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ARTSPOT

Upcoming exhibits at Bronx Children's Museum



Celebrating Artists in the Museum

Edwin J. Torres



Let's make a CROWN

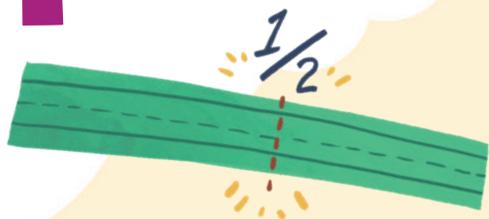
with the items included in your bag to use in a Photo!



Smartphone and camera not included.

Today we are going to take a photo and we want to create something to make our photo a little more interesting. Let's make a crown together!

1 To start, lay your paper strip out in front of you and find the middle: that will be the front of your crown.



2 Think about how you can change the shape of your crown by gluing or taping other pieces of paper to it. Do you want your crown to be tall? Do you want a lot of different things to be sticking off of it? Let your imagination run wild.



3 After you have changed the shape of your crown, use crayons to draw all over it. Add some patterns, shapes, or characters. If you want, add some stickers, too. Once you're done adding everything, tape your strip together so that it fits snug around your head (you might need help from a friend.)



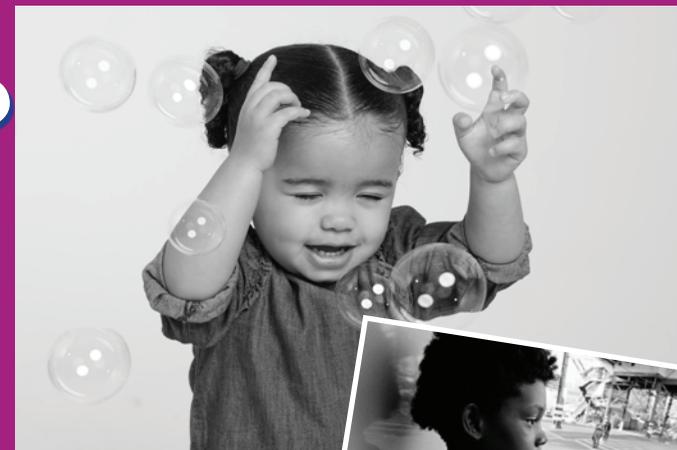
4 Now it's time to take your photo using a phone, tablet, camera, or other device! Before you take the photo, think about how you want to compose your shot. Will it be landscape or portrait?

5 Now prepare to take your photo! Your device should have a camera app that you can use to take the shot. In the app, you'll have a lot of filters and options that you can use to make your photo fun and unique. Make sure to check out our video about taking portraits and Edwin Torres' artwork to learn more.



What is a Portrait?

People have been creating portraits of each other for at least 5,000 years! A portrait is any kind of art that is meant to represent a person. A lot of times this is a drawing, painting, sculpture, or photo of a person's face and mood. However, a portrait can actually be of anything that you feel represents your subject. (The subject is the person you choose to make a portrait of!) Check out some of Edwin's great portraits here.



6 Now that you know how you want your picture to be composed, how will you take a photo with your crown? You can put your crown on a table, hang it up somewhere, or you can take a photo of yourself wearing it. Take a few different photos and see what you like best.



Great job!

When you've got the perfect picture, make sure to share it with the museum!



www.bronxchildrensmuseum.org/artspot-upload

Inside the Museum

Local Bronx Artist Edwin J. Torres is creating portraits that will be on display right inside the Bronx Children's Museum which is opening this coming year.



Read more about Edwin on the back page.

Artist Spotlight

Edwin J. Torres

Born in the Hunts Point neighborhood of The Bronx and raised in a Puerto Rican family, Torres developed a love for his vibrant community and works to serve as one for the voices from within.

Currently, Torres serves as the Deputy Digital Director for the Governor's Office in New Jersey. Prior, he served as a staff photographer for the New York City Mayor's Office. In 2016, Torres was the lead photographer and contributed reporting in a Pulitzer Prize winning story with ProPublica and the New York Daily News. He is a member of The Bronx Photo League which is attached to The Bronx Documentary Center (BDC) and published the Jerome Avenue Worker's Project.

His work has been published in The New York Times, Vice, The Atlantic, New York Daily News, The American Prospect, ProPublica, The GroundTruth Project, Leica Blog, and several other outlets.



Watch our video about Edwin here:

<https://www.bronxchildrensmuseum.org/nbx-arts>

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