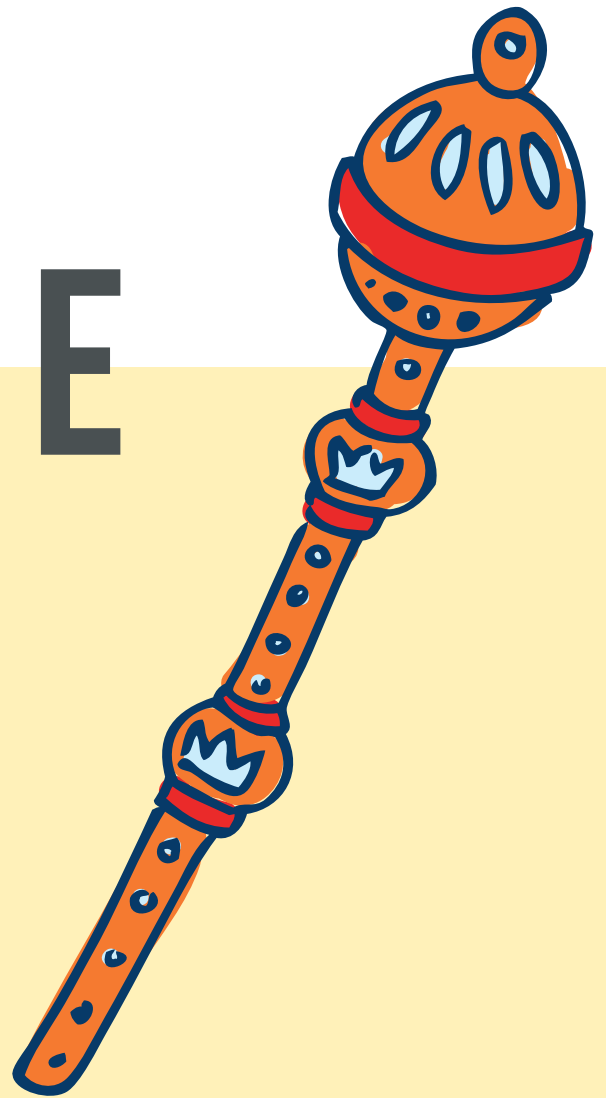


PARLIAMENT HOUSE DOORS OPEN DAY

MAKE YOUR OWN SUPREME COURTS MACE



WITHOUT A PRINTER KIT

IF YOU DO HAVE ACCESS TO A PRINTER, PLEASE
SEE OUR 'PRINTABLE KIT'

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.

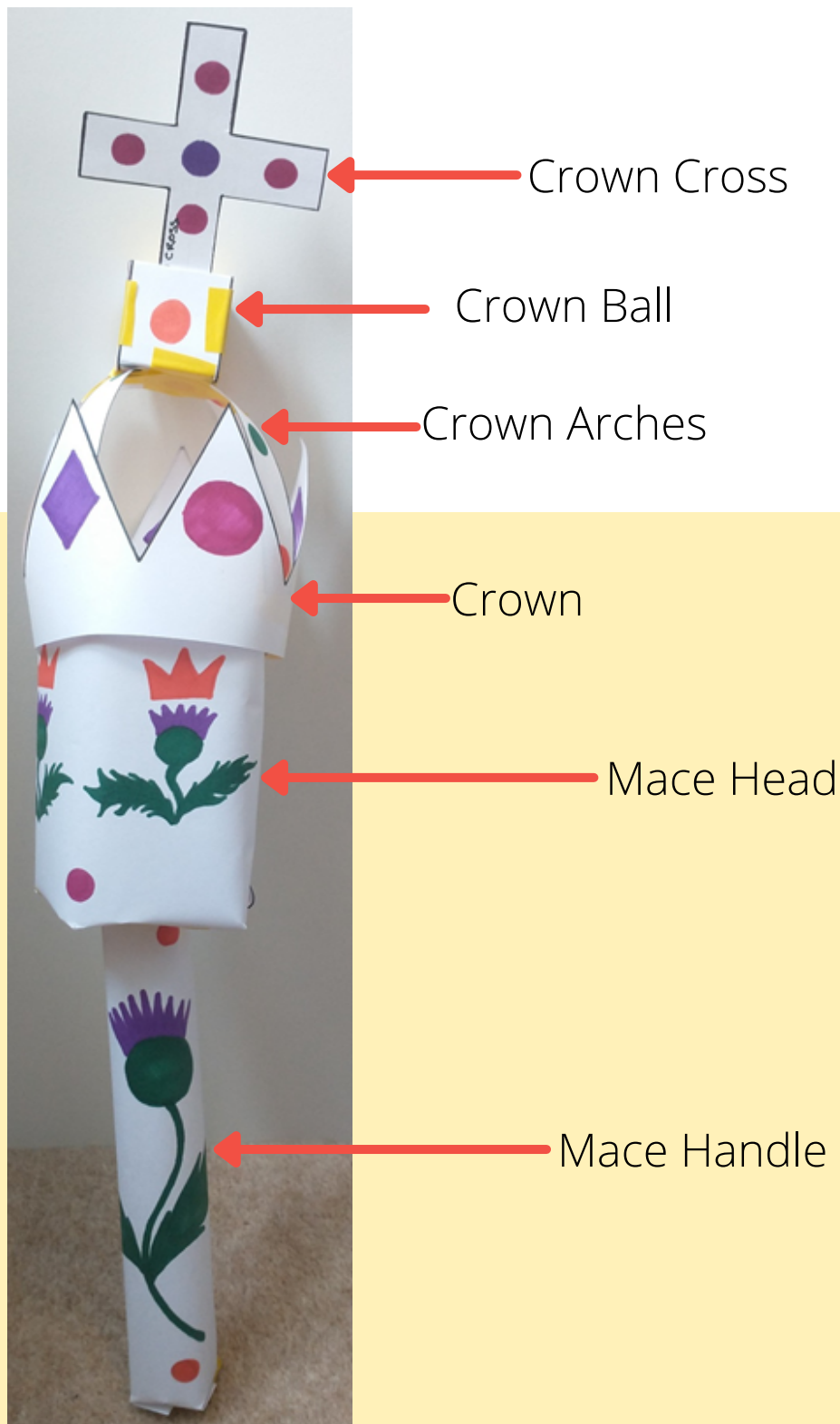
Maces are used to symbolise the power given to the Judge by the monarch, to rule on points of law. This is why they have crowns on them.

The mace you will make in this kit is (loosely) based on the Lord President's mace (pictured), which was originally made in 1667, and weighs nearly 8 kilograms - hopefully yours won't be quite as big!

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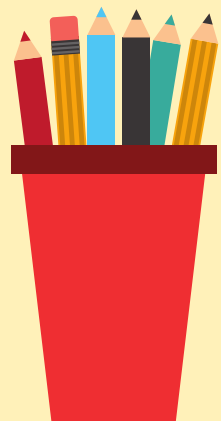
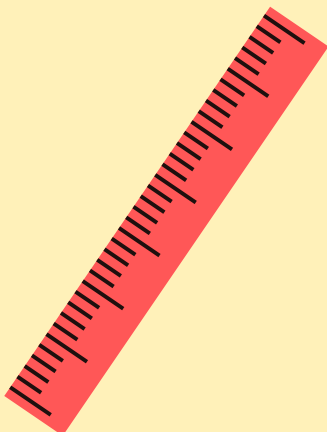
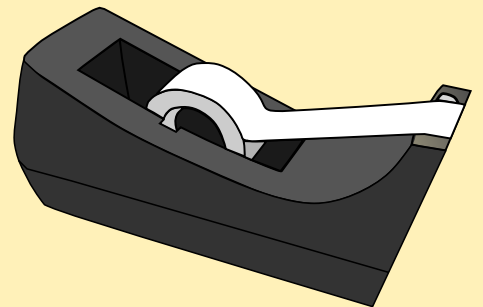
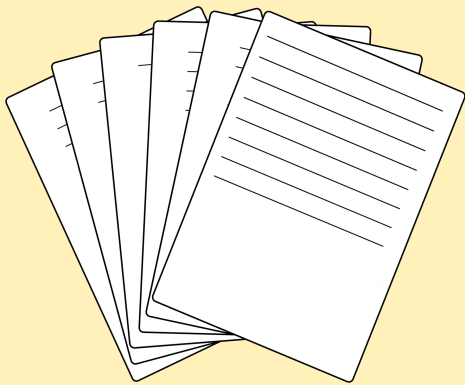
THIS IS WHAT YOUR MACE WILL LOOK LIKE

Hopefully with more creative decorations though!



