

# Statue of Liberty Hat

## Supplies:

- A large piece of green craft foam (about 12 x 20-inches)
- Scissors
- Pen or marker
- 30-inch length of ribbon



## Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Lay the green foam sheet flat on a hard surface.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Draw a straight horizontal line across the foam sheet, about 2 inches from the bottom edge.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Draw seven evenly spaced spikes above the horizontal line, each reaching from the horizontal line to the top edge of the foam. Make sure the spikes are about the same size and stretch across the entire length of the foam, with the base of each spike being a little under three inches wide.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Draw a small horizontal line, about 2 inches long, centered below each spike between the bottom edge of the foam and the baseline of the spikes. Each line should be slightly narrower than the base of its corresponding spike, for a total of seven lines.</p>

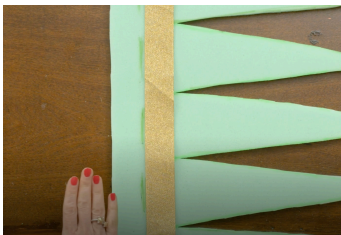




Step 5: Cut along each of the small horizontal lines to create slits, being careful not to cut beyond the lines.



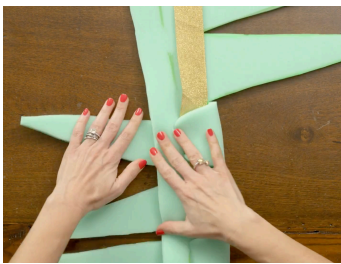
Step 6: Cut out the shapes of the seven spikes, following the lines you drew. Do not cut through the bottom edge; keep the base of the foam sheet intact.



Step 7: Place the ribbon flat along the bottom edge of the foam sheet, positioned between the slits and the base of the spikes.



Step 8: Thread the tip of each spike over the ribbon and through the slit directly below it, being careful not to tear the foam.



Step 9: Continue threading all the spikes over the ribbon and through their corresponding slits until all are secured.



Step 10: Tie the ends of the ribbon around your head to wear the crown, adjusting for comfort. Ask an adult for help if needed. Enjoy your Statue of Liberty crown! Vive la liberté!

**Did the United States build the Statue of Liberty?** The Statue of Liberty was built in France to celebrate America's 100th birthday back in the year 1876. It was a gift to us from France to honor the close friendship between France and the United States. To get the statue to where it stands today, it was separated into 350 pieces, packed into 214 crates, and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean. It arrived in New York Harbor on June 17, 1885. It was put back together and placed on what is now known as Liberty Island.

#### **Fun Facts:**

- The Statue of Liberty is 305 feet and 1 inch tall and weighs about 156 tons. About four million people visit it every year. It is one of the world's most famous symbols of freedom and democracy.
- The statue represents Libertas, the Roman goddess of freedom.
- The seven spikes on her crown are said to represent the seven continents and the seven seas. She holds a torch in one hand and a tablet in the other, inscribed with the date of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. On her pedestal are words from the poem "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."
- When it was first delivered to America, the Statue of Liberty wasn't green; it was a brown color, like a penny, because it is made of hundreds of thin copper sheets. Over many years, the copper turned green due to a natural process called oxidation, which occurs when air and water mix.

#### **Extension Activity**

- **Creative Writing Activity:** Have students write a fictional diary entry from the perspective of an immigrant arriving in the United States and seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time.