Three Kings Day Crowns

Like the Three Kings, children and adults who march in El Museo’s Three Kings Day Parade wear headdresses and crowns to commemorate the occasion. Using the materials and instructions listed below, students can create their own crown to bring to the parade. Children may need help from a teacher, parent, or partner to complete the activity.

Before getting started, gather the following materials you will need to complete this activity. Carefully follow the steps to produce your own Three Kings Day crown. Remember to have fun and be creative!

Materials:

- Scissors
- Ruler
- Markers and/or crayons
- Bright colored construction paper or metallic cardstock paper (24” x 4”)
- Pencil
- Elmer’s glue
- Stapler and/or tape
- Decorative elements: Colored jewels, glitter, sequins, feathers

Enjoy your crown as you become one of El Museo’s honorary Kings or Queens! Don’t forget to bring your crown with you to El Museo on January 6!

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Procedure:

1. Find the crown template on the following page. Using a pair of scissors, cut along the jagged edge of the crown template.
2. Select the desired color of construction paper or gold cardstock paper to create your crown.
3. Using a pencil, trace the crown template on the construction paper or gold cardstock.
4. Cut out your crown by cutting along the pencil lines.
5. Next, measure your crown to check for the best fit for your head. Begin by wrapping the crown around your head. Use a pencil to mark where the ends overlap by one inch.
6. Use your scissor to cut off any extra paper.
7. Select the materials you wish to use to decorate your Three Kings Day crown (i.e.: sequins, colored jewels, feathers, and glitter).
8. Use Elmer’s glue to attach your decorations to the crown’s surface. Be sure to decorate one side of your crown only.
9. Add any final details or designs to your crown using markers and/or crayons.
10. Allow time for the glued materials to dry before handling the crown.