

MAKE YOUR OWN SUPREME COURTS MACE



PRINTABLE KIT

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WHAT IS A SUPREME COURTS MACE?



In the Supreme Courts, a mace is carried into the courtroom when the Judge enters and carried out when the Judge leaves.

In the past, they were sometimes used as defensive weapons, to protect Judges from rowdy crowds!

Now they are purely ceremonial, so they are much more ornamental, and are often decorated with gold or silver.

There are many maces in Parliament House. They all look different and serve different functions.

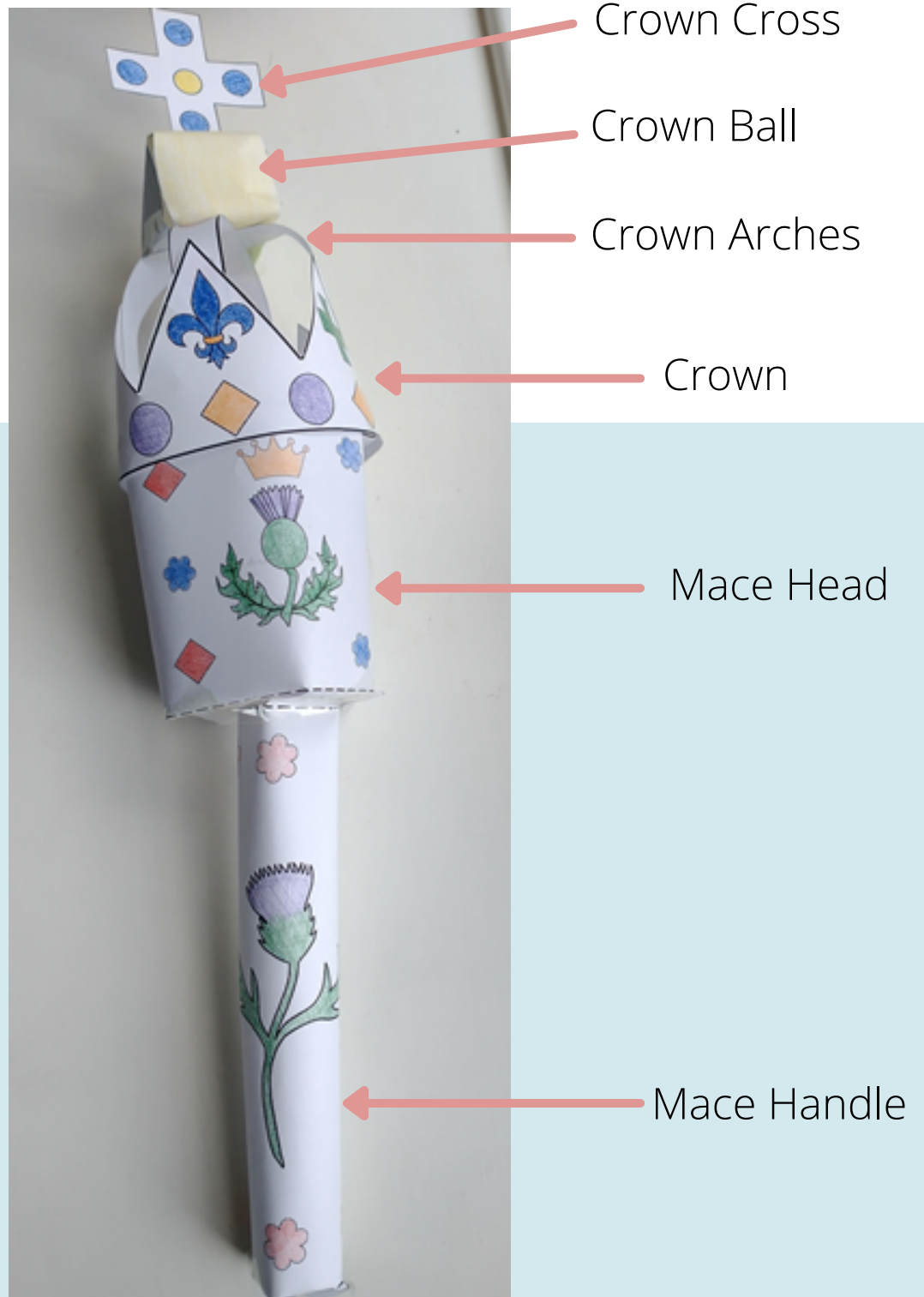
Maces are used to symbolise the power given to the Judge by the monarch, to rule on points of law. This is why they have crowns on them.

The mace you will make in this kit is (loosely) based on the Lord President's mace (pictured), which was originally made in 1667, and weighs nearly 8 kilograms - hopefully yours won't be quite as big!

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THIS IS WHAT YOUR MACE WILL LOOK LIKE

Hopefully with more creative decorations though!

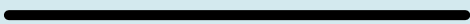


YOU WILL NEED:

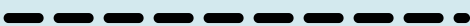
- A printer and paper (if you do not have access to a printer, please see our 'Without a Printer Kit').
- A grown-up: make sure you have a grown-up's help when using scissors. Also some parts are a little bit fiddly, and it might be good to have some help!
- Scissors.
- Tape.
- Colouring pencils/pens/paint (optional).

KEY:

Solid line (shown below): **Cut** along solid lines with scissors.



Dashes (shown below): **Fold** along dashed lines.

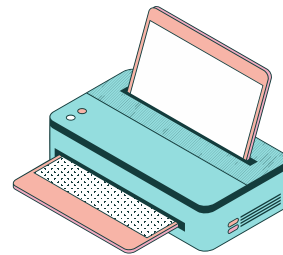


Dots (shown below): **Overlap** and **tape** along dotted lines.



STEP 1:

Print out the templates for each part of the mace.



STEP 2 (OPTIONAL):

