

**Fancy Paper Crowns for any occasion, because everyone is SPECIAL.
A creative hands-on activity! Led by Teresa Owens.**

Make a fancy crown using recycled paper from magazines or books and embellish as much as you like. Use your imaginative skills to make a special crown for yourself or a special friend. Elegant or witty, it's great for kids and grownups too, special occasions and everyday wear. Nice alternative to a birthday card. Embellish to the max -- or keep it simple. This will be a fun opportunity to expand your creative skill set and make something fun and special.

Supply list:

- Magazines or book to cut up and use. Colorful or not, your choice.
- Embellishments – buttons, beads, ribbon, flowers, yarn, small fancy stuff.
- Scissors for paper
- Glue stick.
- White glue

General Scheme:

- First step is to cut out crown from card stock. You can use a ruler (or not) to make points on the crown. Three or four points work out well.
- Last step is to add elastic (measure head first, elastic will probably be shorter than crown) to back ends of crown with hot glue or strong glue, after embellishments dry.

TIPS

- Use book or magazine pages or colored paper. Rough cut or tear enough paper to cover card stock crown. Don't be exact. Overlap is good.
- Glue paper to cover crown, with glue stick or thin layer of liquid/white glue.
- Trim paper around edges of crown. (You could add some sealer after this point, like Mod Podge or spray. But you have to have time to let it dry before embellishing.)
- Embellish and decorate crown. Be creative.

MORE TIPS.

- Glue dots are available in person today to avoid waiting for glue to dry on larger embellishments.
- Use a credit card or other piece of something stiff to spread liquid glue into thin layer.
- Dimensional fabric paint can be added later to add glittery or shiny accents. (It has to dry flat for 4 hours after that.)
- Usually, I add the Fold Over elastic with hot glue gun after I finish embellishing the crown and everything dries.

Teresa Owens is a Tacoma-based artist, working with upcycled law school book paper, beads, buttons, and other small oddments. She learned many of her skills from the talented women in her family. She began making fancy paper crowns many years ago when a good friend turned 85.

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