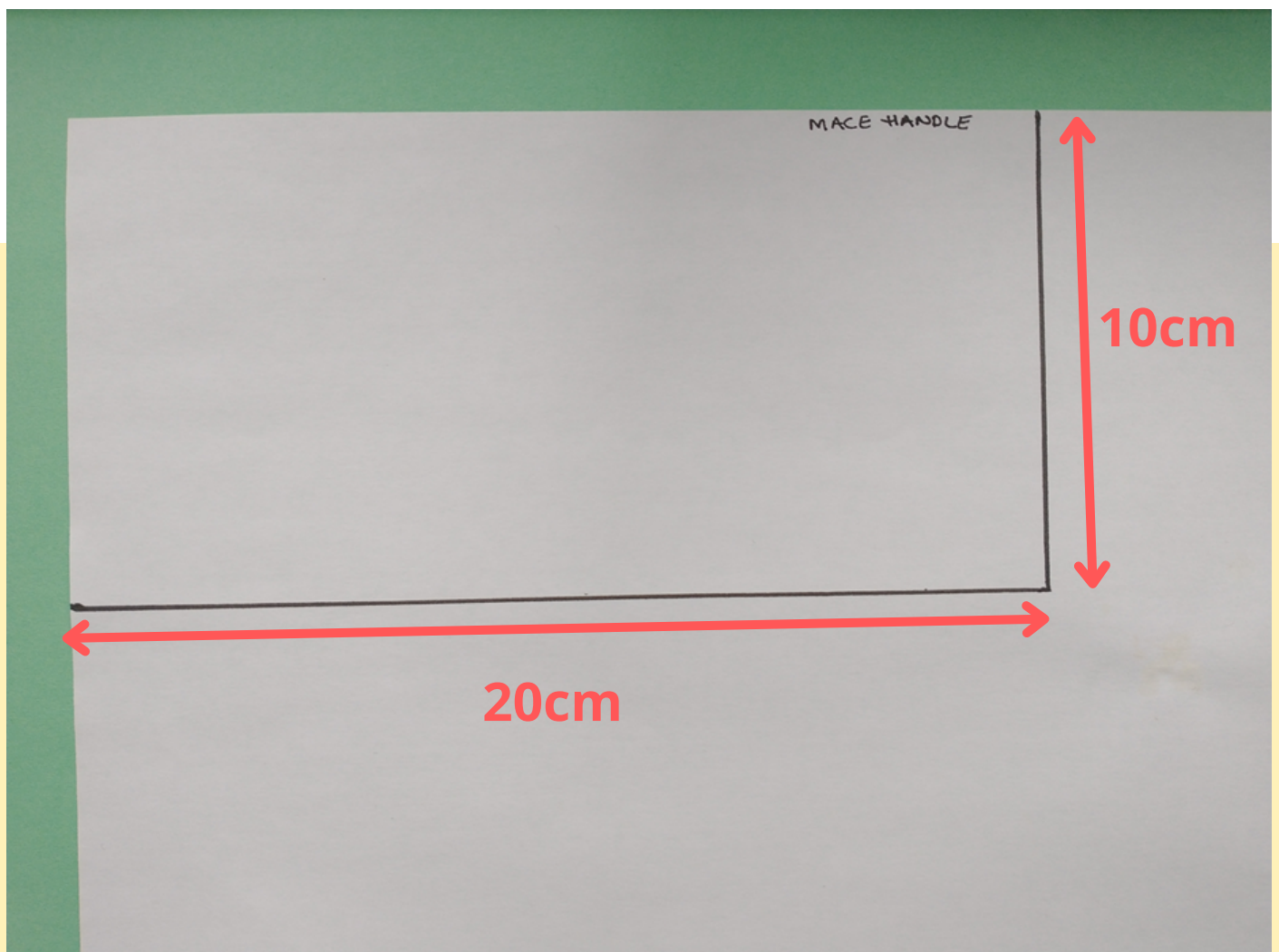
YOU WILL NEED:

- At least 3 Sheets of A4 paper. If you have access to a printer we also have the 'Printable 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.
- A 30 cm ruler.
- A pencil.
- Colouring pencils/pens/paint (optional).



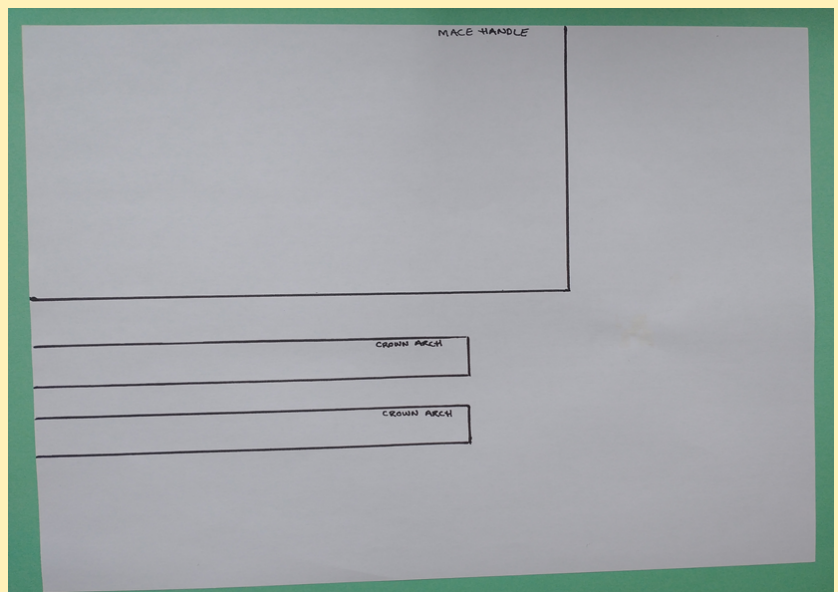
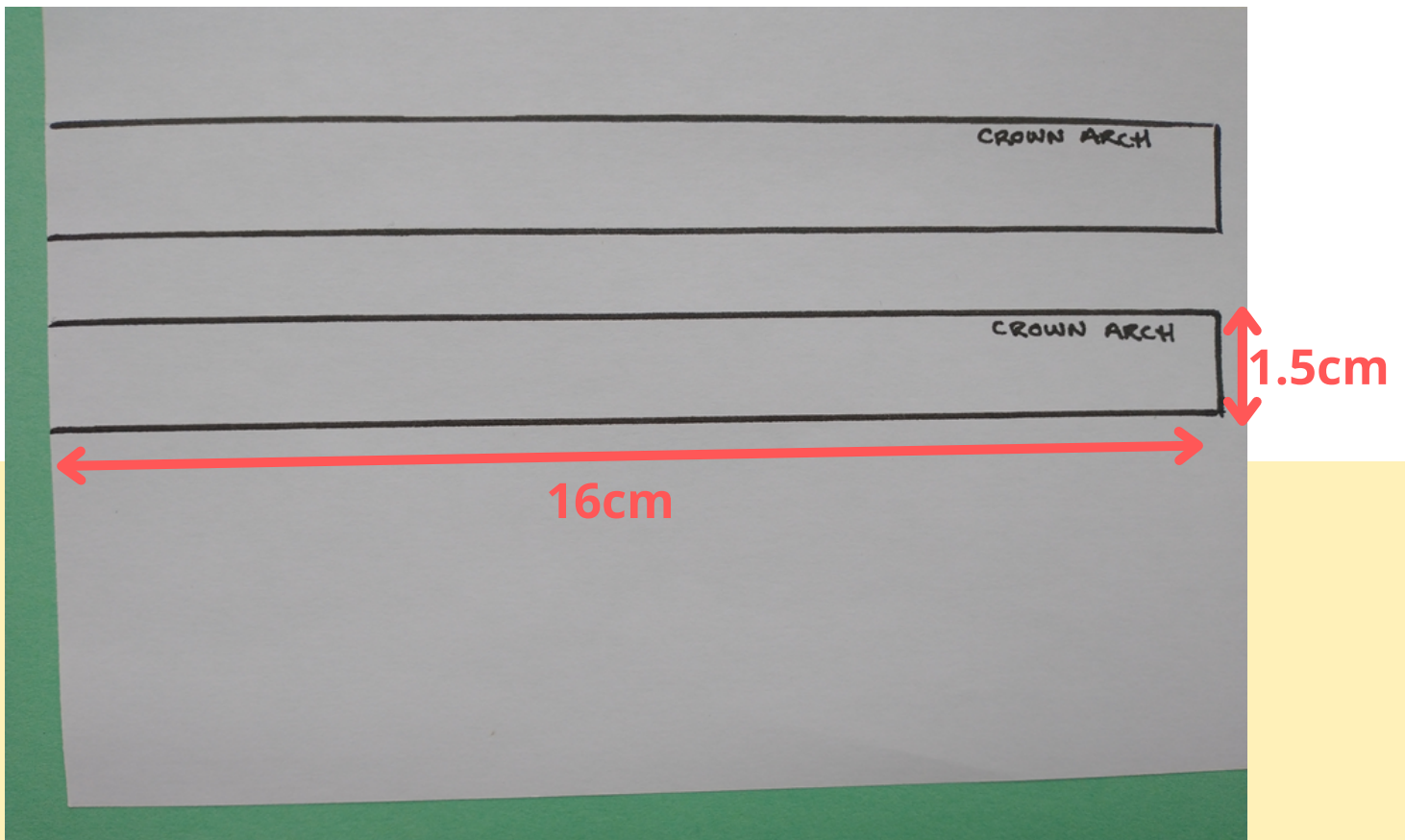
STEP 1:

- Draw a rectangle measuring 10cm x 20cm using your ruler and pencil. This will be the mace handle.
- I recommend using the corner of your paper as a starting point, so you only have to draw two edges.
- (Optional) You might want to write 'Mace Handle' lightly on or very close to your shape so you will remember later when they're cut out. .



