



# MEDUSA HEADADDRESS

Medusa is best known for having hair made of snakes and for her ability to turn anyone she looked at to stone, literally to petrify.

In Greek mythology, Medusa was the most famous of the monstrous sisters known as the Gorgons, and the only one who was mortal. This was because she was turned from a young woman into a monster by the goddess Athena. This transformation led to her tragic encounter with the Greek hero Perseus.

Perseus was tricked by an evil king who sent him on an impossible quest - to retrieve the head of Medusa. Helped by Athena, Hades and Hermes, Perseus set out to find Medusa's cave. He attacked the Gorgons while they slept; using Athena's polished shield as a mirror to avoid Medusa's petrifying gaze, Perseus beheaded her with an adamantite sword. From Medusa's severed neck sprang her children, the winged horse Pegasus and the giant Chrysaor. However, not even death could extinguish Medusa's power. On his travels, he used the severed head to turn his enemies to stone and rescue the princess Andromeda from the monster Cetus before giving it to Athena for her aegis (shield).

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What you'll need:

- Coloured Card
- Textas/pencils/paint
- Scissors
- Glue
- Stapler
- Decorations - googly eyes, ribbon, buttons (what ever you have lying around)

Gather your materials. if you don't have coloured card don't worry you can just add more decoration to your snakes!



Draw different types of snakes on your card (there are some ideas for shapes below) then cut out your snakes. Cut out 1 or 2 long strips of paper that will fit around your head as well.



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Decorate your snakes however you like, adding eyes, tongues, patterns, with your extra materials and bits of leftover paper. Take your long strips and staple them so they form a circle that fits on your head



Arrange and attach your snakes to the headband with staples or glue. Congratulations! You've made your very own Medusa headdress- careful not to turn anyone to stone!

