

Celebrating Tres Reyes Magos: Three Kings, Three Crowns!

In honor of the Three Kings (Los Tres Reyes) who brought gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh to the newly born Jesus, make a special crown of your own to wear!

Materials:

- Paper, cardstock, or thin cardboard
- Markers
- Scissors
- Tape
- Gluestick
- Optional: construction paper, aluminum foil

Try it!

1. Fold your paper in half, lengthwise.
2. Draw a zig-zag line across the length of your paper, starting at the middle edge of your paper.
3. Cut along the zig-zag line; you should have two strips of the same shapes of paper. These will become your crown!
4. Decorate your paper strips with drawings of diamonds or circles to represent gemstones.
5. Use leftover paper to create gem shapes for the top of each point of your paper strips; cut them out, color them in and glue them to the points of your paper strips . Add any other decorations or designs to your crown.
6. Tape the ends of your two strips of shaped paper together to form a circle.
7. Place your crown on your head! Be a king (or queen) for the day!

Guiding Questions:

- What is a zig-zag line?
- What kind of shapes can you draw to decorate your crown with?
- What else can you add to your crown?

Learning Behind the Play

- Supports fine motor skills such as drawing, cutting, taping, and gluing.
- Encourages creative decision-making.
- Develops skills in following step-by-step directions.

Take It Further

Try making other types of crowns! Instead of a zig-zag line, what other kind of line can you draw that would change the shape of your crown? What else can you decorate your crown with? Try experimenting by transforming household materials, such as aluminum foil, into beautiful gems you can decorate your crown with!