Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

**Paper Crowns!**

**Description:** young artists learn how to turn a bad situation into an opportunity and create their own royal crown.

**Story:** "Princess Sparkle-Heart Gets a Makeover" written and illustrated by Josh Schneider (Clarion Books; 2014).

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**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**

- What words would you use to describe this artwork? (bright, smooth, bumpy, cold?)

- How heavy do you think this is? What objects in your house would be lighter? Heavier?

- This artwork has many different textures. What part would feel the smoothest? The roughest?

- Notice what the person is wearing on their head. What would the rest of their outfit look like?

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Supplies Needed
1) Dinner or salad plate to trace
2) Scissors
3) Pencil
4) Watercolor paints
5) Paintbrush
6) 1.5”-2” wide, scrap cardstock for headband
7) Glue stick
8) Watercolor paper
9) Scotch tape

Optional Supplies
10) Paper doilies (use in place of cutting out circles)
11) Sticker gems or foamies

Project Instructions

1) On watercolor paper, trace around dinner or salad plates to create one larger and two smaller circles. Cut the circles out.

   Helpful hint: cut loosely around the tracing first, then go back afterwards and try to cut more closely to your traced outline.

2) Prepare your painting surface with scrap paper. Wet your brush and add water to the doilies or paper circles first. Next, add watercolor paint. Set aside to dry.

   Helpful hint: wetting the paper or doily before you paint will give you a smoother transition of colors called a wash.

Project Skills

1) Fine / Gross Motor:
   a) Tracing
   b) Cutting
   c) Gluing
   d) Painting

2) Mathematical: measuring

3) Language development
   a) Expressive: speaking
   b) Receptive: listening
   c) Discussing

4) Shape identification

5) 21st-Century:
   a) Creativity
   b) Problem-solving
   c) Collaborating

Have time for a short survey? Let us know how you’re enjoying Tiny Thursdays...at Home!
3) Cut a strip of cardstock that is about 1.5” – 2” wide, long enough to go around your head and leave two inches of overlap. (Most children’s heads range about 18”—22.5”).

If your paper is not long enough, attach strips together using glue stick or tape to get enough length. Check to see if it will fit, but do not fasten it into a loop yet.

4) When your paint is dry, fold all three circles in half and then in quarters. Use scissors to scallop (wavy or curvy cuts) the curved edge of each. Unfold once to return to half-circles.

5) Sandwich the center of the headband strip inside the half-circle (flush with the fold) and glue it in place. Align and fasten with glue the additional, smaller circles onto the headband. Glue the edges of the circles, where they may overlap together. Now you have the crown!

6) Use the scraps you cut from the circles to decorate your crown. Cut or tear and glue down pieces as gems. Optional: Decorate your crown with foamies or gem stickers.
7) Place the crown around your head and measure to fit. Tape the band together where it overlaps.

8) Rule your subjects with a cheerful disposition!