.
- This needs to be relatively stiff to ensure a sturdy crown. If you have thin card, you can glue two pieces together to make it stronger.



**Step 2:** Decorate the strip of using markers, paints, glitter, stickers or gems. Use any patterns you like!

*Top tip: you can stick paper on top to have a different colour or if you are using an old cereal box*

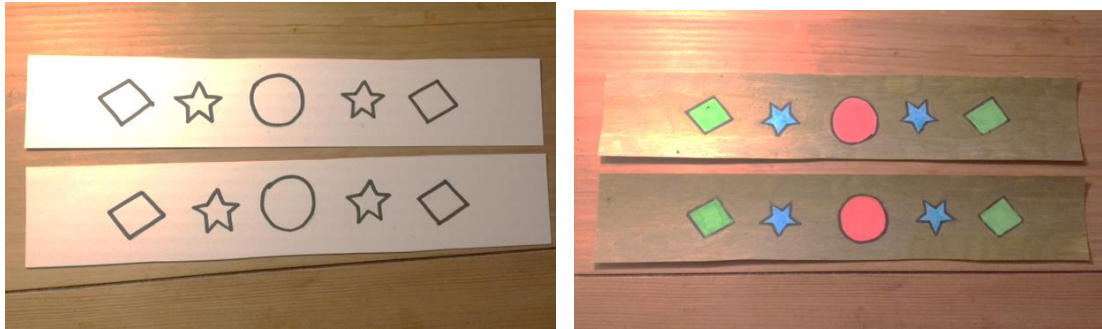


**Step 3:** Measure the strip around your head and staple the ends of the strip together to form a circle.

*Top tip: place tape over the staples so you won't get any hair caught in staples!*



**Step 4:** Cut and decorate two more paper strips, about 2 inches wide and 30 cm long.



**Step 5:** Staple the first strip across the middle section of the base, spanning the circle's diameter.



**Step 6:** Staple the second strip: Position the second strip perpendicular to, and at roughly the same height as the first.



**Step 7:** Make any final decorations to your fantastic crown! Use sequins, gems, stickers, beads, glitter glue, cotton wool.



**Step 8:** Put on crown and enjoy imaginative play!

