

## Carnival Headpiece

The word "Carnival" or "Carnaval" refers to festivities that occur in cities around the world every year prior to the Lenten season in the Catholic religious calendar. Trinidad and Tobago is the birthplace of Carnival in the Caribbean, and the celebration is the most significant event on the islands' cultural and tourism calendar. It is held on the Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and includes other festivities leading up to the event. Here in South Florida, Miami Carnival celebrations occur in October. The main tradition of Carnival includes parades through the city streets with decorated floats and paraders who wear elaborate, colorful costumes and masks.



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**What you'll need:**

- Cardstock, cardboard, or a thick piece of paper
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue or tape
- Yarn or string
- Glitter, stickers, rhinestones, and any other craft supplies you may have



**Instructions:**

- To create your headpiece, cut a piece of cardstock, cardboard, or thick paper into a halfmoon shape long enough to wrap around your forehead (see photo).
- Cut holes or slits into the ends of the halfmoon shape.
- Decorate your headpiece using markers, stickers, and any other supplies you have available.
- Use construction paper and scissors to make your feathers. Cut paper into long oval shapes and use markers to decorate your feathers (or use real feathers if you have some available!).
- Glue your feathers along the top of the headpiece.
- Embellish with rhinestones, glitter, and anything else you have available.
- Tie your string through the holes or slits on the edges of your headpiece, adjusting to the size of your head.
- Wear your headpiece while dancing to steel drum music!

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