

Maya head dresses



A Maya king wearing an elaborate head dress of blue feathers. It is a painting by artist Heather Hurst, based on a mural she saw on the north wall of the ruined house discovered at the Maya site of Xultún.



This is a stone carving of a Maya queen wearing a royal feather head dress.



Here is a modern Maya child wearing traditional head wear.

Can you design and make your own head dress?

Maya research questions

What did ordinary Maya people wear? (men and women)

Why isn't there a lot of evidence to tell us what they wore?

What did Maya men and women wear for special occasions?

What evidence is there to tell us what they wore?

What did Maya do with their hair?

What did they wear on their feet?

Here are the QR codes to three websites to help you do your research:



<http://ancientmayalife.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/clothing-of-ancient-maya.html>



<http://www.yucatanatoday.com/en/topics/mayas-and-their-hair>

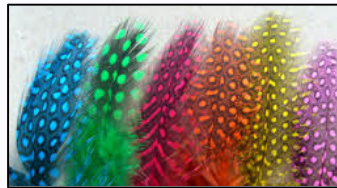


<http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/maya/teachers/what-did-the-ancient-maya-wear>

How to make a Maya head dress

You will need

Strip of leather or thick material that is the diameter of your head,
Craft feathers (or paper ones),
Flower (optional)
A glue gun
A head band



Take your strip of leather and place it on the table.

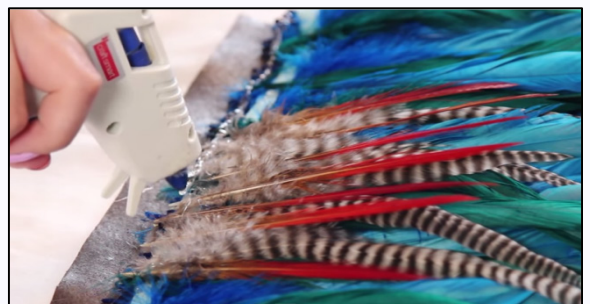
Using your glue gun, glue the feathers in place along the band or strip.



Remember, the front of the head dress is facing the table, so you are working from the bottom up.

Glue different layers of feathers onto the strip.

When you have finished with all the layers of feather, put a line of glue along the top.



Turn the strip over to keep all the feathers in place.



Using the glue gun, glue the feather strip to the head band.



Use extra glue to stick the flowers and other accessories to the band.



Can you design and make other accessories to go on the front of your feather head dress?