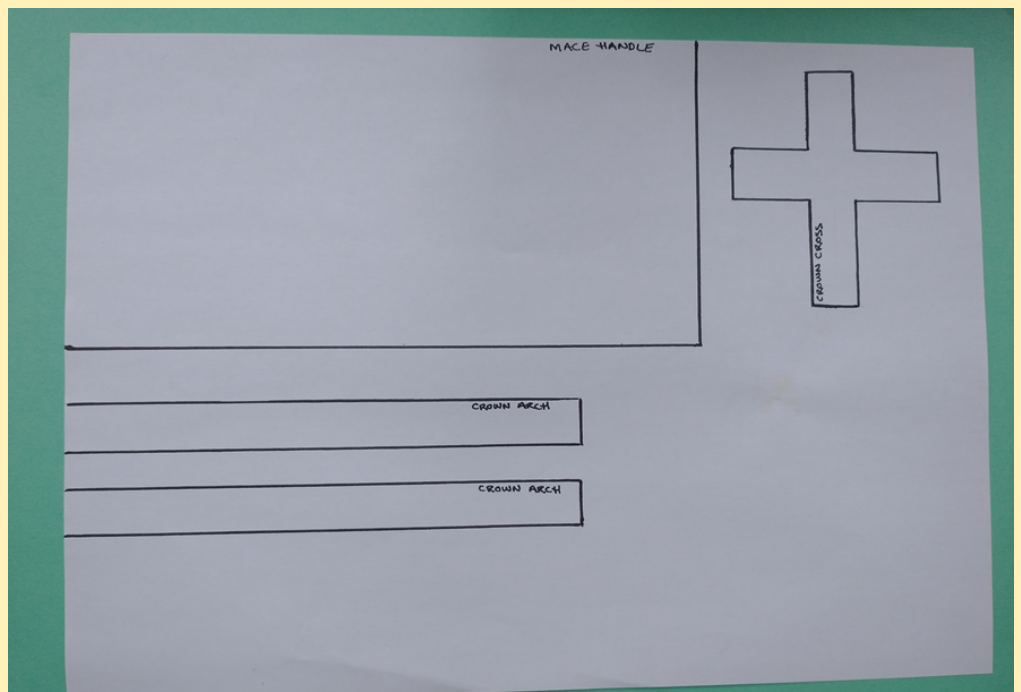
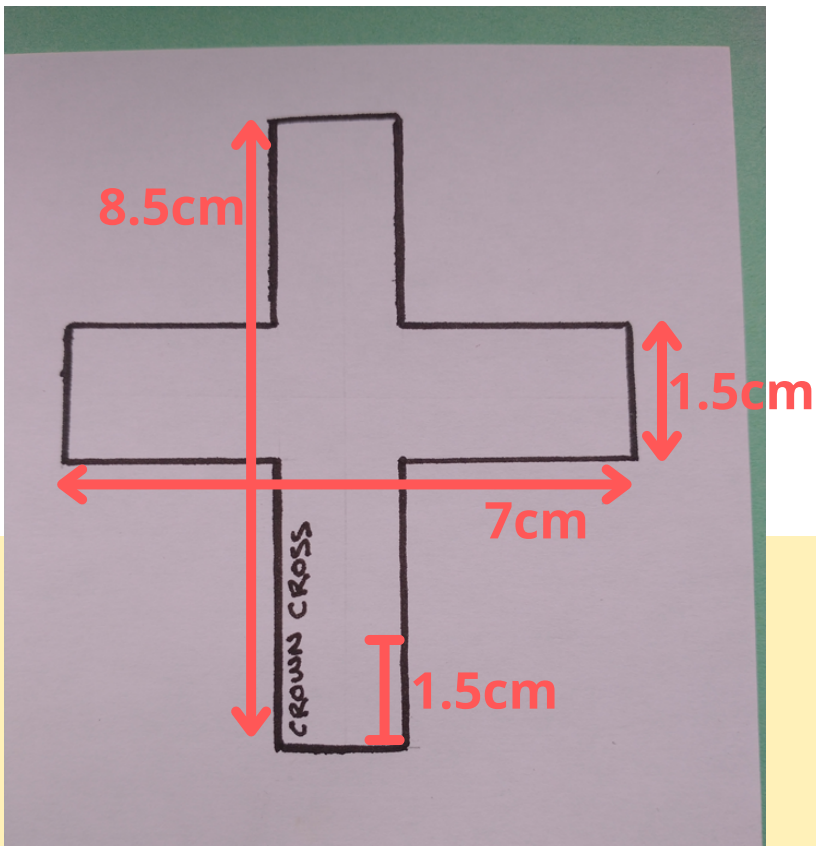
STEP 2:

- Draw two rectangles, each measuring 1.5 cm x 16cm. These will be the crown arches.
- (Optional) Label each crown arch so you will remember later when they're cut out.



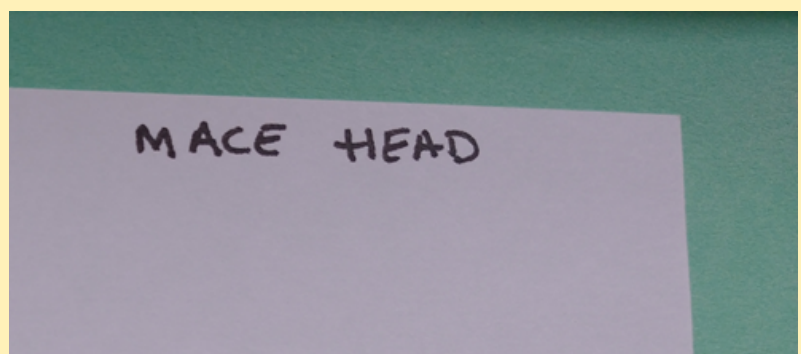
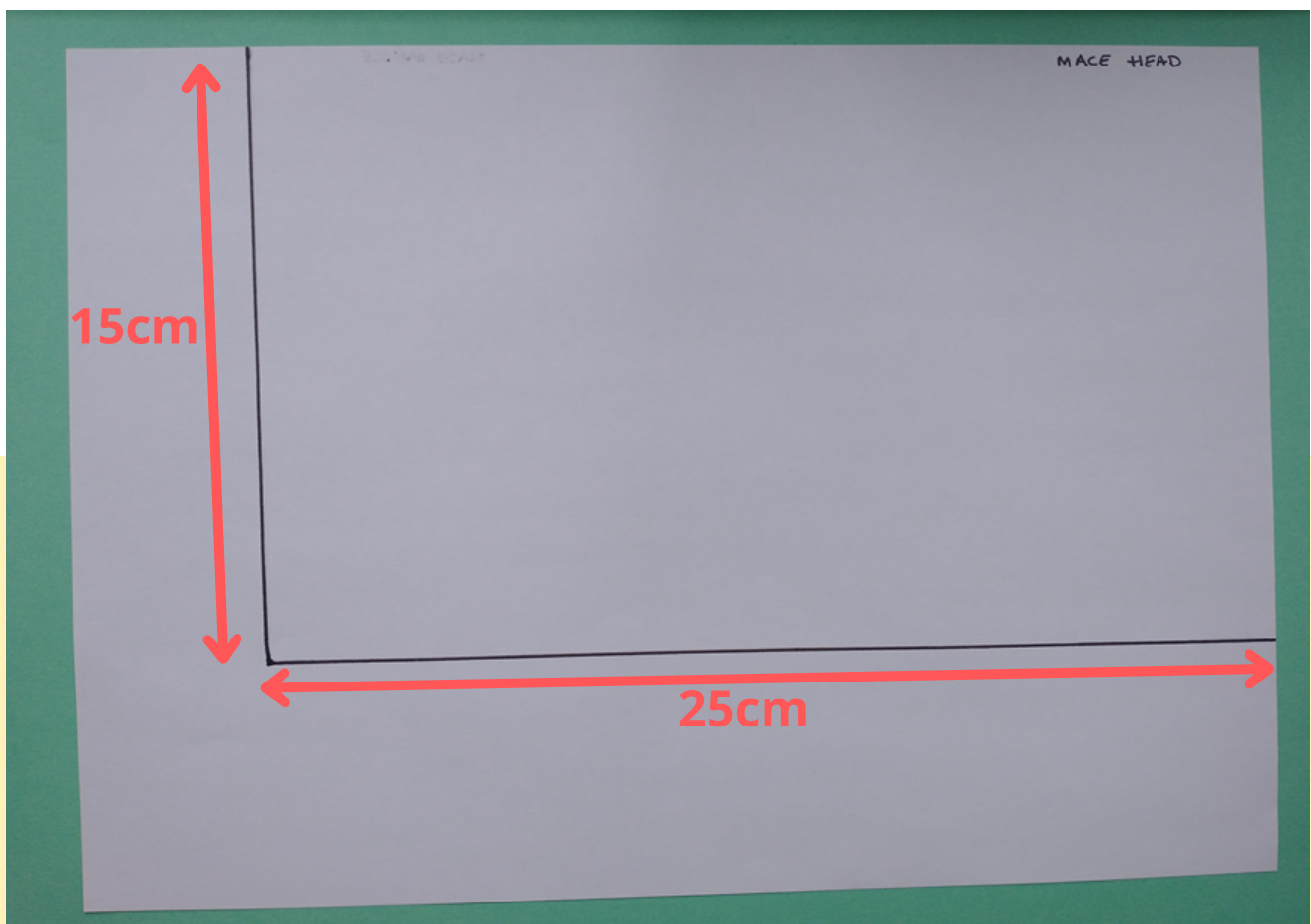
STEP 3:

