



C is for Coronations Make your own crown

Coronations have taken place at Westminster Abbey for nearly a thousand years. 38 kings and queens have been crowned at the Abbey. The St Edward's crown is made of gold and is incredibly heavy. It is kept safe at the Tower of London.

Have a go at making your own St Edward's crown

You will need:

- Thick paper or card
- Colouring pencils or felt tips
- Scissors
- Glue and/or stapler
- A strip of paper to fit round your head



Instructions

- 1) Print out the St Edward's Crown template onto thick paper or card. If you don't have a printer, you or a grown up could draw out the shape.
- 2) Colour it in with colouring pencils or felt tips.
- 3) Cut around the outline.
- 4) Put some glue at the base of the crown and stick it to the headband.
- 5) Measure the headband to fit your head and ask a grown up to staple it for you.

Or, why not get creative and design your own crown?

Make a crown with whatever materials you have in the house. You could use:

- Empty cereal boxes as card
 - Tin foil to cover your crown and make it look silver
 - Tinsel leftover from Christmas time to add some sparkly decoration
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Now you are ready for your coronation

Minimum people needed: 2

Maximum people needed: 8,000 (Please follow government guidelines around large gatherings!)

Cast:

One monarch

One Archbishop (perfect role for a grown up)

Other Roles might include:

Ladies/Lords in waiting

Choir

As many Dukes and Duchesses to watch as possible.

Setting: The longest stretch you can find, this may be a corridor.
The fanciest chair you can find at one end.

Props: Your crown
A sceptre (a wooden spoon or similar will do)
An orb (a small ball or a rolled up t-shirt)
A spoon
A "cloak" for the monarch to wear.
A Tall Hat (acting as a bishop's mitre) for the Archbishop
Coronets (small crowns) for the audience (these can be mimed)

- The monarch should begin as far from the chair as possible.
- The Archbishop should stand next to the chair.
- Begin playing [Zadok the Priest](#).
- The monarch starts to walk slowly towards the Coronation Chair
- The Archbishop helps the monarch sit in the chair.
- The monarch can then be blessed with Holy Oil, from the spoon, on the head, on the heart and on the hands.
- The Archbishop hands the monarch the orb and sceptre.
- At 1.21 seconds of the song, when the music gets really exciting and people sing, the Archbishop places the crown on the monarch's head.
- All watching proclaim as loudly as possible: "Long Live the Queen/King" three times and place the coronets on their heads.
- Repeat as required. We had three kings in 1066 so everyone could have a go!



"Lions like crowns too", said Livingstone the lion, "Perhaps that is why we are known as the king of the jungle. I'd love to see your crowns, can you send me a photo?"

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