

## *Radiate crown*



### *You will need:*

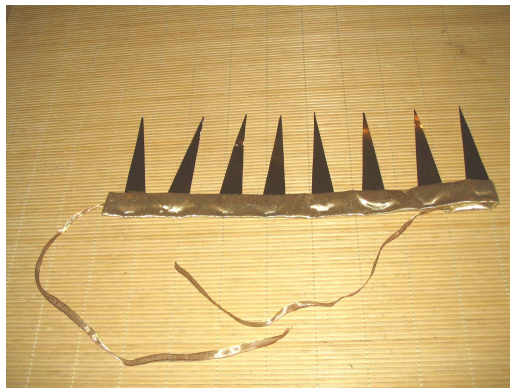
- *Shiny gold poster paper or card stock*
  - *Gold lamé fabric*
  - *Medium-weight webbing*
  - *Gold cord or ribbon*
  - *Gold thread*
  - *Needle*
  - *Stapler*
  - *Newspaper*
1. *Use the newspaper to make patterns for the headband part of the crown and its lining. The finished product will be approximately 20" long (for adults and teenagers; you might want to go shorter if this is for children) and 1 1/4" wide (for all ages), so make a pattern with those dimensions to be used for the lining. Then make another pattern for the headband itself that's 1/2 inch longer at each end and approximately triple the width: 21" long and 3 3/4" wide.*
  2. *Pin each pattern to the appropriate fabric (smaller one on the webbing; larger one on the gold cloth) and cut around it. This kind of metallic fabric tends to unravel madly, so you'll either need to use pinking shears or plan to turn all the hems under twice in order to keep the edges from shredding away. My measurements are based on turning each hem twice.*
  3. *Cut two equal lengths of ribbon or cord, approximately 9" each.*

4. *The next step can be as elaborate or as casual as you want, depending on how sturdy you want the crown to be and how confident you are with a needle.*

*The elaborate method is as follows: center the webbing on the gold fabric and baste it down. Then fold the gold fabric over twice, so you have a 1/4" hem and no shredding. Stitch the ends down onto the webbing. Then fold in each long side so that the two hems meet in the middle of the underside. You should have enough fabric so that the hems overlap a little bit and completely cover the lining. Pin, and then stitch the hems together, leaving a small gap at each end to insert the ties. Remove the visible part of the basting.*

*You may be able to accomplish more or less the same thing without the basting and folding under, especially if you use the ideas noted below.*

5. *Insert a length of ribbon or cord under the hem at each end and stitch it down securely. Try on the headband, and if the ties seem absurdly long, you can trim them.*
6. *Cut eight tall, pointed triangles out of the gold poster board. Mine are 6" x 6" x 1 1/2".*
7. *Staple the triangles at more or less regular intervals along the headband. It looks better to staple from the front so that the curved part of the staples is underneath, but if you do it this way you'll need to make sure that the points are mashed down firmly, to avoid scratching the wearer.*



*NOTES: I didn't think to use either of these sensible shortcuts myself, but you may want to try a couple of things to simplify the task of making the headband:*

- 1) Use iron-on fabric lining rather than webbing that has to be stitched in place.*
- 2) Try keeping the frayed edges under control with a spray called "Fray Check," made by Dritz.*

*Larger images are available at the ACE Teachers Group under the Photos section.*