

Duck Headband



Name: _____



First, a little background on mallard ducks, the ducks you usually see around Rochester. Ducks live in and around waterways and are well adapted for swimming with their webbed feet and waterproof feathers. They are also good at flying with their big wings and light bones, often migrating with the season to find the best food sources. For ducks, it is especially important to have good clean water since that is where most of their food comes from.

All adult mallard ducks are mostly brown with blue bars on their wings and orange webbed feet. Males also have a very distinctive green head with a yellowish beak, a white or grey underside, and curly black tail feathers. Females, on the other hand, are almost entirely brown in different shades with a more orange beak.



Now that we know a little more about ducks, we can make our duck headband!



Materials:

- A few colors of construction paper (or white paper to color)
- Scissors
- Tape, stapler, or glue
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers

Our duck headband starts with the band. Find a piece of paper that is the color you want and cut two strips lengthwise that are a few inches thick. These will make up the band of your headband. If you don't have colored paper, use white paper and color it in. If you want to model your headband after a mallard duck you may want to use brown or green for your headband.



Staple, tape, or glue your two pieces together to form one really long strip of paper.





Now, have someone at home help you measure it to fit around your head and secure the other ends using staples, tape, or glue.



Next, we need to make a head for our duck. Cut out a semicircle about 6 in wide. If you are modeling your duck after a mallard duck, you might want to use green or brown paper for your duck's head.



Glue or tape this piece to the front of your headband.



Now, we need to give our duck a beak. Choose a different color paper so you will be able to see the beak. If you are making a mallard duck, your choice of color will depend on if your duck is a female or a male. Male ducks have yellow beak, while female ducks have orange beaks. Fold your piece of paper in half and cut a long half-loop starting and ending at the folded side. This will create a pre-folded beak for your duck.



Glue or tape your duck beak on your duck head that you just made. Make sure to draw you duck some eyes as well.



We're almost done!

Last, we just have to give our duck some feathers. Cut some feathers out of paper. You might want to cut little slits in the side to make them look more like feathers. Mallard ducks are mostly brown remember, but males have a nice green head if you want to give your duck some brown or green feathers. All mallards also have blue bars on their wings if you want to add a few blue feathers to your headband.



Now, we just have to attach our feathers to our duck headband.



You did it! Congrats on finishing your very own duck headband! Now you can wear it and act like a duck. You could try flying or swimming around your house!