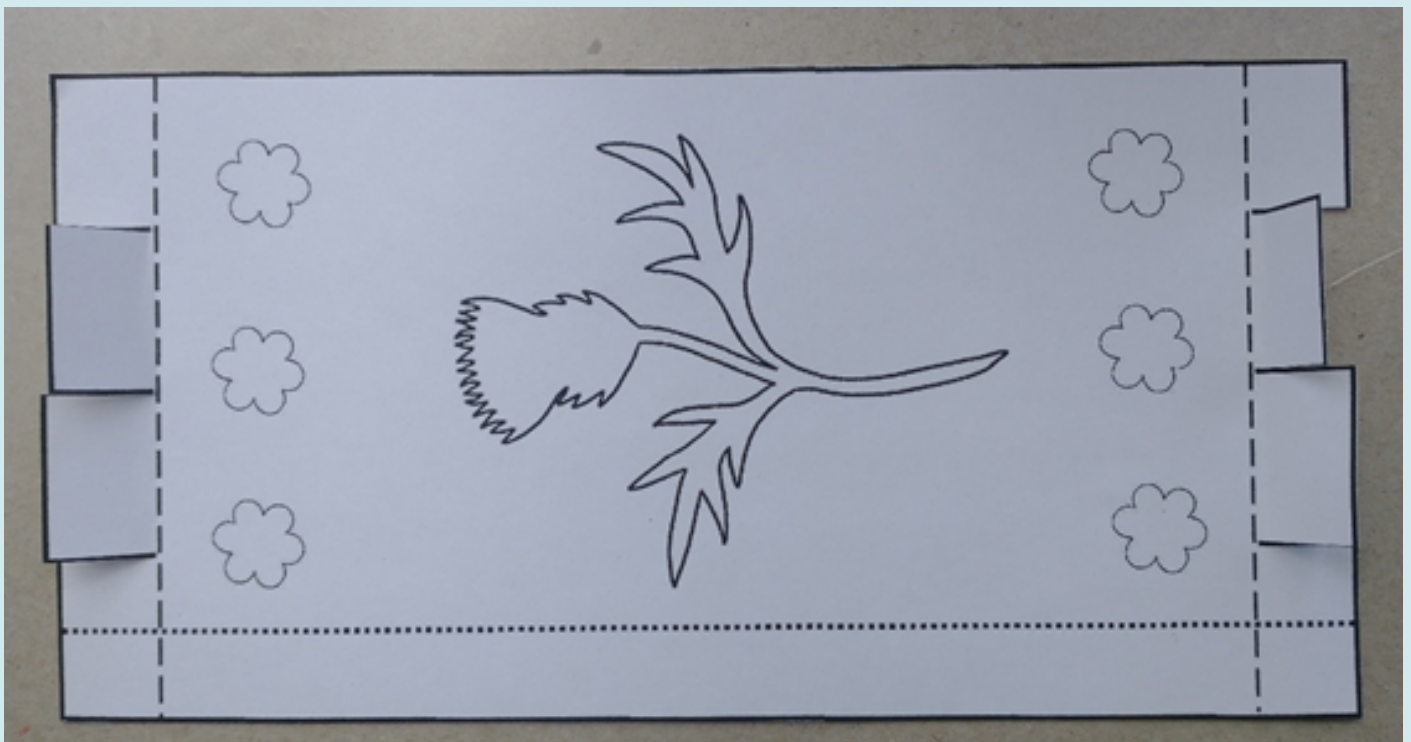
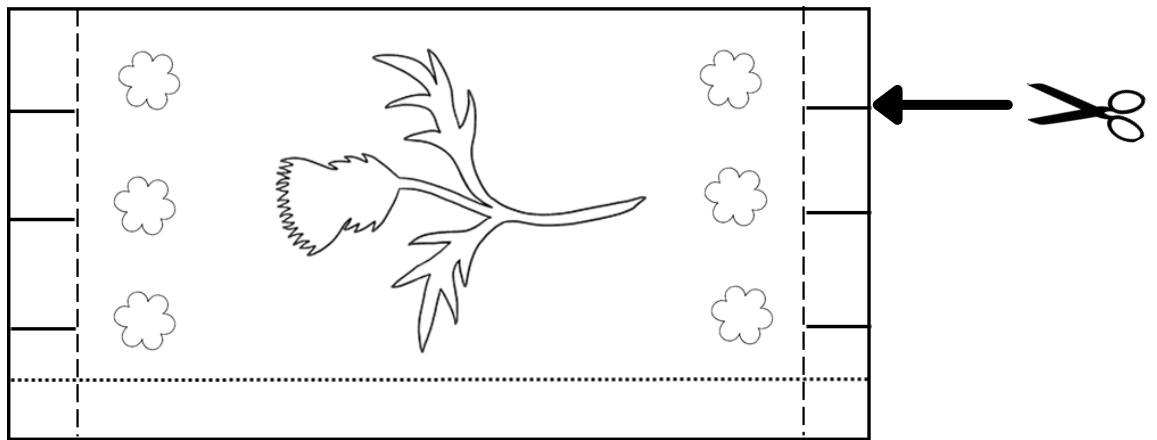
Decorate the templates using colouring pencils, pens, paint, or whatever you would like!

Make sure they are dry before moving on to Step 3.



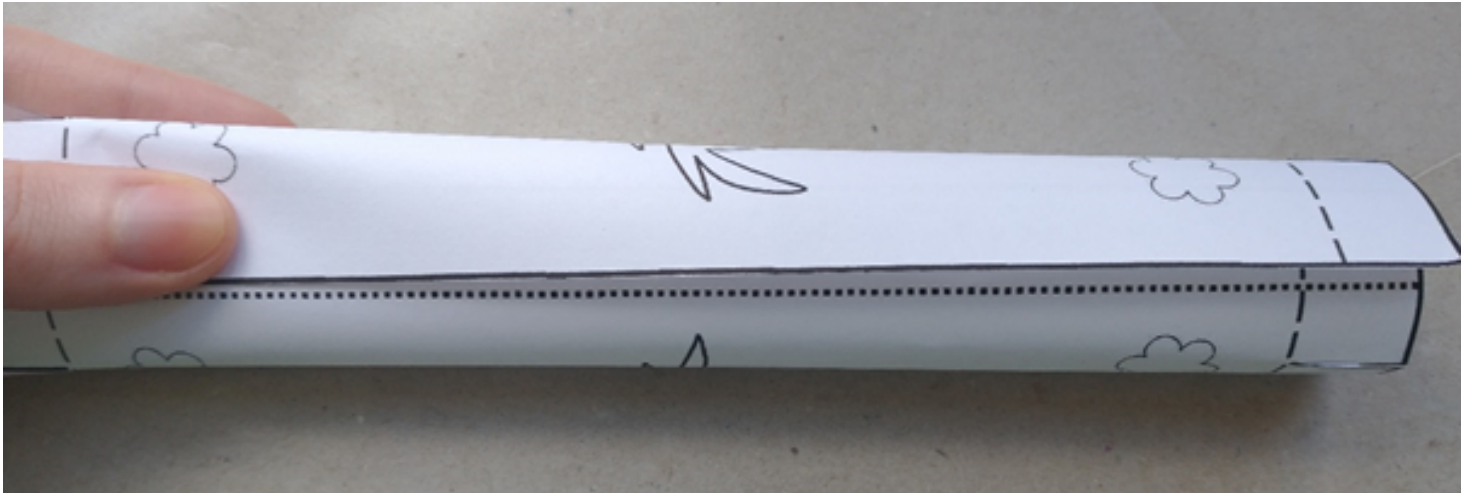
STEP 3

- Cut out the handle template.
- Cut along the solid lines on each short side to make paper flaps.
- Make sure you do **not** cut along the dotted or dashed lines.



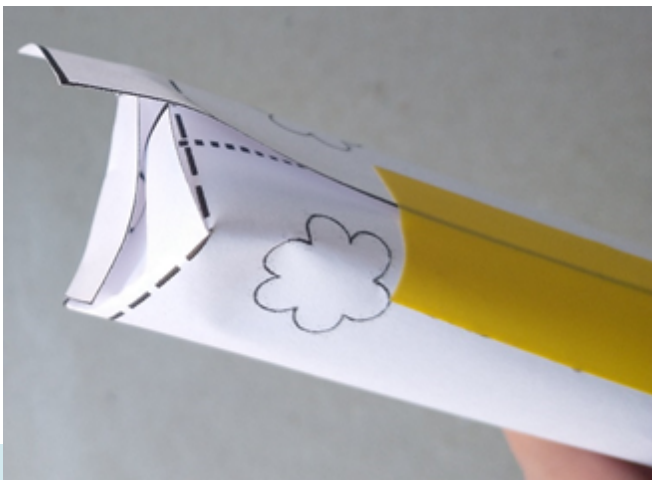
STEP 4

- Keeping the decoration on the outside, roll the handle lengthways into a tube, overlapping the long edges up to the dotted line.
- Tape along the long edge. I am using yellow tape to make it extra-visible for these instructions. But it will look better with clear tape.