- Draw a cross shape measuring 7cm across and 8.5cm tall, with the bottom arm around 1.5cm longer than the other three.
- This will be the Crown Cross.
- (Optional) label.



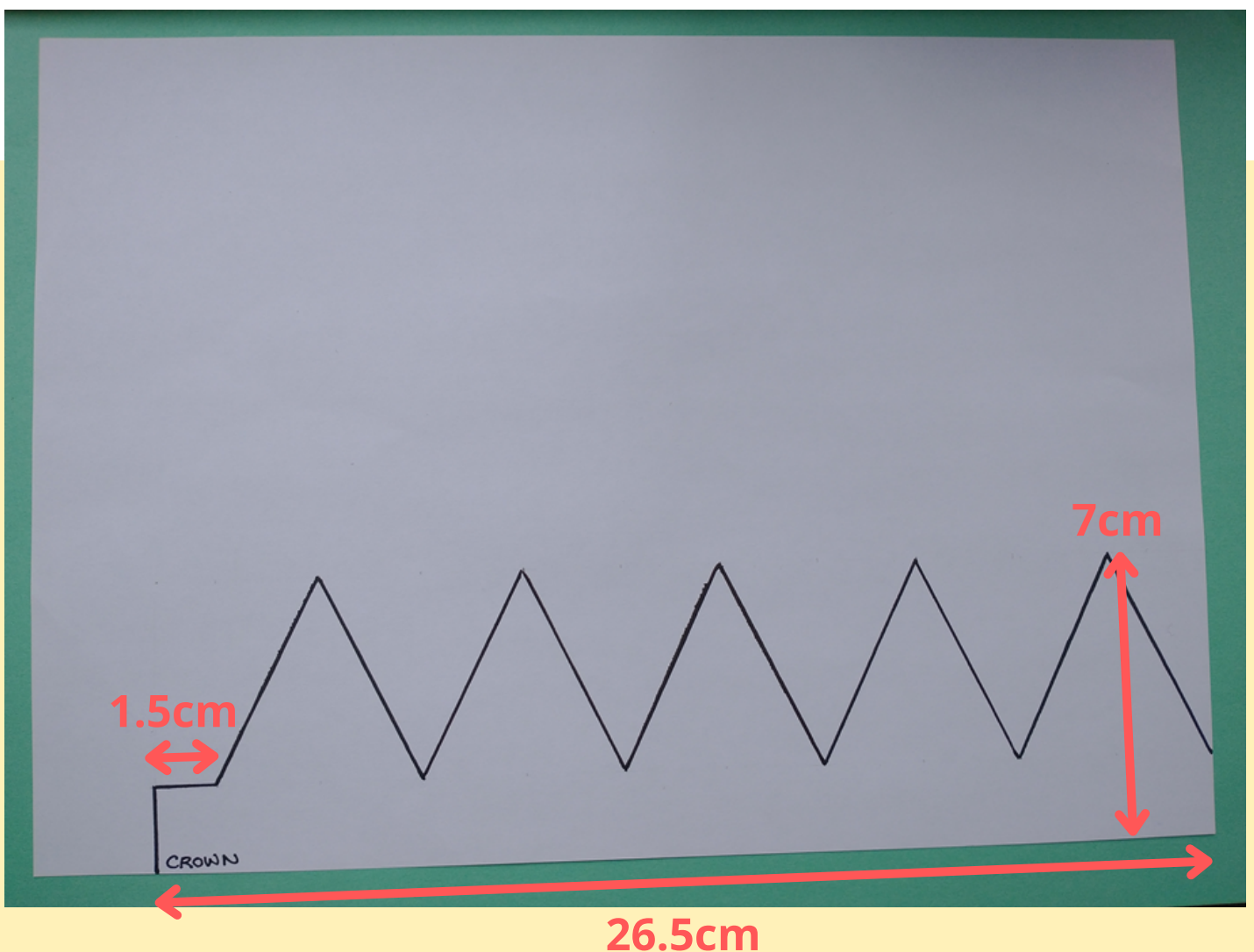
STEP 4:

- Draw a rectangle measuring 15cm x 25cm.
- This will be the Mace Head.
- I recommend using the corner of your paper as a starting point, so you only have to draw two edges.



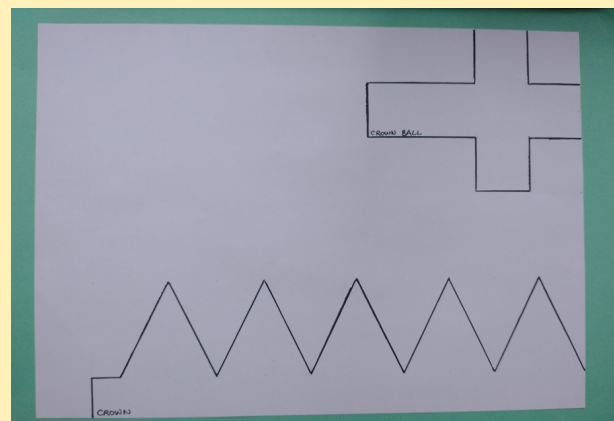
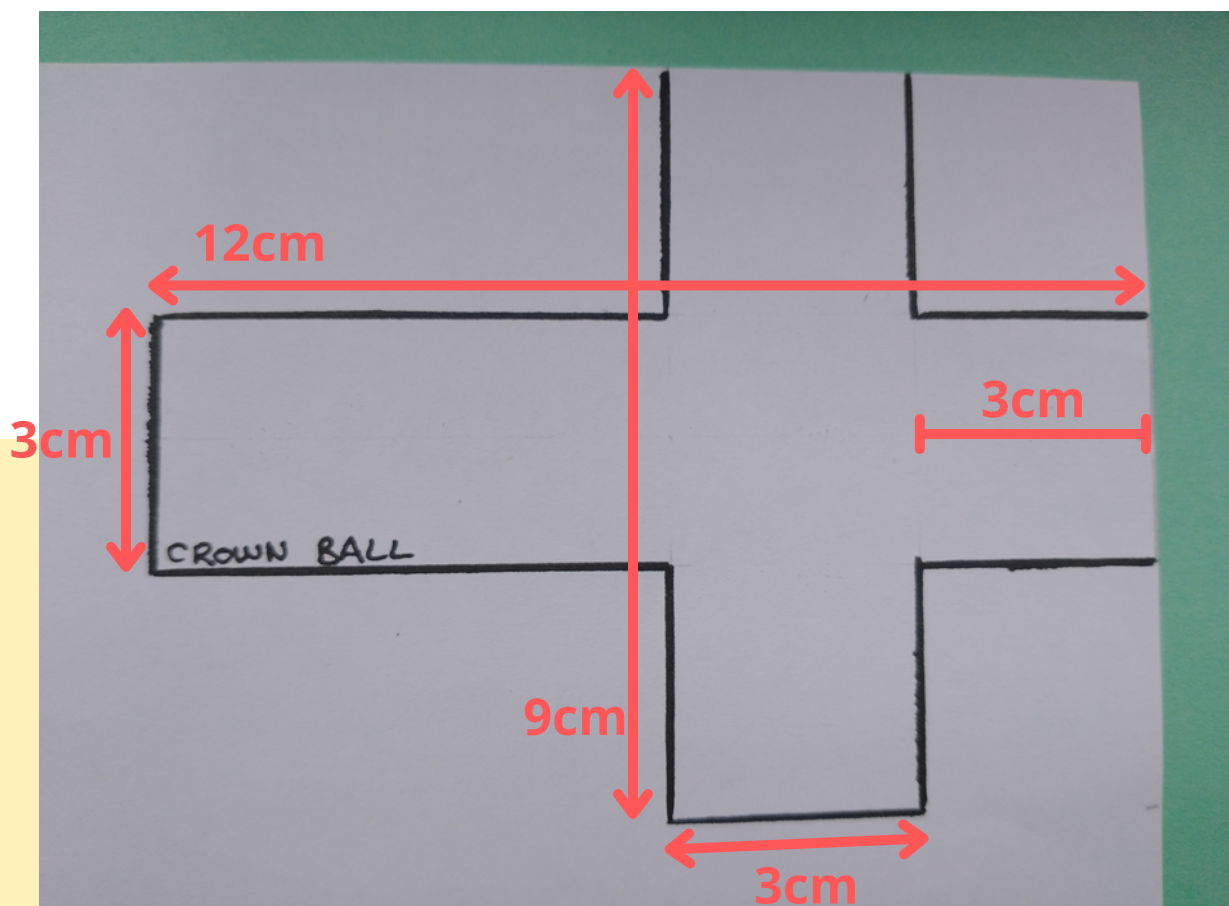
STEP 5:

