



Recreation Recycles

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Recycled Paper Bag Tiara

If you are looking for a fun project to do with a group of preschoolers or just want a fun activity to do with one or two young children, this is a creative activity using old paper bags. If a tiara doesn't suit their fancy, turn the page over and try the crown!

Materials Needed:

- Paper Bag
- Yarn, twine or raffia
- Artificial flowers
- Hot glue gun

How to do it:

Prepare the Tiara (the adult)

- Start by cutting the bottom of the paper bag. If the top has handles, cut the top of the bag as well, just below where the handles end.
- Next,, roll the edges of the paper bag outward gently. Be careful, try not to let the bag rip too much.
- When you get to the end of the bag, tack down loose edges with a glue gun.

Decorate (the child)

- Glue on flowers or other decorations on the bag.
- Finish by winding raffia, twine, ribbon or yarn around the flowers.
- Wear and enjoy!



Recycling Tip:

Paper bags are acceptable in the curbside recycling but handles should be removed. Many handles contain other materials besides paper.

In Middletown, shoppers are encouraged to bring their own bags. Plastic check out shopping bags are banned and stores and restaurants must charge ten cents for paper bags. Starting July 2021 plastic check out bags will be banned statewide.

This project was brought to you by Jackie Currie of www.happyhooligans.ca.

Paper Bag Crown

Is a tiara not your thing? Try making this majestic crown out of old paper shopping bags.



Materials Needed:

- Paper Bag
- Watercolors
- Brushes
- Glue
- Pom Poms
- Glitter
- Sequins
- Masking tape.

How to do it:

Get it started (adult or older child)

- Cut the paper bag down the side and cut off the bottom. Lay it flat and zig zag cut across the top. Use the whole bag, but feel free to trim it down before painting. Place the crown around the child's head and then add an extra inch.

Decorate (preschoolers on up!)

- Paint the crown with watercolors or use markers to color. If you are painting, let it dry before gluing.
- When dry, use glue to decorate with any and all items you have available!
- Let the crown dry overnight.
- Then place on their heads with masking tape.
- Wear and enjoy!



This project was developed by Barbara Rucci of ArtBarBlog.com.

For more information on recycling, contact the Middletown Recycling Coordinator at 860-638-4855 or kim.orourke@middletownct.gov or go to: <https://www.middletownct.gov/190/Recycling>. A video of how to make these items can be found at : <https://youtu.be/RqkzGIIIM2yl>. All of our Recreation Recycles videos and instructions can be found at: <https://www.middletownct.gov/1139/Recycling-Presentations>.