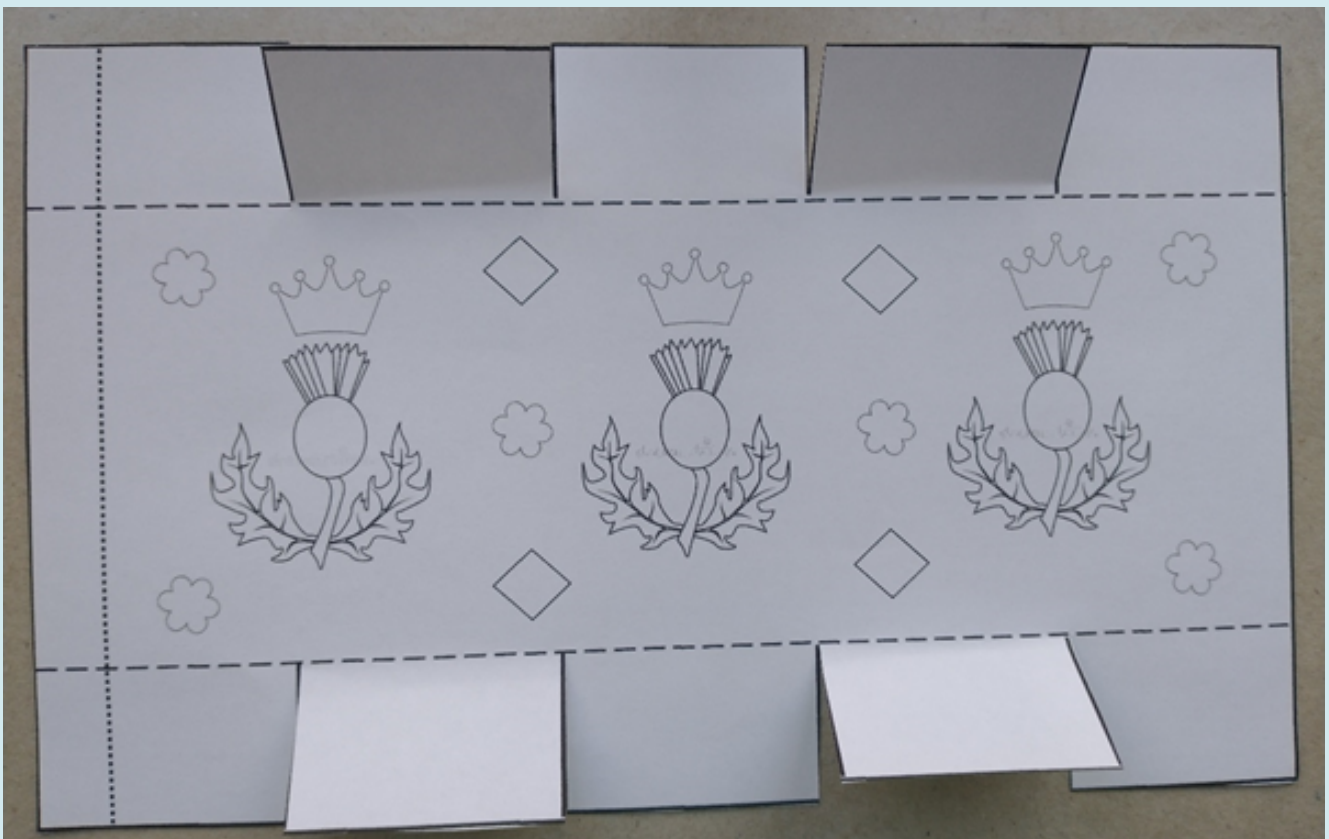
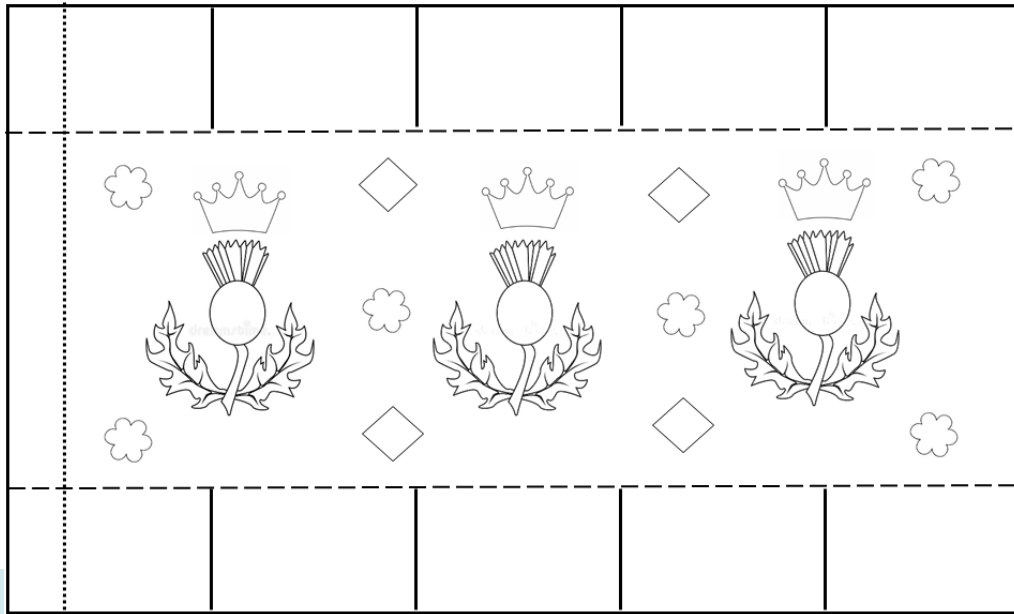
STEP 5

- At the **bottom** end of the handle, fold each paper flap in along the dashed line, to make a base for the handle.
- Tape in place.
- Do **not** do this for the top of the handle, leave this open.



STEP 6

- Cut out the mace head template.
- Cut along the solid lines on each short side to make paper flaps.
- Make sure you do **not** cut along the dotted or dashed lines.



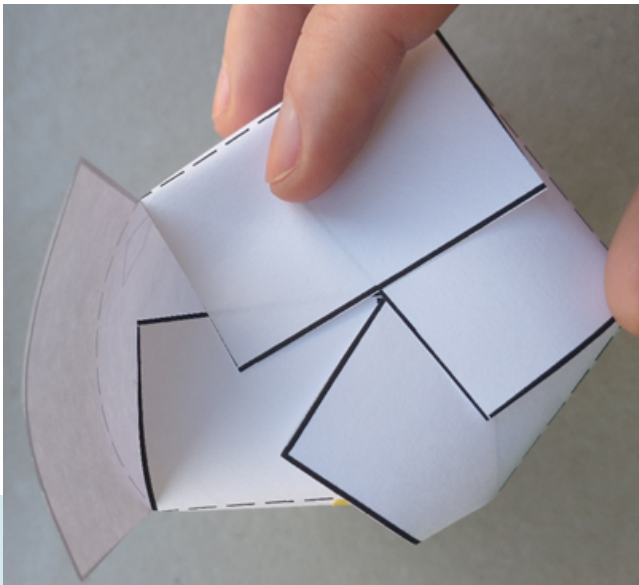
STEP 7

- Keeping the decoration on the outside, roll the mace head widthways into a tube, overlapping the short edges up to the dotted line.
- Tape along the short edge.



