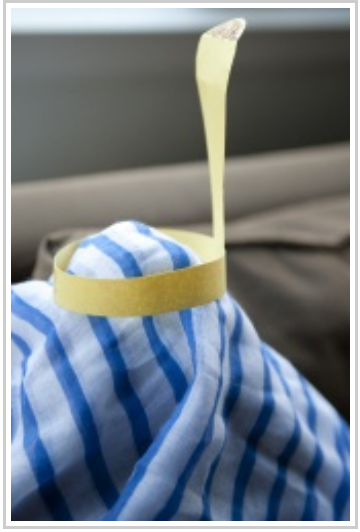
Make a Pharaoh's Headdress



Your child will rule his kingdom in style with this regal Pharaoh's head cloth, called a "nemes." Besides adding to his make-believe kit, this project is sure to spark curiosity about ancient Egypt. After you're done, head out to the library or take an online tour to explore the worlds of the pharaohs and the Great Pyramids.

What You Need:

- Measuring tape
- Yellow poster board
- Scissors
- Striped fabric, approximately 24 x 30 inches (You can also find pillow shams in this size.)
- Stapler
- Gold glitter paint
- Glue

What You Do:

1. Use the measuring tape to measure the circumference of your child's head.
2. Cut a 1 ½ inch strip of poster board that is 2 inches longer than the circumference her head. (You will need extra space to accommodate the fabric.)
3. Cut out the shape of a cobra snake from the poster board. Bend the "face" forward if you like.
4. Paint the head band and the snake with the glitter paint. Set aside to dry.
5. When the paint is dry, assemble the head band. Position the snake in the center front, and glue or staple into position.
6. Have your child put the fabric on his head and position the head band so it is comfortable. Staple the ends of the band together.
7. Voila! Your child is now ready to be Pharaoh for a day!

Did You Know?

The spitting cobra on the royal head band was called the Uraeus, and it was the symbol for the Lower Egyptian goddess, Wadjet. Wadjet was thought to be the protector of Lower Egypt. Only the pharaoh could wear the cobra in his or her crown.

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