

Crown - Solid

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Active Time - 2 sessions of 30 minutes

Drying Time - at least 1 hour between sessions 1 and 2 and approximately 2 hours after session 2.

Supplies (per person):

Tape measure - can be shared

Fabric

1 Balloon

Metallic acrylic paint - can be shared

A paper cup or bowl or clean, empty food tub

Straight pins

Option for closing the crown - safety pin, paper clip, needle and thread, or hot glue

Wax paper to work on - a little longer than the length of your fabric

Scissors

Paint brush

Printed template

Marker or pen

Paper towels or rags



Directions:

1. Measure around the student's head, add 2 inches and cut trim to that length.
2. Lay the fabric on the wax paper - right side up.
3. Blow up the balloon to approximately the size of the student's head. Tie a knot in the stem.
4. Put the balloon stem side down in the cup or bowl and move to the side.
5. Cut out the template.
6. Fold the fabric in half and place the template on the fold. Pin in place.
7. Trace the template design on the fabric or cut around the template.
8. Place the cut fabric on the wax paper.
9. Paint the fabric with the metallic paint, making sure the fabric is fully covered with paint.
10. Let the piece sit for a few minutes (but not dry fully) before trying to move it.
11. Wrap it around the balloon to dry. Carefully pin the trim closed.
12. Keep the crown on the balloon until fully dry.
13. Session 2 - Repeat the painting process on the 2nd side of the fabric.
14. Allow the paint to fully dry.
15. Secure the crown shut by one of the methods.

Resources:

Recycle - Cut the bottoms off of water bottles to make small bowls for water / glue mixture; empty deli, takeout or food containers to make the stand to put the balloon on; check with sewers for fabric pieces that they don't need, rags

Fabric or craft store - Fabric, paint, paint brushes, pins, scissors

Dollar store - Paint brushes, wax paper, paper bowl or cup, paper towels, scissors

Crown - Solid - Detailed Directions

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Drying Time - at least 1 hour between sessions and 2 hours at the end.

Supplies:

Tape measure - or use a piece of string or ribbon to wrap around the head and measure that with a ruler

Moderately stiff fabric - the crown in the picture was done with a scrap of upholstery weight narrow whale corduroy

Balloon - (a regular balloon that was not marked latex free was used making the sample)

Metallic acrylic paint - not fabric paint as it does not add enough stiffness

A paper cup or bowl to be a balloon stand

Straight pins

Option for closing the crown - safety pin, paper clip, needle and thread, or hot glue

Wax paper to work on - a little longer than the length of your fabric

Scissors

Paint brush

Printed template

Pencil, marker or pen



Skills Needed:

Painting

Tracing

Measuring

Cutting

Pinning

Depending on the method of closure - simple sewing

Directions:

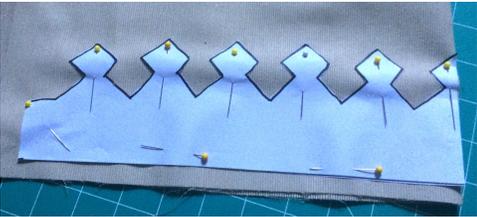
Wrap the tape measure around the forehead and head to determine the finished size of the crown. Add 2 inches to this measurement. If your template is not going to be long enough, extend the edge (not on the fold side) by the needed amount.

Print the crown template with scaling turned off on regular paper.

Cut the crown template out. The length of the template x 2 should be greater than the head measurement of the student. If it is not, you will need to add some extra length.



Blow up the balloon and measure it before tying off the stem. It should be very close to your head measurement (without the extra 2 inches). Tie the stem and place stem down in the cup or bowl.



Fold the fabric in half and pin the template to the fabric. The point of the template should be at the fold.

Cut around the template through both layers of fabric.

Unfold the fabric and lay it on the wax paper.



Paint the full length of the crown with the metallic paint.

Carefully wrap the crown around the balloon and pin it closed. Be careful not to nick the balloon. Allow the paint to dry for at least 1 hour. If you are using these directions to paint the lace filigree crown, wrap it around the balloon bottom edge up as described in the preceding directions.

Take the crown off the balloon and unpin. Put the crown, painted side down, on the wax paper and paint the 2nd side.

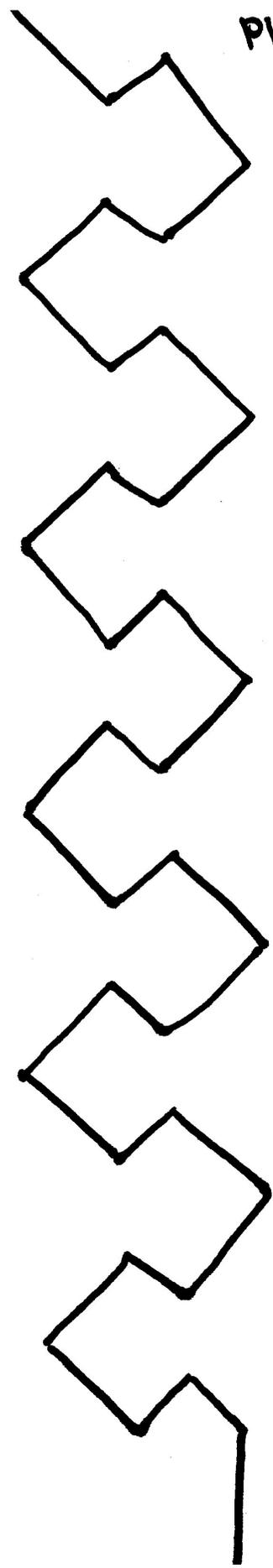
Carefully wrap the crown around the balloon and pin it closed, and let it dry thoroughly. For the filigree crown place it inverted again.



Double check the size by placing it on the wearer's head. Secure the over lap by one of the options mentioned in the supplies.

Activity Suggestions: See previous project.

Fabric Fold



For proper sizing select actual size or turn scaling off on your printer.