- Draw a crown shape. Please see the picture below which shows what this should look like.
- The crown needs to be 26.5cm long, with a 1.5cm tab so you can join it into a circle without losing any of your decorations (which we'll get to soon!).
- The crown should be around 7cm tall. In my example (below) the band is 2cm tall and the spikes of the crown are 5cm tall on top of that.
- This does not need to be perfect! As long as the crown is 26.5 cm long, the rest can be drawn freehand if easier.



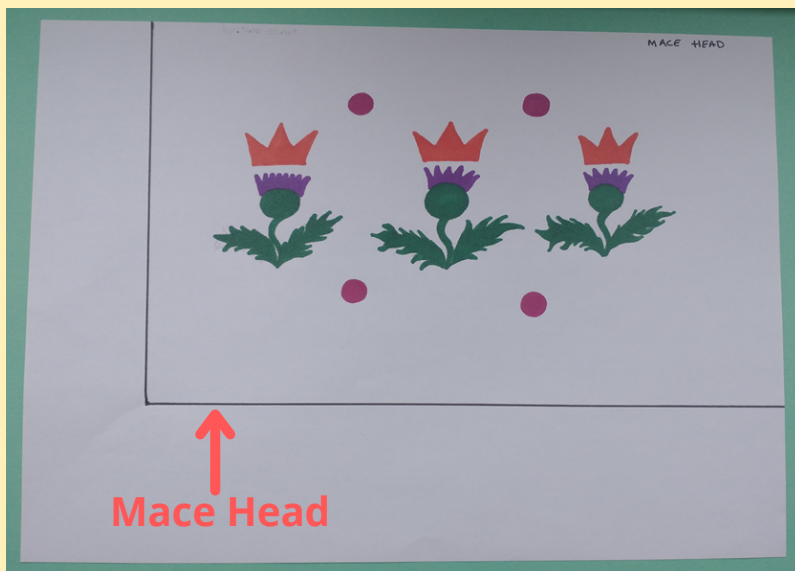
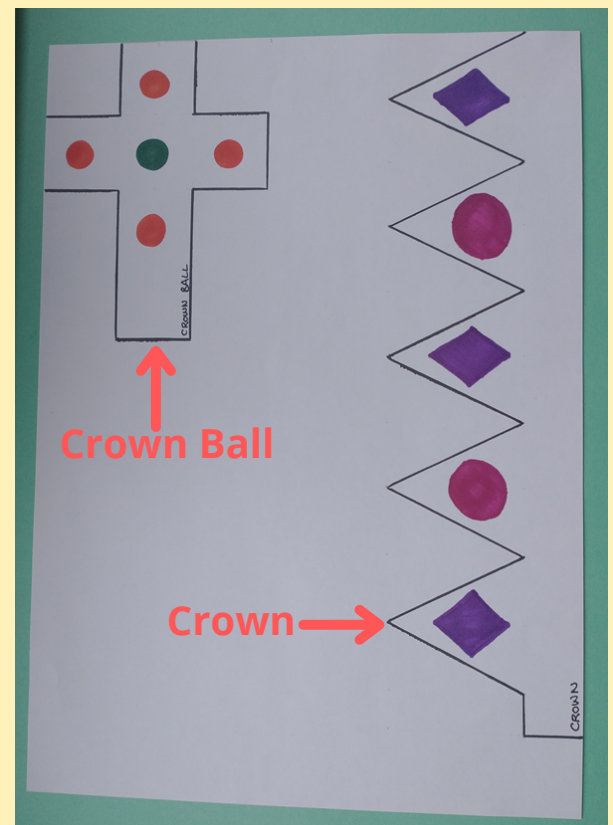
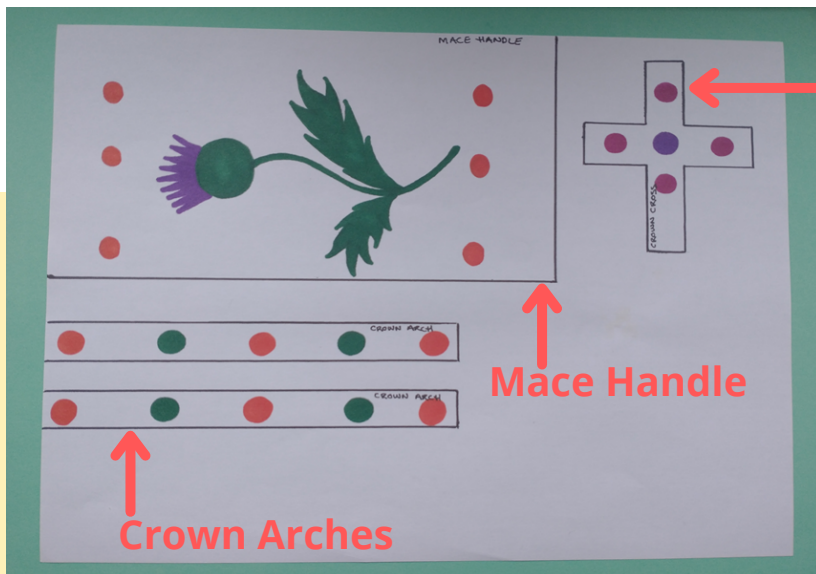
STEP 6 (OPTIONAL):

- This bit is a bit tricky, so it is completely optional.
- Make a template (or net) of a cube. This will be the Crown Ball (or cube).
- This can be done by drawing a 12cm x 3cm rectangle and crossing it with a 9cm x 3cm rectangle. Cross the two shapes 3cm down into the 12cm rectangle, as shown below.



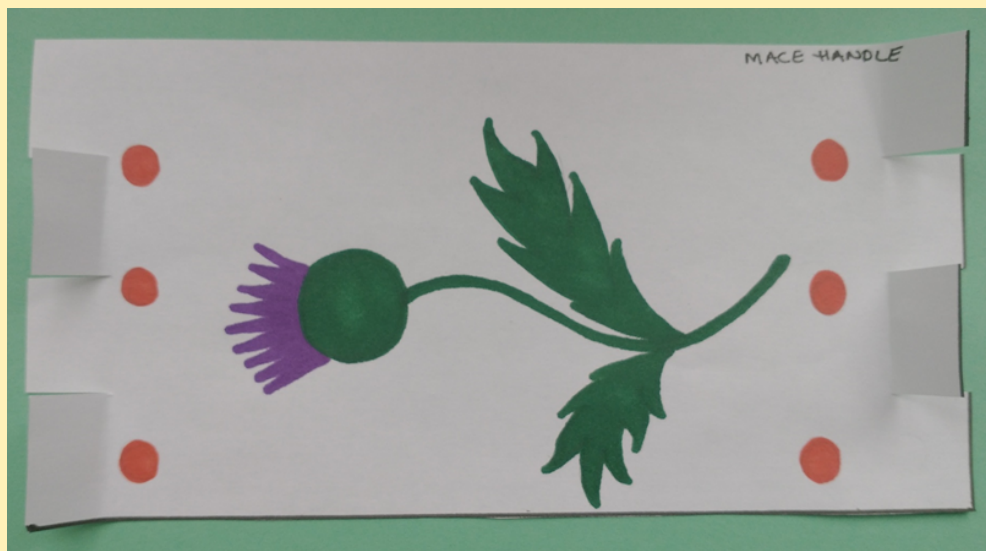
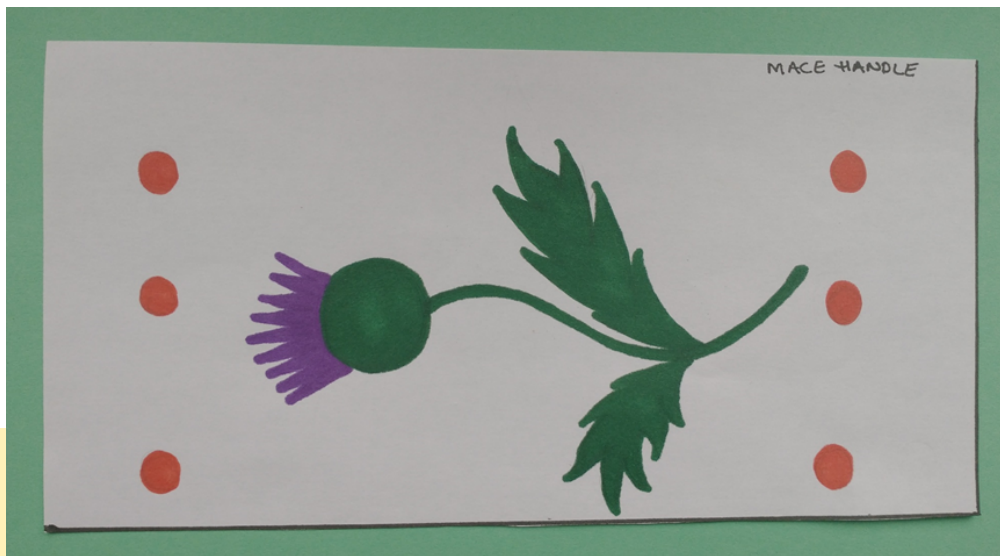
STEP 7 (OPTIONAL):

