

Happy New Year!

Make a Paper New Year's Crown

Supplies Needed:

- Five to nine pieces 6"x6" squares of paper (plain computer paper, construction paper, scrapbooking paper, magazine pages, wrapping paper, origami paper, and other types will work)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Scotch tape
- Colored pencils or crayons (optional)
- Decorations for crown (optional)
- School glue, hot glue, or glue stick (optional)

How to Do It:

1. Use your ruler and pencil to draw 6"x6" squares on the paper you are going to use. Draw the squares starting at the corner of the paper so that you can make the least amount of cuts. You will need five pieces of paper to make a crown for a small child, and up to nine pieces of paper to make a crown for an adult.

2. Cut out your 6"x6" squares with your scissors.

3. OPTIONAL: Color your paper squares with colored pencils or crayons; you only need to color one side because the other side will be on the inside of your crown.

4. Take one of your paper squares, and lay it on the table with the side you want on the outside of your crown facing down.

5. Fold the paper in half widthwise, and then unfold the paper. You should have a horizontal crease in the center of your paper,

6. Fold the left top corner of your paper down to meet the horizontal crease; use your fingers to press hard on the entire fold so that the paper stays in place. Repeat with the top right corner.

7. Fold up the bottom of the paper to meet the horizontal crease in the center. It will look like a rectangle.

8. Fold the bottom rectangle piece up again and crease along the center fold line.

9. Fold the right half of the entire piece over on top of the left half and crease along the center line. Unfold this so

that you have a vertical crease down the middle of your finished piece.

10. Repeat steps 4-9 until all of your 6"x6" paper squares are folded.

11. Once all of your papers are folded, it is time to assemble your crown. Choose two of the folded papers. Hold the first paper in your left hand so that the rectangular portion of the paper is flat on the table and the triangle is perpendicular to the rectangle. Pick up the second paper in your right hand. Slide the edge of the right piece's rectangle fold into the rectangle fold on the left piece. You want to slide the right piece in until the edge of the rectangle meets the center crease on the left piece.

12. Place a piece of scotch tape over the spot where the two papers meet so that they stay together.

13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 until all of the papers are joined together in a long strip.

14. To finish your crown, slide the last piece into the first paper to form a circle. Try it on to make sure it is the right size, and add or remove pieces of paper if necessary.

15. OPTIONAL: Decorate your crown with items you have in your house. You can use beads, buttons, glitter glue, pipe cleaners, decorative tape, stickers, foil, gems, pipe cleaners, etc. You may use glue stick, hot glue, or school glue to attach these items.

16. Once the glue is dry, your crown is complete! Be sure to make one for everyone in your family to wear while you celebrate New Year's Eve!



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