STEP 8

- At the bottom end of the mace head, fold each paper flap in along the dashed line, to make a base for the handle.
- Tape in place.
- Repeat this for the top of the mace head, to make a sealed cylinder.



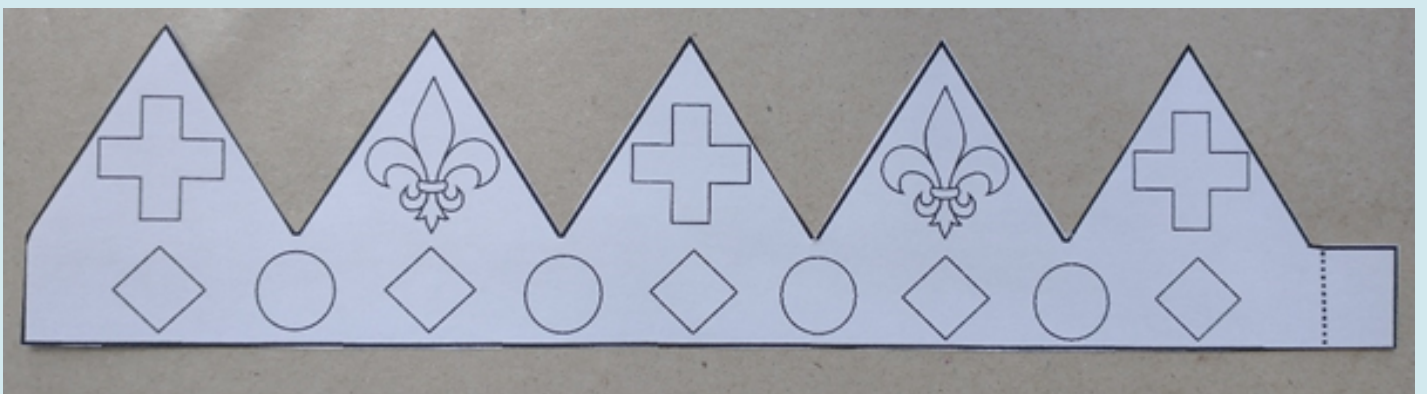
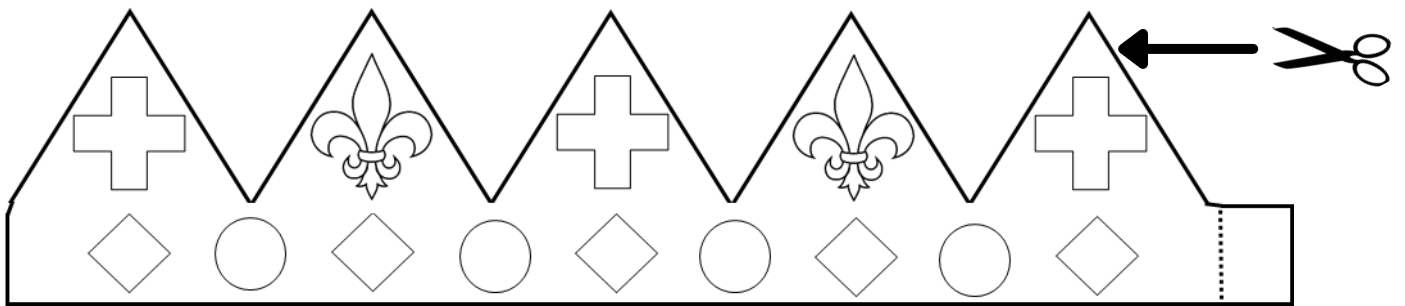
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- On the handle, fold out the top flaps.
- Tape the top of the handle to the bottom of the mace head.



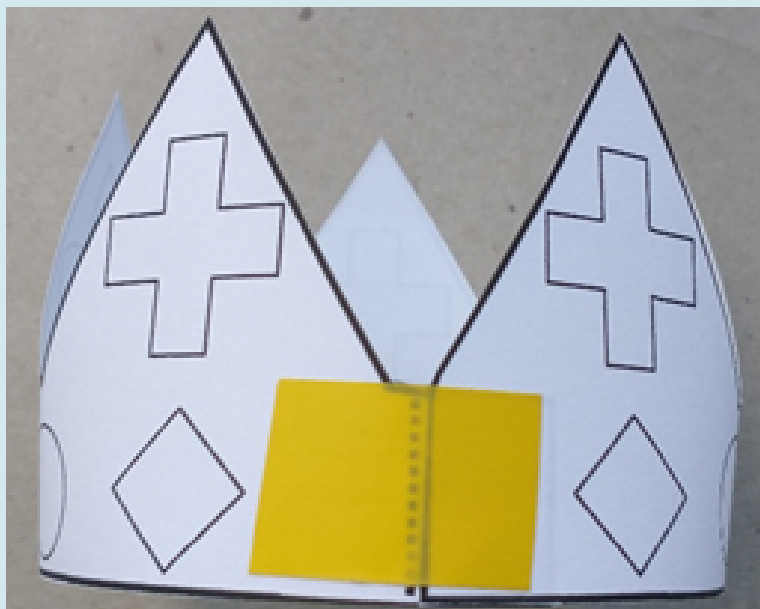
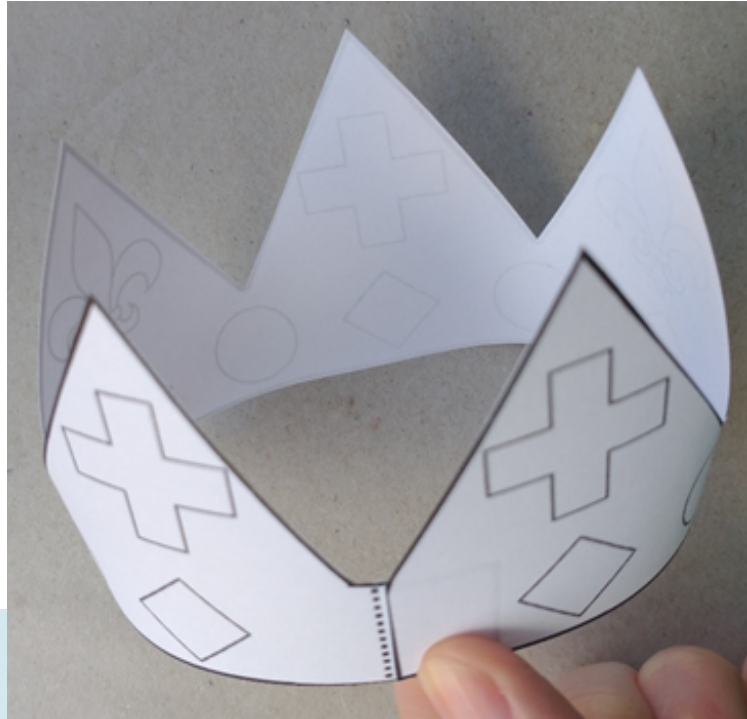
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- Cut out the crown template.
- Make sure you do **not** cut along the dotted line.