- Decorate your templates using colouring pencils/ pens/ paints/ stickers/ whatever you would like! It is easier to do this before you cut everything out.
- Maces often have decorations like crowns, thistles and fancy swirls. Below are some examples you might use for inspiration - but you can draw whatever you would like!
- For the mace head and handle, make sure to leave a 2cm border around the edge undecorated, otherwise those decorations will be lost when we begin constructing the mace.
- Also, for the mace handle, the short side is the top. For the mace head, the long side is the top. Just so you are aware of orientation when decorating.
- Make sure everything is dry before moving on to step 8.



STEP 8:

- Cut out the mace handle template.
- Along the **short** edges, make cuts around 2cm into the rectangle, spaced around 2cm apart. This will make flaps on each **short** side of the rectangle.



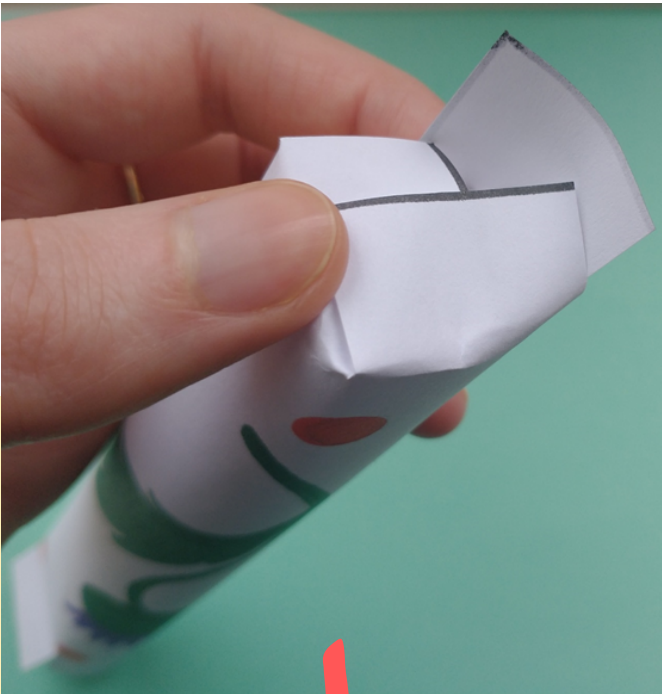
STEP 9:

- Keeping the decoration on the outside, roll the handle lengthways into a tube, overlapping the long edges slightly.
- 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.



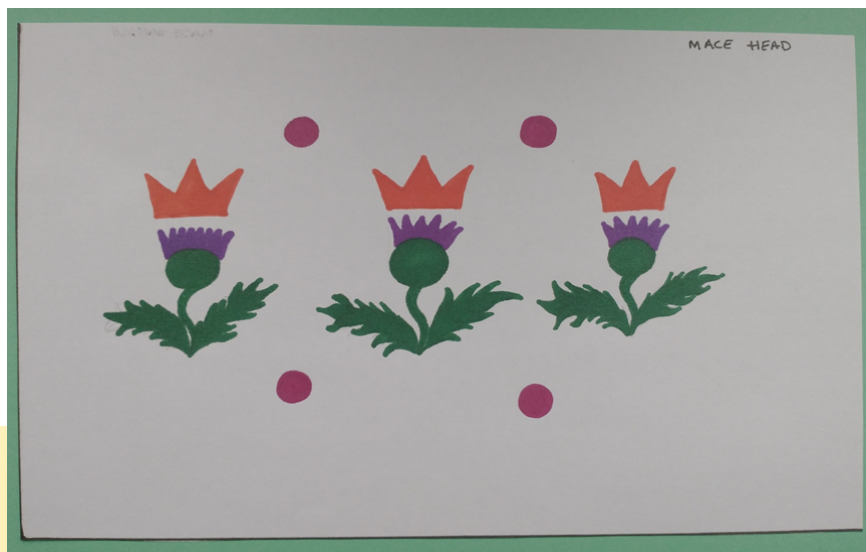
STEP 10

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



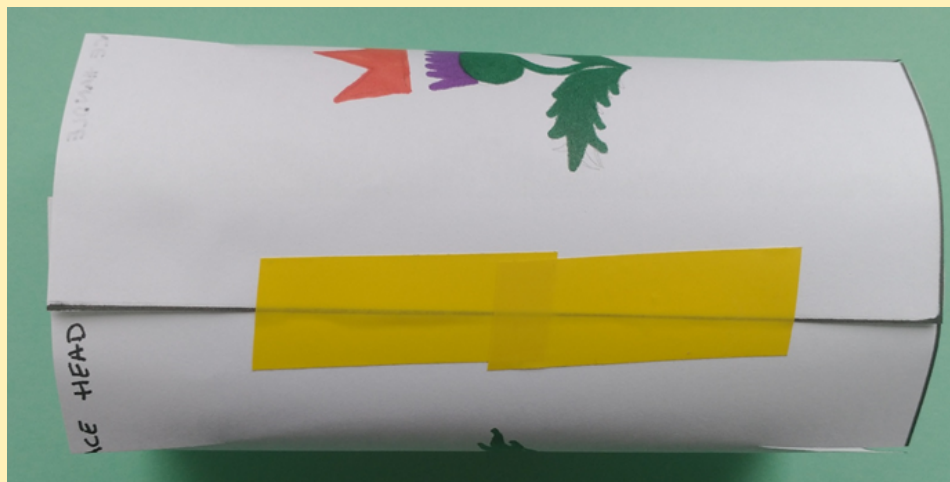
STEP 11

- Cut out the mace head template.
- Along the **long** edges, make cuts around 2.5cm into the rectangle, spaced around 5cm apart. This will make flaps on each **long** side of the rectangle.



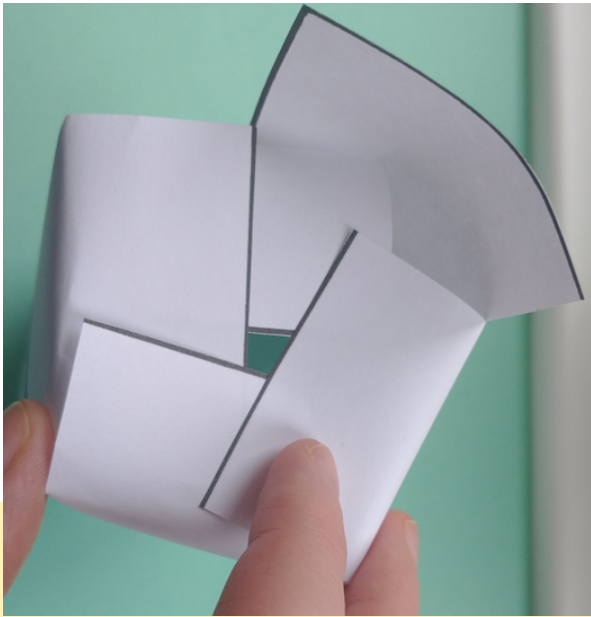
STEP 12

- Keeping the decoration on the outside, roll the mace head widthways into a tube, overlapping slightly.
- Tape along the short edge.



