

EASTER CROWN

Get ahead in the Easter parade this year with this quick and easy crown. By varying the decorations and colours, you will be able to adapt it to suit both boys and girls.

ENCOURAGES: Construction ★ Role-play ★ Co-ordination

STORE CUPBOARD

- Yellow card approx. 60cm x 16cm
- Pieces of bright card in red, blue, orange, pink & yellow
- Sheet of green crepe paper
- Glue stick & PVA glue
- Paint in red, green, yellow & blue
- Paintbrush
- Pencil & scissors
- Cotton buds
- Sticky tape
- Shiny gems and stickers (butterflies & flowers)
- Felt-tip pens

1 Draw and cut out three large and three small egg shapes from different coloured card. The large and small card eggs will go alternately around the crown.

2 Measure the child's head and make a pencil mark on the long yellow piece of card so you know where to attach the card eggs up to. You may need to adjust the formation accordingly.

3 Decorate the card eggs using paint, felt-tip pens, stickers and gems. Use a paintbrush and fingerprints to make patterns with the paint. Children can create their own designs and decorate the eggs themselves. Allow to dry.

4 Lay out the long yellow card band on your work surface. Use PVA glue to attach the decorated eggs to the top edge up to the mark you made on it earlier.

5 Take a sheet of green crepe paper and cut it long ways so it is about 20cm in width. Make cuts into the paper along

6 one of the long edges



about 1cm apart to make a grass effect. Use a glue stick to attach this to the bottom of the yellow band.

6 Fold the excess of the crepe paper underneath the band edge and again stick with glue on the inside of the crown.

7 Finish decorating the crown with the following ideas: cut out random flower shapes from card and stick a small yellow circle centre on them. Use cotton buds to make flower shapes onto the crepe paper grass. Attach shiny stickers such as butterflies or flowers.

8 Fold the crown round to where you made the pencil mark and join the ends together with sticky tape. If you feel you want to make it more secure use a stapler, but cover the ends of the staples with pieces of sticky tape.