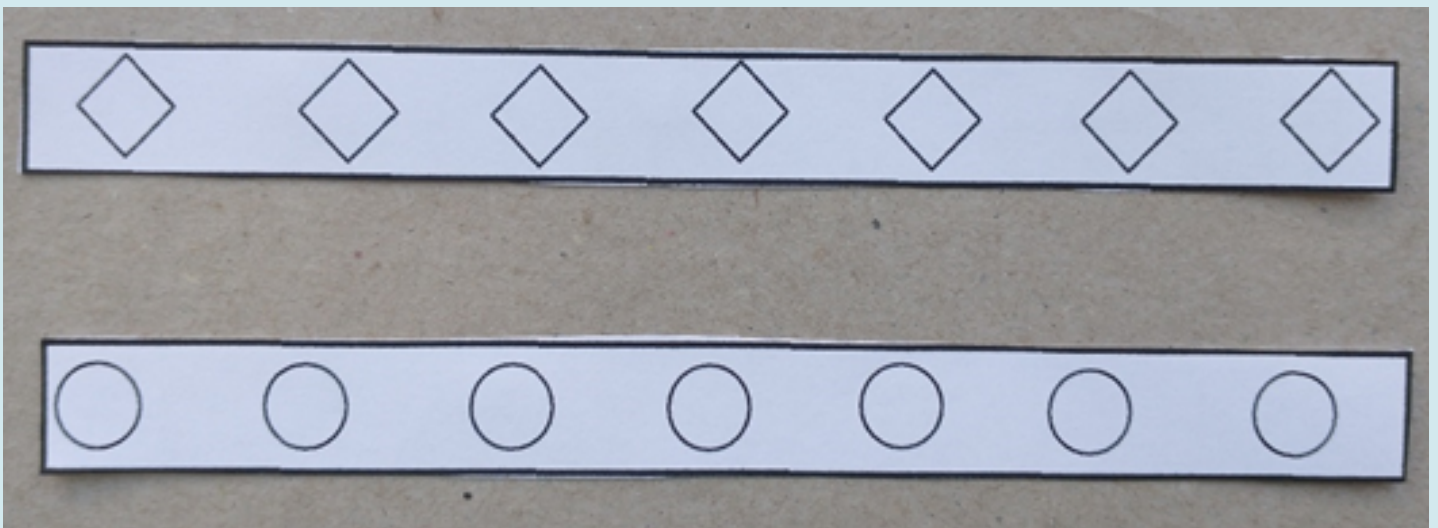
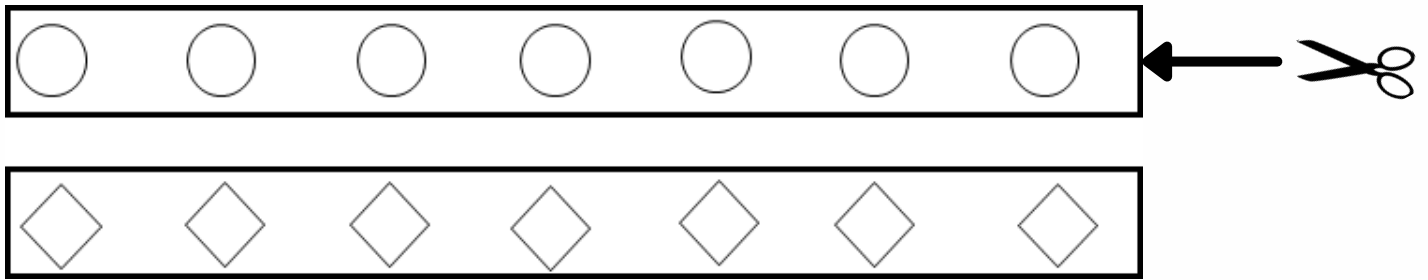
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- Keeping the decoration on the outside, join the two sides to make the crown.
- Tape along the dotted line.



STEP 12

- Cut out the crown arches.



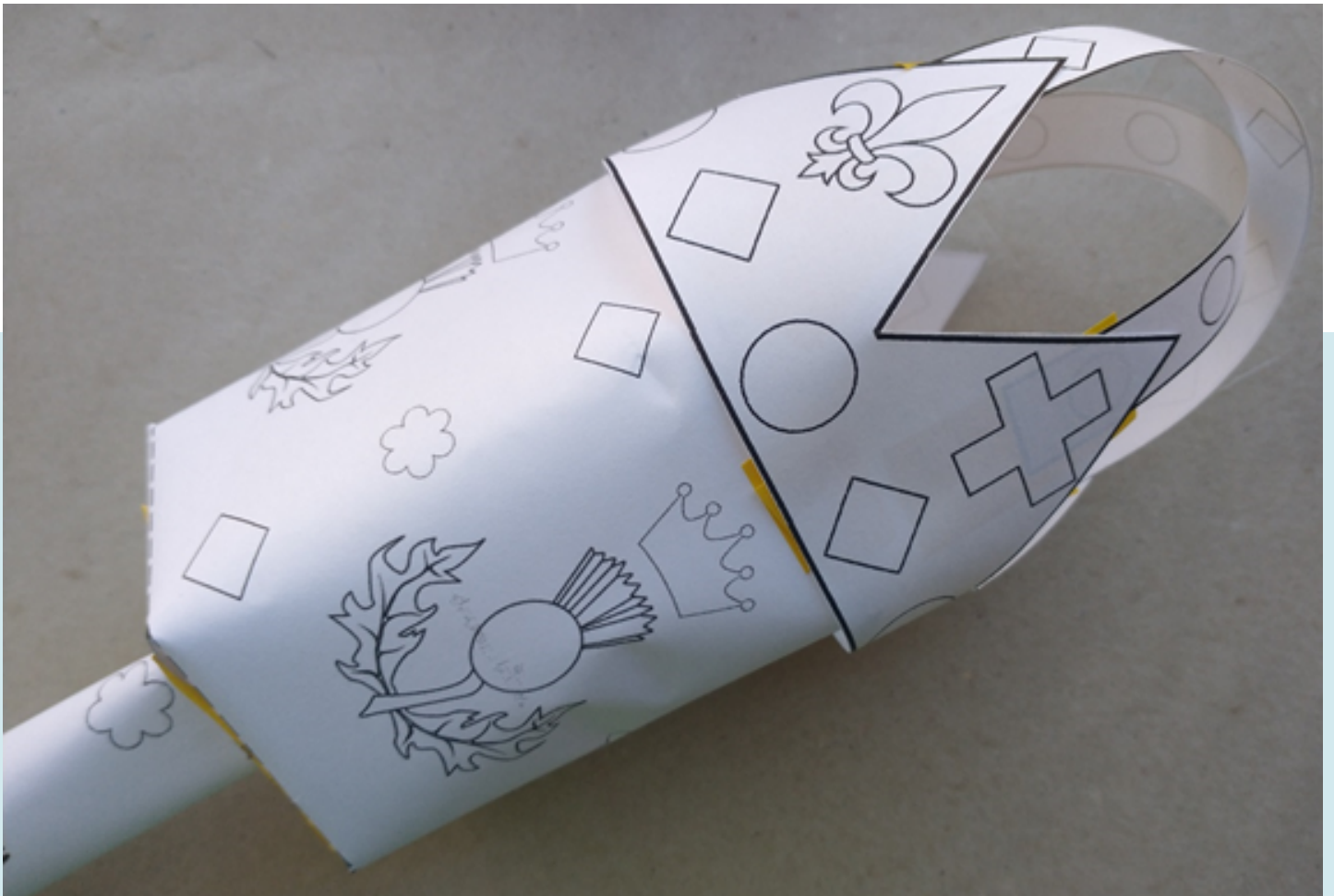
STEP 13

- Tape the short sides of the crown arches to the top of the crown, making an 'X' shape across the top.
- This is a little bit fiddly, and you might want some help from someone to hold the pieces in place while you tape.