STEP 13

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



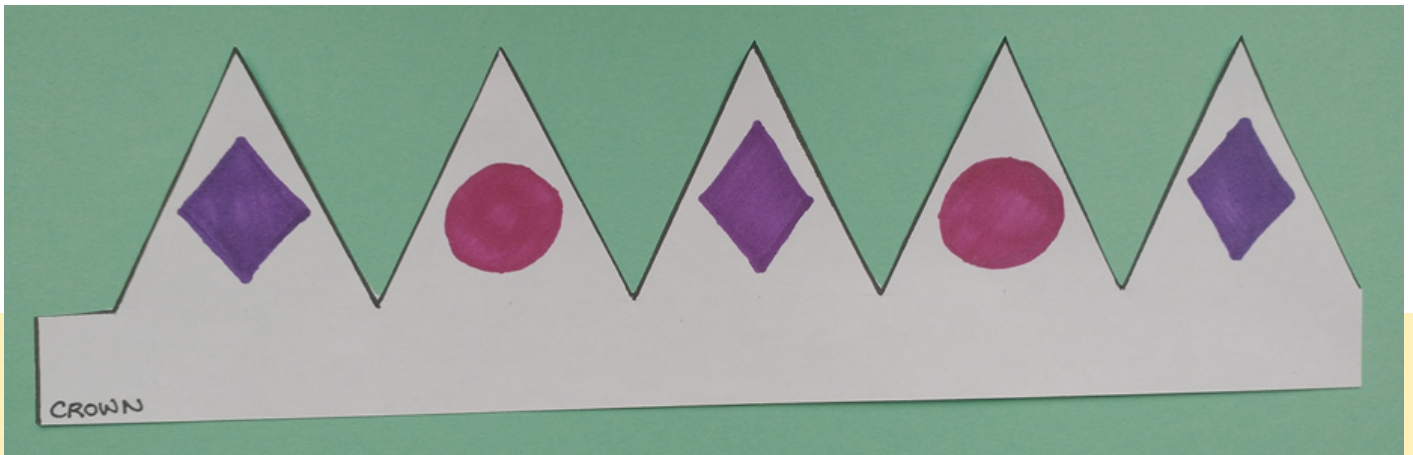
STEP 14

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



STEP 15

- Cut out the crown template.



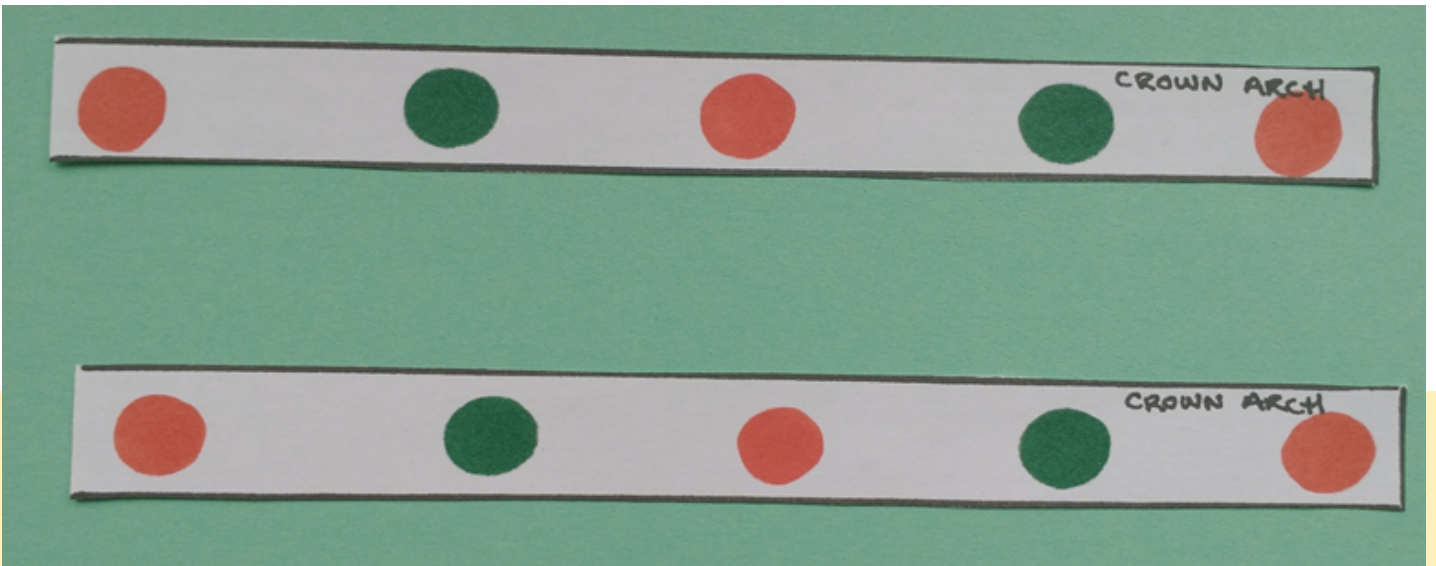
STEP 16

- Keeping the decoration on the outside, join the two sides to make the crown.
- Overlap the edges along the tab, tape in place.



STEP 17

- Cut out the crown arches.



STEP 18

- 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.



