

PSCHENT HEADDRESS

Age Range: Any

Description: The Pschent represented power of both the upper and the lower parts of Egypt. Create your own and wear it like the Kings of Egypt did!

Historic Context: The Pschent Headdress represents the unification of upper and lower Egypt. It was also called the “shmty” which means “The Two Powerful Ones.” The Pschent Headdress is a very little combination of the hedjet crown, or the white crown of Upper Egypt and the deshret, the red crown of Lower Egypt. The famous Narmer Palette depicts the pharaoh Menes unifying Lower and Upper Egypt, however, it was more of a conquest that took place and Upper Egypt won. It is said the Menes invented the double crown known as the Pschent Headdress, but the first pharaoh to wear the crown was Djeter. The god’s Horus and Atum are also depicted wearing the Pschent Headdress.

Time: 1 hour

Materials Needed: plastic bottle, construction paper, scissors, tape/glue, white paint

STEP ONE: CUT THE BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE OUT.



STEP TWO: PAINT THE BOTTLE WHITE, IT MAY TAKE A FEW COATS.



STEP THREE: CUT A PIECE OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER VERTICALLY AND CREATE A CIRCULAR CROWN BASE.



STEP FOUR: GET ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER AND FOLD IT IN HALF.



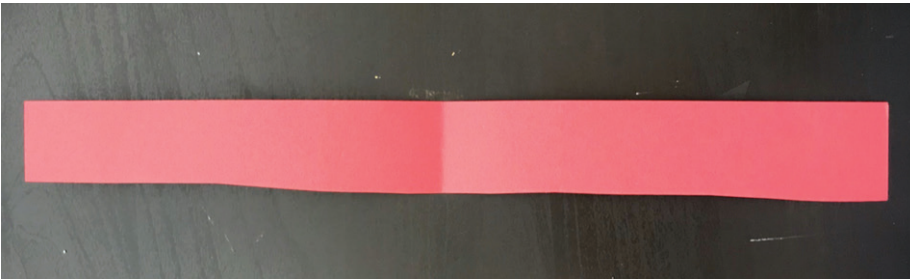
STEP FIVE: FOLD THE TWO TOP CORNERS IN UNTIL THEY REACH THE MIDDLE.



STEP SIX: ATTACH BOTH OF THE PIECES TOGETHER.



STEP SEVEN: FROM YOUR SCRAPS, CUT A PIECE OF PAPER THAT IS ABOUT AN INCH WIDE AND CURL IT UP ABOUT HALF WAY.



STEP EIGHT: ATTACH THAT PIECE TO THE CROWN.



STEP NINE: USING GLUE OR TAPE ATTACH THE BOTTLE TO THE CROWN. IT GOES IN THE MIDDLE!



STEP TEN: WEAR & ENJOY!



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