Family Art from Home HOW HIGH CAN YOU GO? The Paper Crown Challenge

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This project is a feat of fun engineering and an exploration of different ways to manipulate thick poster board or tag board in an attractive fashion to create the tallest crown possible! Make your own or work all together and trade ideas as you go!

Supplies Needed

- Cardstock, flexible poster board, or tag board
- Glue stick for decorative papers
- Stapler or hot glue for construction
- Scissors
- Decorative papers (magazine pages, discarded wrapping paper etc.) **Optional:** pencil (to curl paper), glitter, pompoms, buttons

How to Do It

1. Cut a very wide band of your paper (poster board or other) to fit around your head, leaving an extra inch to overlap.

2. Before you staple or glue it together and while it is still flat, decorate with fun and colorful pieces of ripped or cut papers attached with a glue stick.

3. Now staple or hot glue the band to create a crown and let it dry completely before wearing it.

4. Begin attaching strips of thick paper keeping in mind that you want to begin with a sturdy construction towards the bottom so that it can support more paper elements. (See Image for ideas)

5. From here on, think of different ways to fold, twist and attach your thick paper making sure to decorate them when they are flat and not attached yet.

6. Once the main construction is built, add fringes and strips of folded or curled papers. (See Image)

Note: To curl your papers, wrap the paper strip around a pencil and press before attaching end to crown.

7. Feel free to add anything else like pompoms, feathers, glitter etc.

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