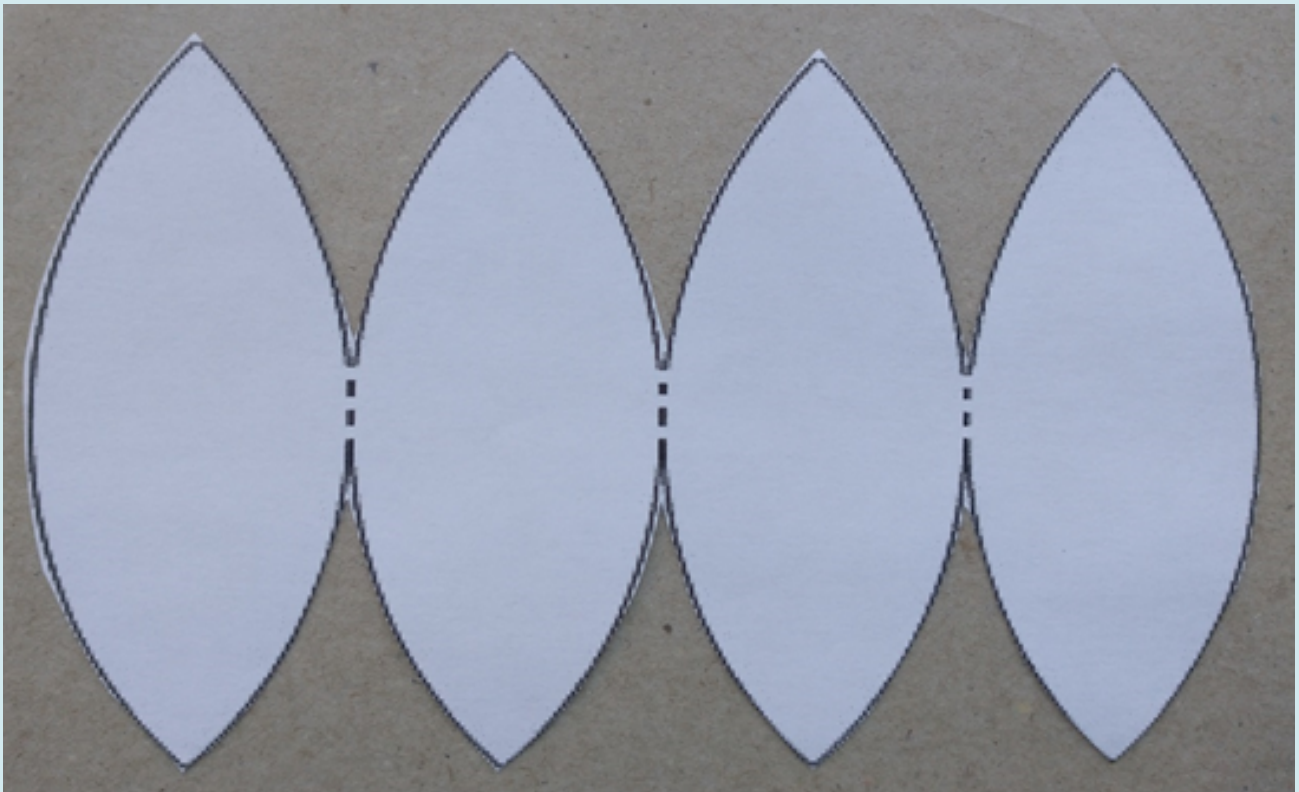
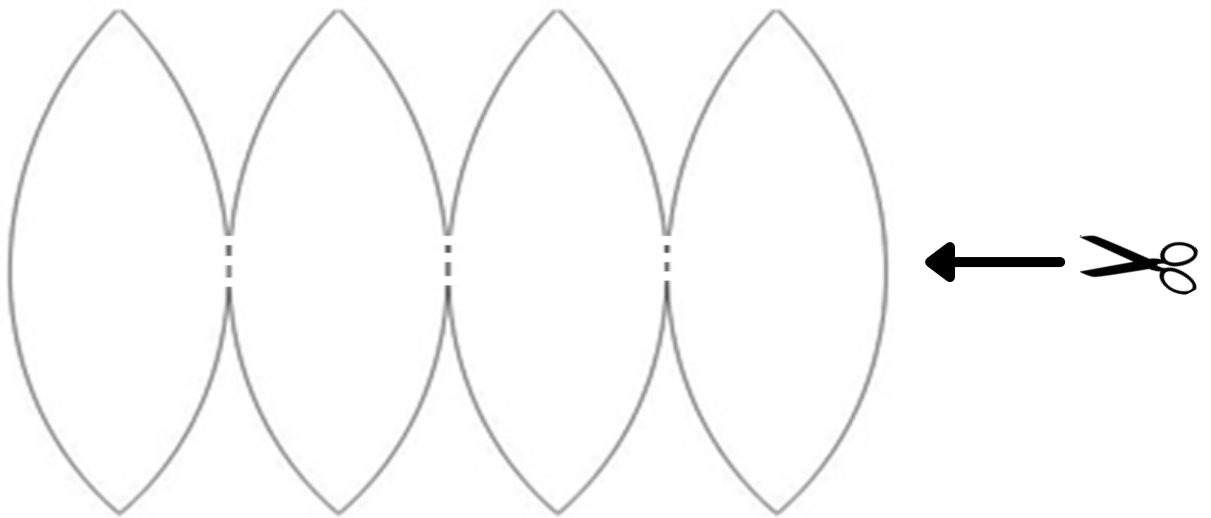
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- Put the crown on top of the mace head, it should slide on.
- Tape in place if needed.



