

JEWELRY IN ANCIENT EGYPT

In Ancient Egypt everyone wore jewelry no matter how rich or poor they were. Poorer members of Egyptian society wore jewelry made from shells, animal teeth, clay beads, and other inexpensive materials. Meanwhile, the wealthy wore jewelry made from gemstones, gold, glass beads, and similar finer materials.



The Ancient Egyptians wore their jewelry to their graves as well as in life. There was much superstition about how jewelry could protect them before and after death. Jewelry was said to protect them from curses and disease as well as help provide for them in the afterlife.

MAKE YOUR OWN EGYPTIAN JEWELRY

Gather a toilet paper tube to make a snake bangle or cuff bracelet. Find a paper plate and cut out the middle circle and a small slit to make the base for the necklace. Using paint, markers, crayons, or colored pencils decorate your chosen design. If you have sequins, stickers, hot glue and beads, you can add fun effects to your designs.



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