

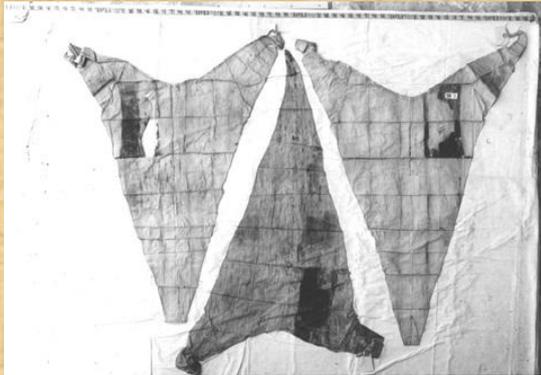
Pharaoh's Pants

Tutankhamun was buried in his tomb with all his treasures and all the things he might need for the afterlife.....

Including more than 100 pairs of pants!

(We call these loincloths.... But you can just say pants!)

Here's a picture of three of them. They are 3500 years old.



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They don't look like pants we have today, do they?

The wide bit of the triangle goes around your back and the two points at the side would have a band to tie round your waist. The long point comes up between your legs and then tucks into the bit you've tied at the front and flaps down the front

Your Challenge:

We are going to make ancient Egyptian pants.

Find a teddy or doll.

Measure round their waist. The wide side of your triangle needs to be big enough to go round and tie together.

Measure the distance from their tummy at the front, between their legs to the same height at the back. The long side of your triangle needs to be a bit bigger than this so you've got enough to tuck in at the end.



Cut out a triangle that fits your measurements. Tutankamun's pants were made of linen but you can use cloth or paper. If you use paper, you might need to cut you triangle a bit if it doesn't fit your teddy properly.

Can you dress your teddy in his ancient Egyptian pants?



Once your teddy has his pants, we are going to make him a *shendyt* kilt.

This statue shows an Egyptian god called Aumn wearing a shendyt kilt on top of his pants or loincloth.



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Here our teddy with his kilt on.



To make this, measure round your teddy's tummy. Add on a little bit to make sure the two sides cross over.

You can use a rectangular piece of cloth – long side: a bit bigger than round the teddy tummy, short side: to cover teddy from tummy to knees.

Now we need a pharaoh's crown



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Can you see the crown that this queen is wearing? This is called the *uraeus*. It is the head of a dangerous snake called a cobra and would have been made out of gold. Only the pharaoh and the queen wore it in ancient Egypt. On this statue, the snake head is on a headband. We are going to make one for our teddies.

We might not have real gold to hammer into the shape of a snake but if you look around your home, you might be able to find gold foil or gold coloured card. (sometimes chocolate comes wrapped in gold foil... so now you have an excuse to eat lots of chocolate! Ask your grown up first though) If you can't find any, yellow card will be fine... or shiny silver foil... see what you can find.



First of all, you need to measure round the head of your teddy. Then find some card that you can cut into this shape:



Your card needs to be long enough to go round your teddy's head with a bit extra to cross over and join together at the back.

Now take your gold or silver paper or foil and cover the card to make it look like it is made of gold or silver.

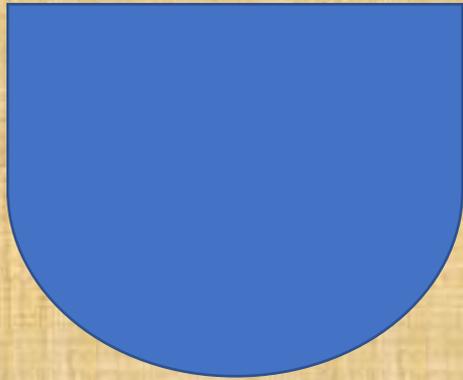
Once it is ready, join the two ends at the back and give your teddy an ancient Egyptian *uraeus* crown.

You could add the snake face with eyes and a sticking out tongue if you like.

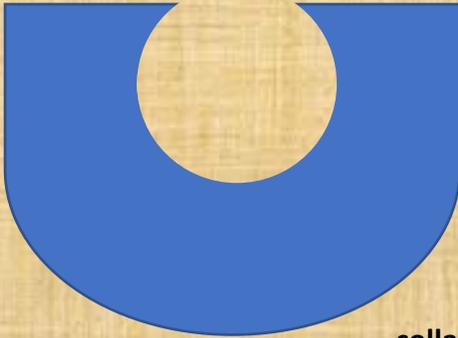
Egyptian Necklace

Rich ancient Egyptians often wore big necklaces called broad collars which went from their shoulders covering most of their chests.

Measure across the shoulders of your teddy and then cut out a shape like this which is wide enough to cover the shoulders. (The round side goes over teddy's chest)



Now measure how big a hole you need for your teddy's neck and cut a hole big enough to fit:



Now your shape should look like this.

Find more gold or silver foil, coloured card (I used old take-away menus... but check with your grown up first)

I cut strips from the blue card for my collar but the Egyptians used all sorts of colours of beads for their collars. What colours are you going to choose?

Here's my teddy all dressed up... what does your teddy look like?