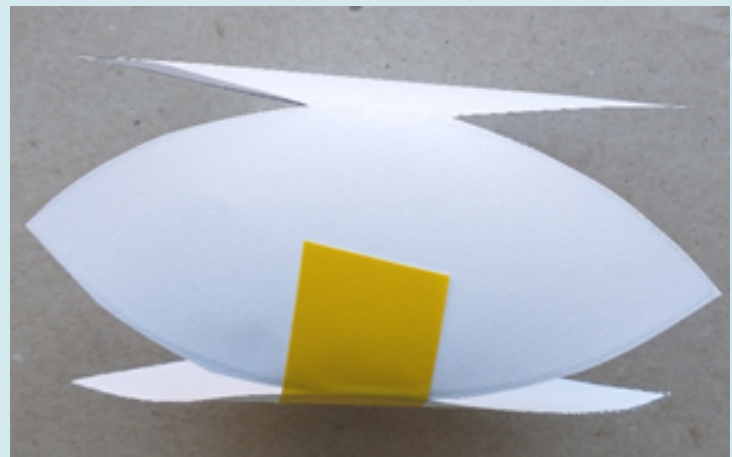
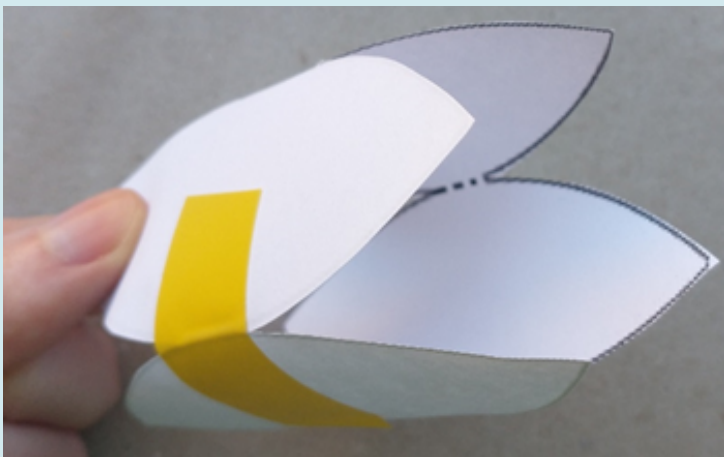
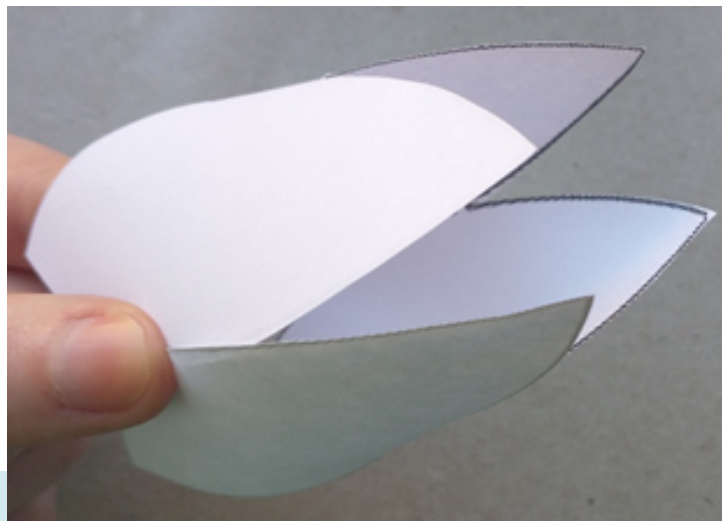
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- Cut out the crown ball template.
- Make sure you keep all the lunes (pointy ovals) joined together.



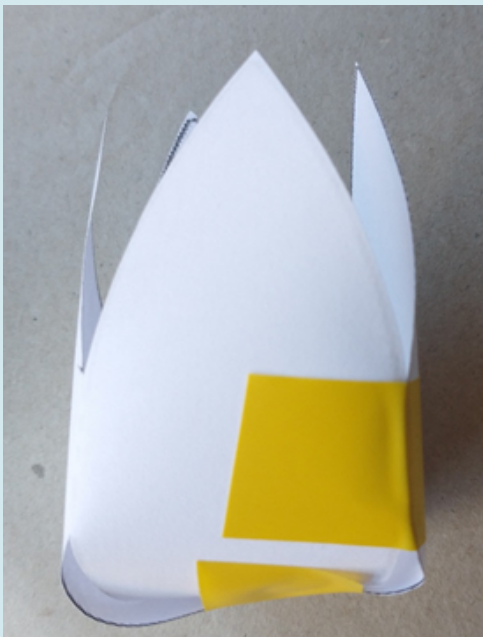
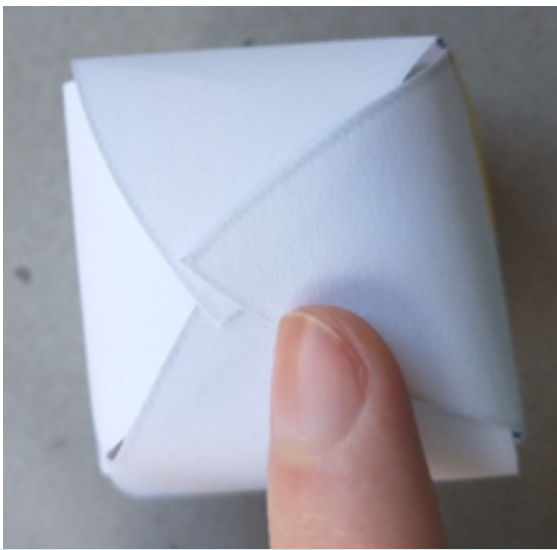
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- Bring the two sides of the template together and tape it together to form a loop.



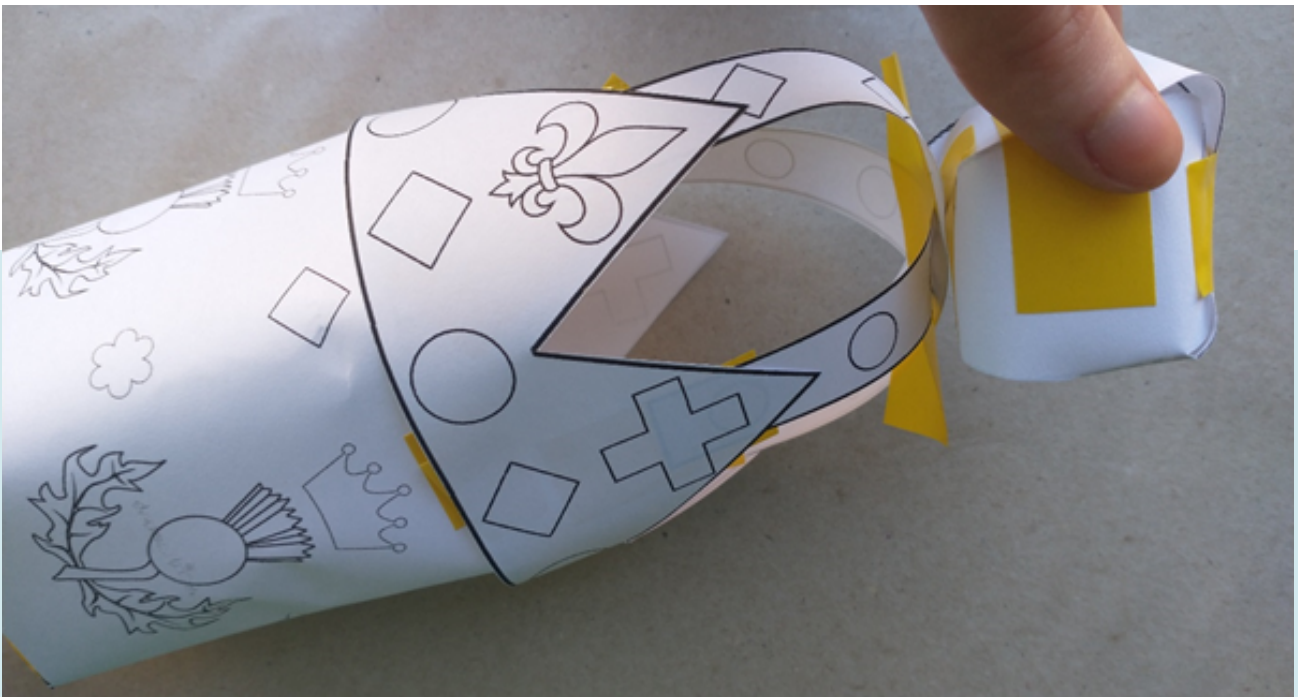
STEP 17

- Fold in the tops of the lunes and tape in place.
- Repeat for the bottoms to make a sphere (or squidgy square at least!) with beachball-like sections.



