

Beaded Queen Esther Crown

(This project is recommended for adults and teens.)

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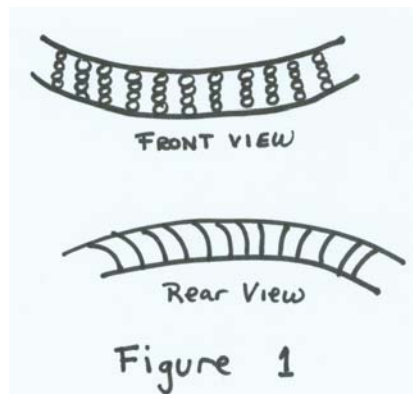
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Supplies needed:

spool of 24 gauge jewelry wire
plastic headband with teeth
seed beads
4mm bicone crystals
6mm bicone crystals
jewelry wire cutter

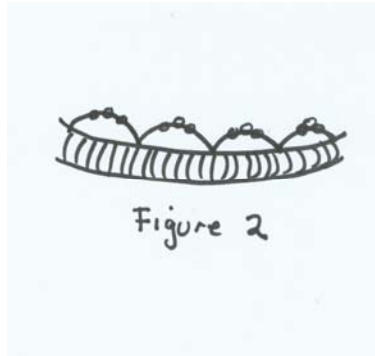
1. To build the base, cut a length of wire 6' long (about 2 wing spans of your arms) and find the center point. Attach the wire to the headband by wrapping the center of the wire once around the center of the headband.
2. String approximately five seed beads onto one end of the wire (you may need more or fewer beads depending on the thickness of the headband and the size of the beads). Wrap the beaded wire around the headband and pull tightly, making sure the beads are displayed on the front of the headband. Figure 1.



3. Continue adding beads and wrapping the wire down the headband until the headband is covered with the beads. Use the teeth of the headband as a guide. Secure the end of the wire by wrapping it around the last few rows. Tuck the end of the wire into the back of the crown and trim the end with a wire cutter.

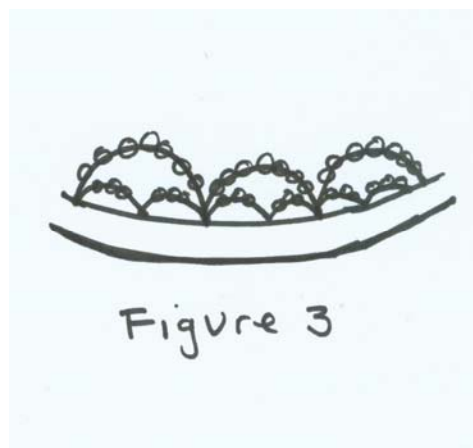
4. Repeat step 3 on the other side of the headband until the entire headband is beaded.

5. For the first row of arches, cut a second piece of wire 3' long. Attach the wire to one end of the beaded base by sliding the end of the wire through the back of the headband, under the wires, and wrap the wire several times around the end of the headband to secure it. Figure 2



6. For the arches, thread 3 - 4mm crystal beads onto the wire; add a 6 mm crystal bead, a 4 mm crystal bead, a 6 mm crystal bead and 3 more 4mm crystal beads. Count 10 rows, then attach by wrapping the wire around the headband. Continue creating loops until you reach the end of the teeth. Secure by wrapping the wire 2 or 3 times and tucking into back of band. Trim the ends with a wire cutter.

7. To create the second row of arches, add 10 crystals (be sure to use a variety of colors for some pizzazz) , a 4mm crystal, a 6 mm crystal, a 4 mm crystal then 10 more crystals. Count 20 rows and wrap the wire around the head band. Repeat this step until the end of the row. Figure 3.



End by wrapping the wire 2-3 times then tuck into back of band. Trim the ends with a wire cutter.
Wear with pride and shake your grogger!