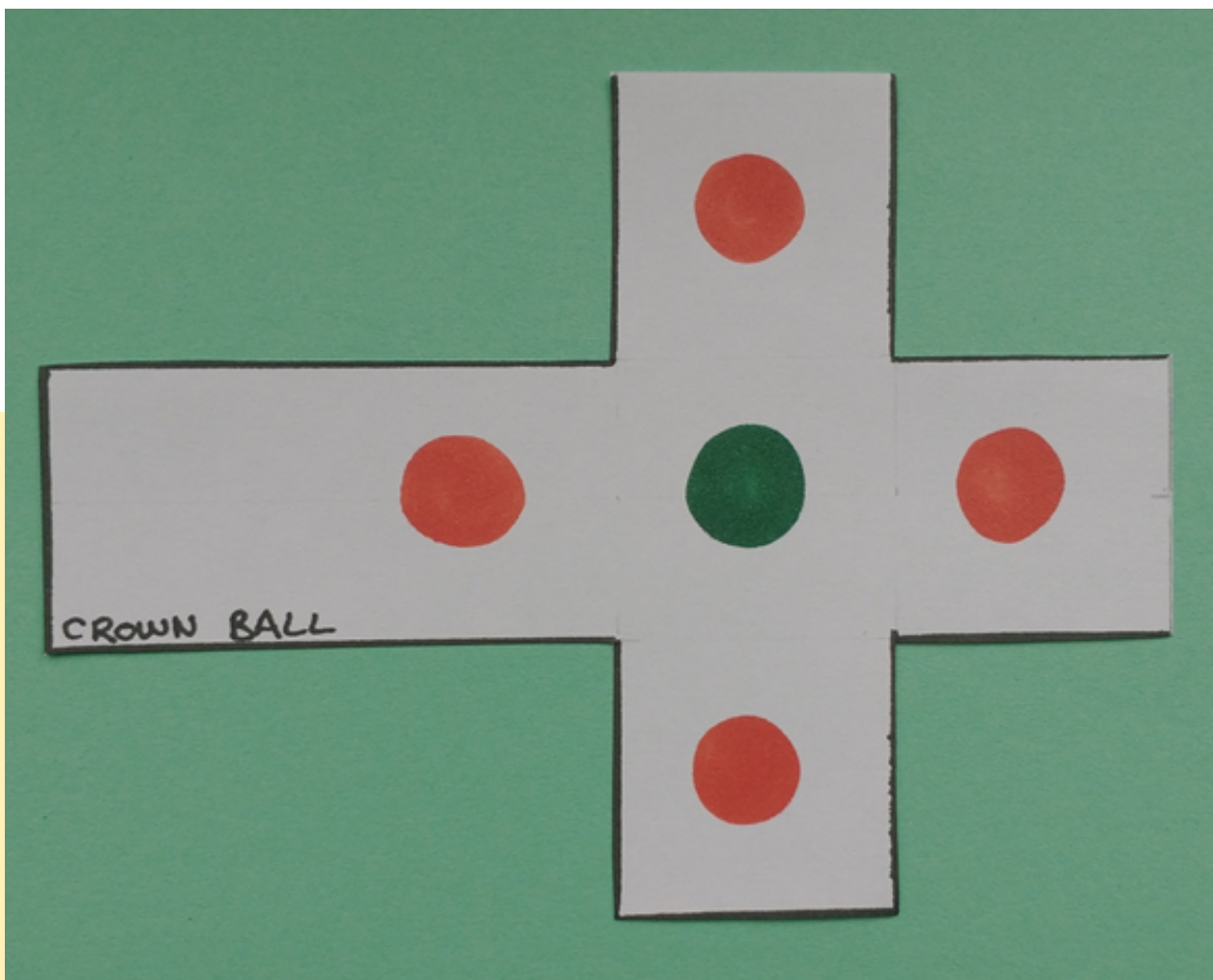
STEP 19

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



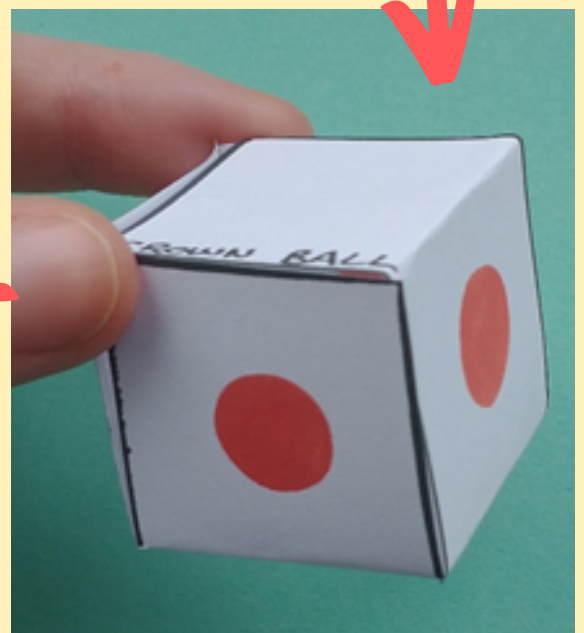
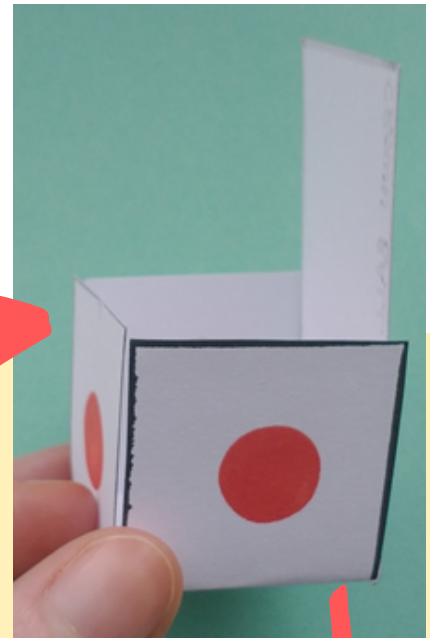
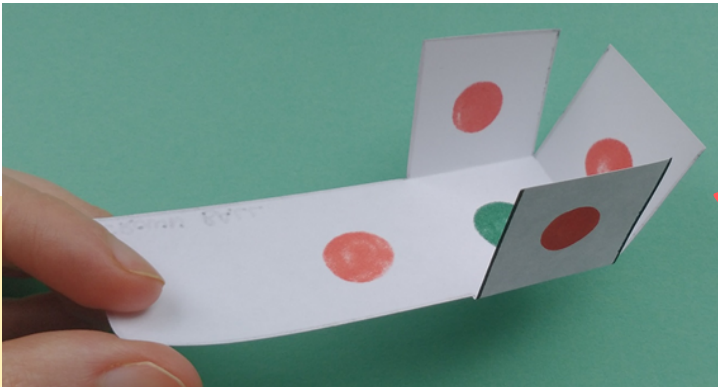
STEP 20 (OPTIONAL 1/3)

- This step only applies if you did the optional step 6. If you did not do step 6, please skip to step 23.
- Cut out the crown ball template.



STEP 21 (OPTIONAL 2/3)

- Keeping any decoration on the outside, fold each short side of the cross shape inward.
- Fold the long arm of the cross inward, to form an open box shape.
- Fold the top of the long arm across, to form a sealed box.
- Tape in place using a little bit of tape on each edge. You might find this easier with two people.



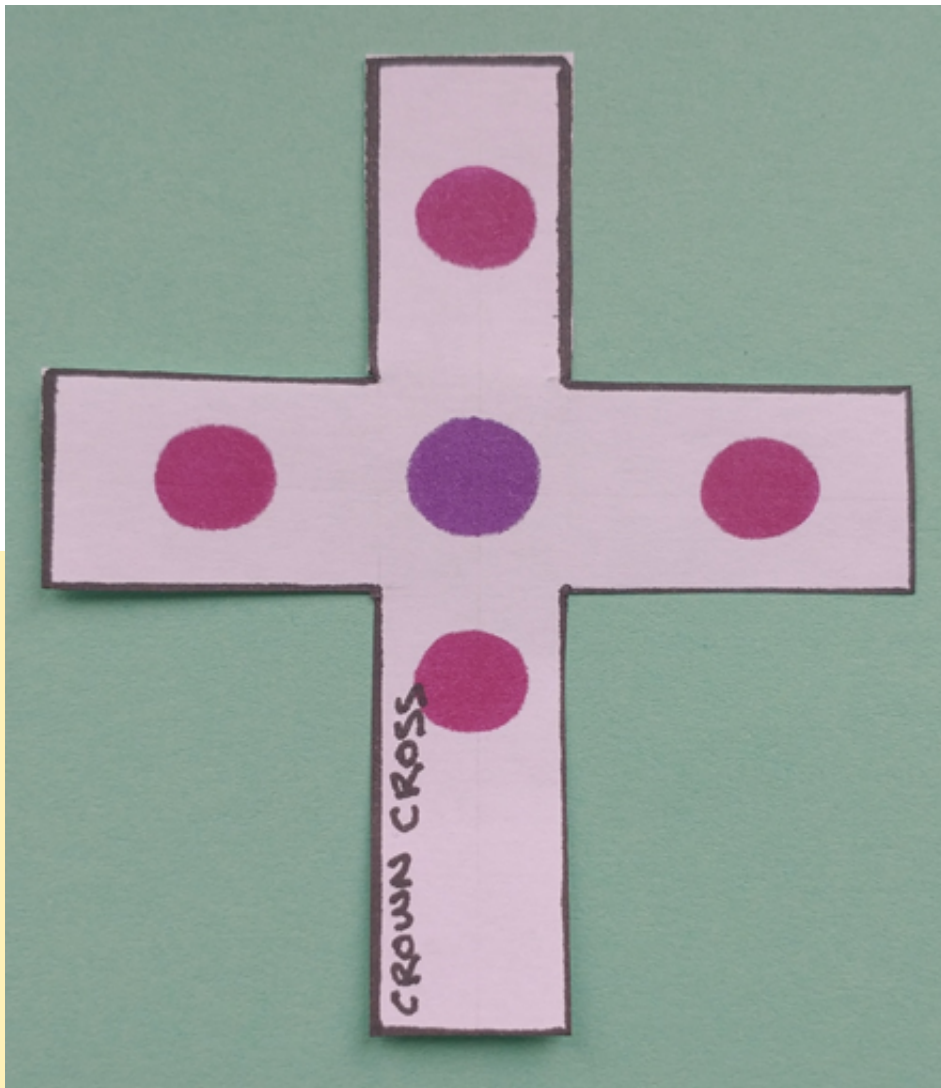
STEP 22 (OPTIONAL 3/3)

- 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.



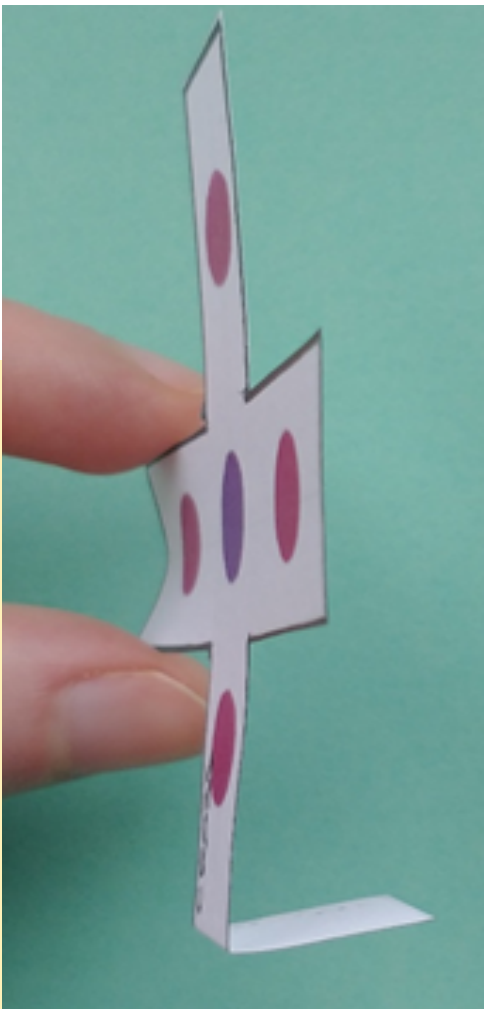
STEP 23

- Cut out the crown cross.



STEP 24

- Fold around 1.5cm up the long arm of the crown cross to make a flap.
- Tape the paper flap of the cross to the top of the crown ball.
- If you did not make the crown ball in step 6 (or do steps 21-23), then tape the crown cross to the crown arches.



IT SHOULD NOW LOOK SOMETHING LIKE THIS

With Crown Ball



Without Crown Ball



ENJOY YOUR SUPREME COURTS MACE!

Use responsibly!



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

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR CREATIONS!

Please tweet us a picture of your mace at:
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