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Make a St. Lucia Crown

St. Lucia Day on December 13 is a Scandinavian/Italian holiday where boys and girls wake up early and deliver treats to their parents in bed. Make an upcycled crown to repurpose some old materials while you celebrate!

Materials: Scrap paper, paper bags, magazines or other colorful pages; staples; tape; yellow construction paper; cup

Instructions:

1. Cut strips of paper about 4" wide. Tape together the strips as needed for length.
2. Fold the long strip in half lengthwise. The folded edge will be the bottom. Adjust the headband to the head by setting one end of the strip inside the other end and tape the edges, leaving an open groove along the top. This groove is where the "candles" will be attached.
3. Roll 5 pieces of paper into candle shapes and staple one end flat.
4. Staple the flat ends of the "candles" into the groove of the crown so that they stand up and are evenly spaced.
5. Cut 60+ simple leaf shapes out of paper. Remember, in nature not all leaves are perfect. -- continued





6. Collect the leaf shapes into bundles of 3. Arrange them as you like and staple them together.
7. Starting from the back of the crown, staple one of these leaf bundles leaves pointing backward, then, working your way around one side of the crown, layering leaf bundles until you reach the center front.
8. Start again from the back of the crown and staple leaves to the unfinished side moving toward the front.
9. When you reach the front center, add another leaf bundle upright, creating a centerpiece for the crown.
10. To make your crown extra special, you can tape yellow flame shapes into each "candle" for added effect.
11. Wear your St. Lucia crown and feed your parents a lot of yummy baked goods!