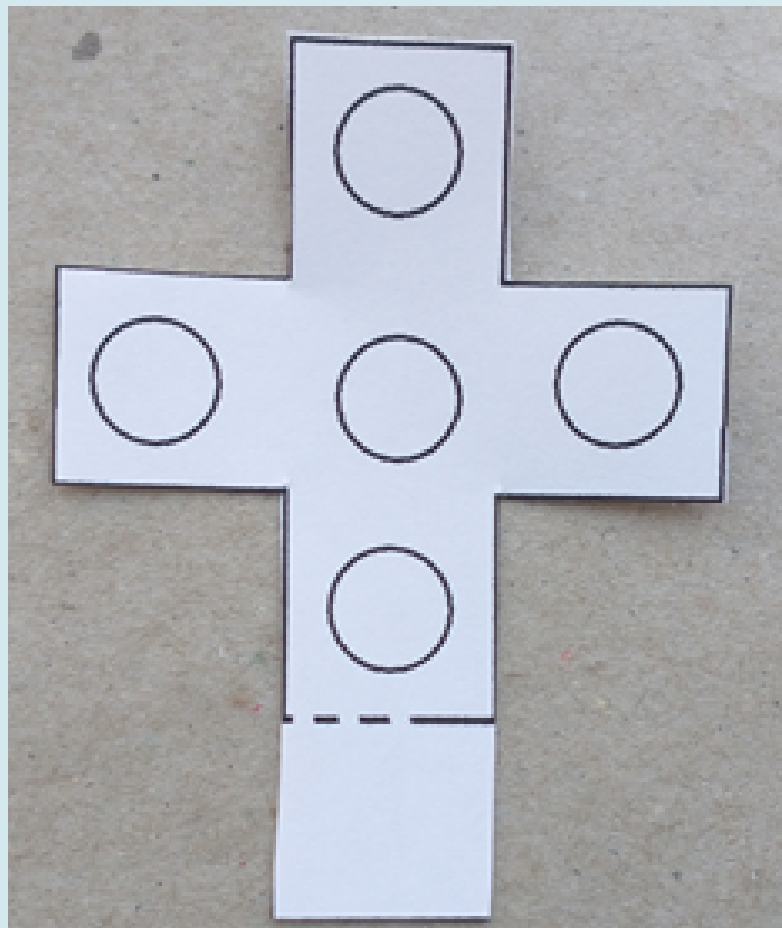
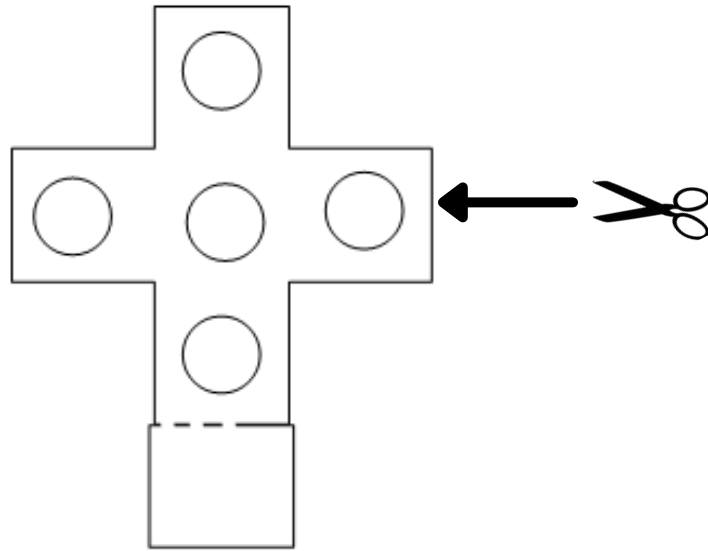
STEP 18

- Using pieces of tape fed under the arches, tape the crown ball to the top of the crown arches.
- This can be a bit fiddly, so you might want to get someone to help with this.



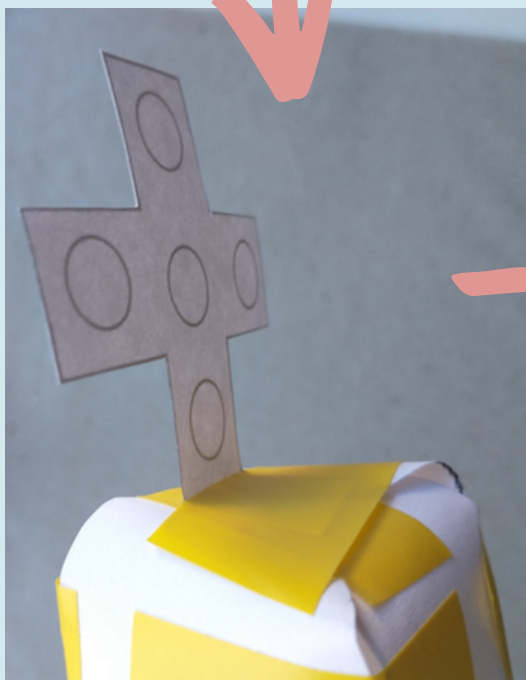
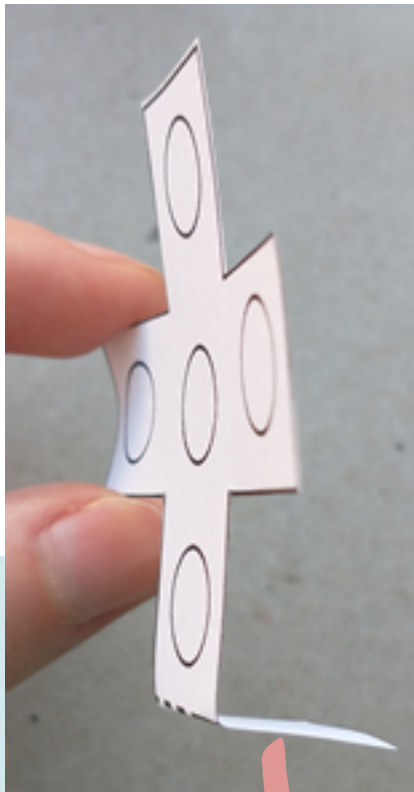
STEP 19

- Cut out the crown cross.



STEP 20

- Fold along the dashed line at the bottom of the cross to make a flap.
- Tape the paper flap of the cross to the top of the sphere.



ENJOY YOUR SUPREME COURTS MACE!

Use responsibly!



Fun fact: Scottish Judges don't actually use gavels!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR CREATIONS!

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