

Family Art Time
Egyptian Collar

Coffin Panel with Isis

Egyptian, mid-1st century B.C.-early 2nd century A.D.

Painted wood, h. 51 in. (129.5 cm); w. 19 1/4 in. (48.9 cm); d. 1/2 in. (1.3 cm)

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Look-

- Take a close look at the figure of the ancient Egyptian goddess Isis painted on this wooden panel. How would you describe the clothes the figure is wearing? Do you see patterns in her clothing? Does her clothing indicate her status?
- Imagine you are in ancient Egypt. Research the climate and geography of Egypt then and now. What kind of clothes do you think would be most comfortable for their weather then and now? What kinds of clothing and headdresses did Egyptian gods and goddesses wear?

Think-

Wesekh (Egyptian collars) were made of gold or copper and featured inlaid gems which hung around the neck of the owner and clasped together. These collars were very valuable, which is why they were primarily worn by pharaohs, priests, and wealthy people. Many times, deities were depicted wearing these collars.

In Egyptian mythology, Isis is known as the goddess of the moon, the wife of Osiris, and mother of Horus. She is frequently represented wearing a sheath dress and either cow horns, a disc, or the hieroglyph sign for throne on her head. On the Museum's coffin panel, Isis is shown wearing a collar.

Make-

You can design a special collar with your family at home. While you are making your design, ask yourself: who would wear this collar? Is it for a special occasion?





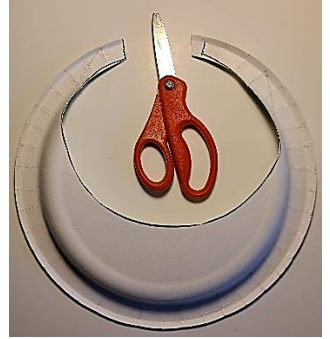
What You Will Need:

- Disposable paper plates (not foam)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint (yellow, gold, blue, & red)
- Paint brush or Q-tips
- Rigatoni pasta (optional)
- Glue
- Pipe-cleaner or string

How To Do This Activity



1. Gather the supplies you will need to complete this activity.



2. With your pencil, draw a curvy line on half the paper plate. You can use a small round object as a stencil. Cut along the line you made to create the collar.



3. Paint your collar with the yellow acrylic paint and paintbrush. Let the paint dry before moving on to the next step.



4. With your Q-tip add colorful patterns on your collar. Let the paint dry before moving on to the next step.



5. With the hole punch, create holes on the ends of your collar. Loop the pipe cleaner or string through the holes to create a clasp.



6. Wear your collar around your neck!
*You can also paint pasta with the different colors to represent beads as a fun option. Glue the pasta to the collar once the paint has dried.



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We recommend reading *Boy of the Pyramids* by Ruth Fosdick Jones (Author). This book introduces the reader to traditions and farming methods of the people who live along the Nile River.

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