

MARYLAND ZOO



As the tallest mammal on the planet, giraffes have unique adaptations that help them stand above the rest!

One of the first things you may notice on a giraffe are the horn-like structures on top of its head. These skin-covered bones are called *ossicones*. Male giraffes use their ossicones as clubs during combat with other male giraffes.

Make an Ossicone Headband!

What you need

Ossicone headband template

Crayons, colored pencils, or markers

Scissors

Extra sheet of paper

Glue or tape

What to do

Color the ossicone headband template on the next page.

Cut along the straight dotted lines to form two strips. Use glue or tape to connect the end of the strips to make a band (like a crown) for your head. If you need a longer band, use an extra piece of paper to cut another strip to add to your band.

Cut out the ossicone shapes.

Use glue or tape to attach the ossicones to the front of your headband.

Wear your ossicones proudly to show everyone that you are *wild* about giraffes!

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