

Wearing My Crown

A paper collage, poetry, and dance project with DiAE Teaching Artist JaQuanne LeRoy and Dana Edell

Materials:

- Black Construction Paper
- Color Glitter Paper
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue



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Artist in Your Residence Family Art Kit

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PART 1 - Dance

The Divine Mind mural – Terrance Vann



photo by Antonette Blake, Delaware Blogger

Step 1: Observe

Spend some time looking at this glorious and vibrant mural painting. Notice the glowing, golden crown that lives inside this young person.

Step 2: Reach!

Stretch your arms up to the sky in the same pose as in the mural and let your body become taller. Open your arms wide as if you are expanding across the room. Take deep breaths as you reach up and reach out.

Step 3: Play

Imagine that shiny, jeweled crown as part of you, inside you or above you. Notice the round circle at its base and the sharp angles of its tips. Allow your body to move as you imagine the crown lighting up different parts of you. Explore those circle and triangle shapes with your body as you pretend the crown moves through you. Let the golden crown send light through your arms. Let the golden crown dance in your feet. Let the golden crown fill your voice.

Step 4: Make a Dance or Movement

In 8 counts (slowly count to 8 and move part of your body with each number), create a short dance or movement piece as your crown slides throughout your body: maybe it moves up your legs, across your arms, weaves around your shoulders, through your neck, in, up and over your head.

Step 6: Imagine Your Crown

Imagine your own crown, the part of you that is most special and unique. Maybe it is your "divine mind," maybe your powerful voice, maybe your kind heart, maybe another piece of you. Where does your "crown" live inside you?

Step 7: Write a Line of Poetry

Complete this line:

My _____ is my crown.

Get your black paper and your white crayon.

Write your new line about your crown over and over on your paper.



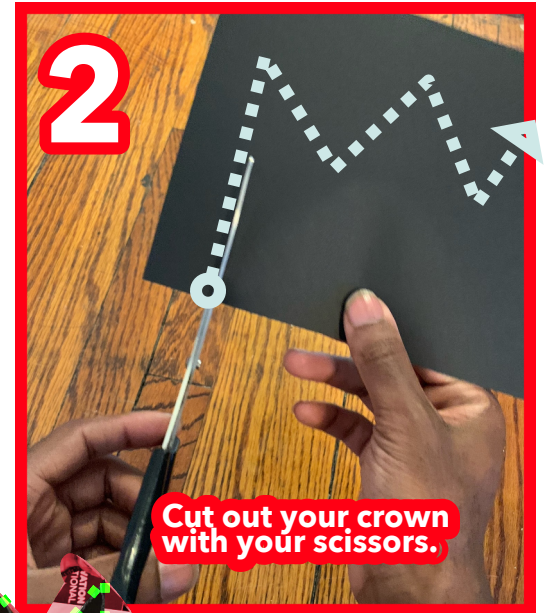
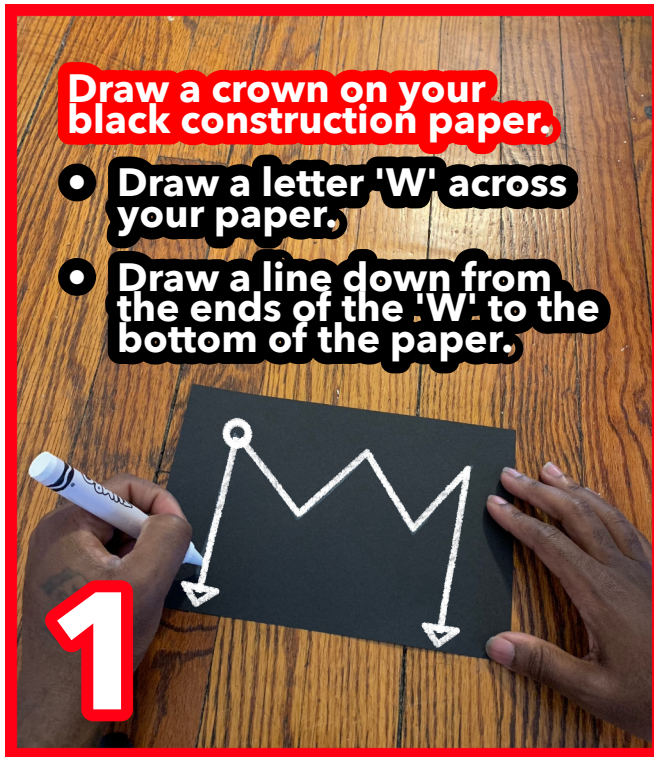
**Write your line
over and over
again.**

Complete
this line:

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PART 2 - Art



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PART 3 - Writing

Be the Light, Spread Love mural by Smashed Label



Step 1: Observe

Spend some time with each of the people in this colorful mural

Notice their faces, expressions, their clothes, their style, how they are standing, what and who they are touching

Step 2: Imagine

Give them each a name

Imagine what they might be thinking

Invent what you think their relationship could be to each other

Are they friends? Family? Neighbors? How do they feel about each other?

How could each of them "be the light," or be a good, positive helper who makes a difference in their community?

Step 3: Connect

Choose one of the people that you feel a connection with

Spend a full minute looking at every part of that person

Notice their crown

Step 4: Crowns

People who wear crowns often have power or did something amazing to earn the crown

Think about all the people or characters from books or movies you know who wear crowns

Why do you think they have a crown? (There are no wrong answers!)

Step 5: Storytelling

Make up a story about what the person in this mural might have done to earn their crown

How do you think they might have "spread the love?"

Invent the story about how this person did something special in their community that made a difference in the lives of their friends, family or neighbors

Maybe they helped their little sister with her school work

Or maybe they brought groceries to their elderly neighbor

Step 6: Become the Crown-Wearer

How are you similar to this person? How are you different?

Stand up in a place where you can move around

Imitate them, transforming your face and body and imagine you are walking in their shoes

Pretend you are becoming that person

Step 7: Poetry

Complete the following poem as if you are that person (or as yourself):

I am the light

When I see that someone is...

[write a word or phrase about how someone needs support or help]

I remember the crown above my head and I...

[tell a story about a time when you helped someone else]

When I feel...

[write any words about times when you feel down for whatever reason]

I remind myself that I am...

[write a word that describes you in a way that makes you proud and happy]

I am the light