

ACTIVITY: LEARN TO MAKE THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT'S HEADDRESS FROM A *CHRISTMAS CAROL*

RECOMMENDED AGE: 5 and up

TIME: 30 minutes

SET-UP: Adults – younger children might need assistance in the construction of their headdress.

SUPPLIES:

- Colored construction paper (or, you can use any paper and color it yourself)
- Colored markers, pencils, or crayons
- A stapler
- Scissors
- Glue



INSTRUCTIONS

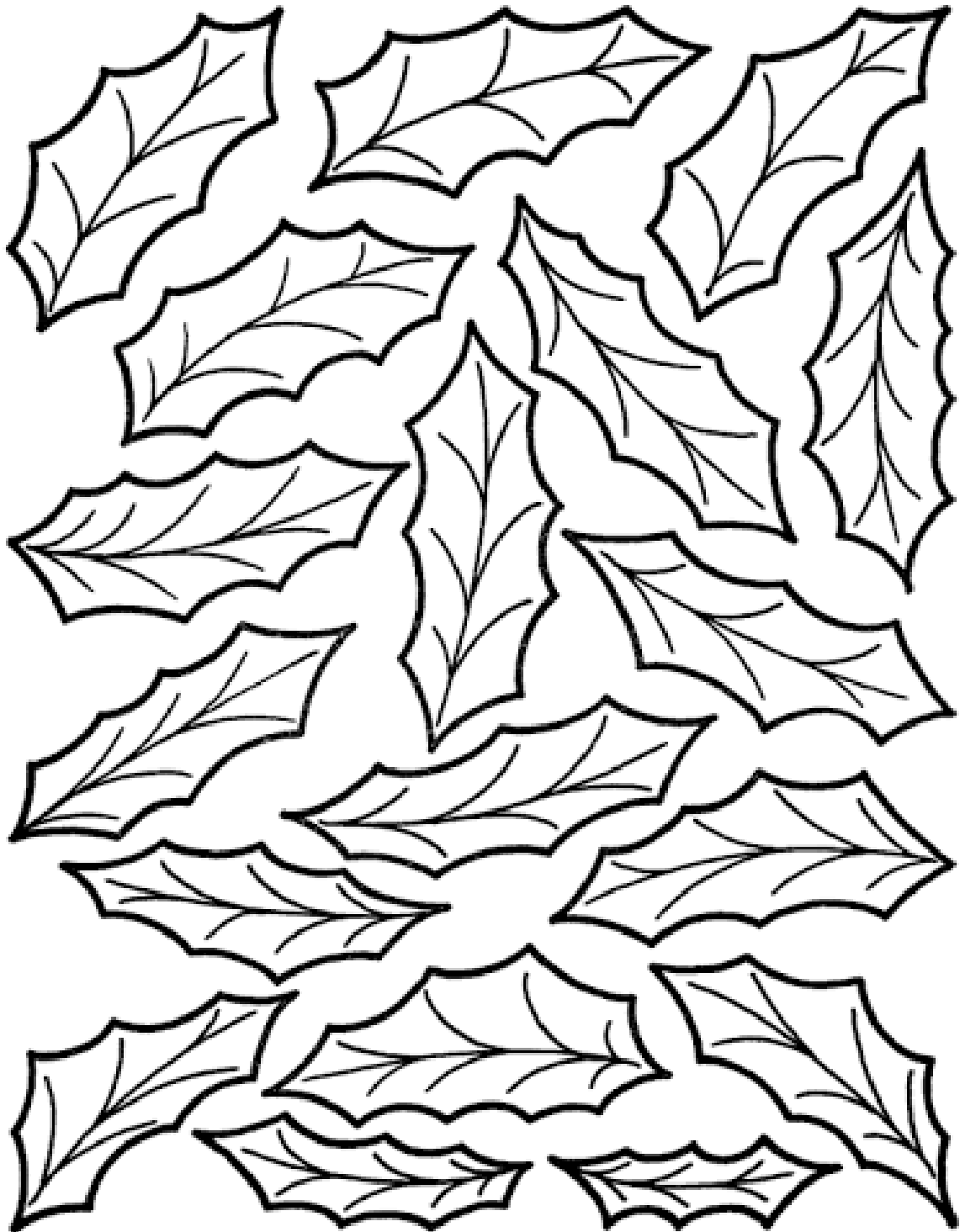
1. First, select the colors you would like to use for your headdress. Christmas Present's headdress has numerous Earth tones, so we recommend using materials that are brown, golden, or dark green in color. If you want to use more than one color, that is fine too!
2. Cut a 2" wide (about the length of your thumb) strip of paper with your scissors. This strip will be the main band of your headdress, so make sure to measure that this strip will fit around your head!
 - a. If you want to color this strip, you should do this now.
3. With your remaining construction paper, cut ½" to 1" strips. These strips should be varied in length.
 - a. If you want to color this strip, you should do this now.
 - b. If you have other craft supplies in the house, feel welcome to use them! We recommend ribbon, fabric pieces, and yarn for this part.
4. Next, wrap these strips around a pencil or marker so they curl up. The more wraps around, the more curl the paper will have.
5. Now you're ready to put these two pieces together! Take the main band of construction paper (from step 2) and staple the two ends together so you have a circle. Then, take the individual strips (from step 3) and staple these to the top of the circular band.
6. Using green paper (or white paper colored green), cut out leaf shapes to look like holly. We have provided a cut out you can use to either print out and color, or trace onto the paper you have.
7. Glue the holly cutouts onto the circular band of your headdress.
8. You're finished! Now you have an incredible headdress just like Christmas Present!



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Above: Milicent Wright in the IRT's 2019 production of A Christmas Carol. Costume Design by Linda Pisano. Photo by Zach Rosing.

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