



Carnival Headdress



You will need:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Sellotape
- Ruler
- Stapler (not essential)
- Card (old cereal packets)
- Magazine/newspaper
- Plastic bags (coloured if possible)



Step 1: Headband

Cut a strip of card 4cm wide by 55cm long.

Fit the headband round your head and mark the overlap.

This will give you the correct size for your head, but do not cut the card or stick it together just yet!



Step 2: Headdress

Cut the main headdress shape out of card.

You can either print out the templates or copy it from the picture. (See the headdress template at the end of these instructions.)



Step 3: Feathers

Make these out of recycled plastic bags, newspapers or magazines. You will need 7 short feathers and 9 long ones.

Fold paper or plastic bags and cut half a feather shape on the fold. Then cut into the non-folded side to 'feather' it.

Short feathers are 14cm long and 6cm wide (3cm when folded). Long feathers are 24cm long and 8cm wide (4 cm when folded).

Top Tip

Fold several pieces of newspaper or plastic together at one time so you can cut more than one feather at a time.



Step 4: Feather Spines

Cut card into long strips 0.5cm wide (15cm for the short feathers and 25cm for the long ones).

These are the 'spines' of the feather



Step 5: Stick Feathers and Spines Together

Open the feather out. Centre a card 'spine' vertically and fix with sellotape.

You can shape the feather by gently running your thumb along the spine to curve it.



Step 6: Attach Feathers to Headdress

Turn the headdress over. Attach the shorter feathers in a fan shape using either sellotape or staples. Make sure the 'spines' face the front.

Then attach the longer feathers in a fan shape over the top of them, using either sellotape or staples.

When you turn it over again the short feathers will be in front of the long ones.

Top Tip

If using staples make sure you put them in so the jangly edge is on the outside, so hair does not catch in them. Then you can cover the jangly edges with the decorations.



Step 7: Attach Headdress To Headband

Position the headdress over the centre of the headband and glue them together (using staples for added strength if possible)

Cut out colourful shapes from magazines or coloured paper and decorate the headdress.



Step 8: Fit the Headband

Once you have finished decorating your headdress, glue (and staple if you can) the two ends of the headband together.

You might want to check your measurements again to check it will fit your head.

Headdress Template

