



Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc Throw Guidelines



Battery tea lights in vellum sleeves invite participants to place their candles on Joan's birthday cake at her statue.

Tom Langston carried his throws in a knightly satchel in the 2013 parade.



Karen Becnel carries her throws in a market basket.

How many? Strive for about 200 small gifts to hand to the crowd, in addition to the “throws” included with your membership. These can be your own ideas and/or you can purchase [optional krewe throws](#).

What's included? Official krewe throws included with your membership: logo matchbooks (since our heroine was burned at the stake), prayer cards (different each year), and battery votive candles.

Theme: The parade is set in medieval 1400s France and throws should fit the Joan story: Joan, crowns, fleur de lis, knights, medieval times, etc. Irreverence (such as fireball candies) is welcome; irrelevance is not.

Authentic old-world feel: Our goal is to have a strikingly different feel from other New Orleans parades and second lines. We want an authentic, medieval feel with natural or “real” materials (wood, metal, leather, fabric, paper, vellum, parchment paper, etc). Avoid obvious plastic. ABSOLUTELY NO MARDI GRAS BEADS OF ANY KIND.

Label: Strive to have the krewe name (Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc), the logo, and the year (or better yet, the date January 6, XXXX) put on your throw in some way when possible. Handwriting or calligraphy is fine.

- We have rubber stamps of the logo you can borrow to decorate your throws or costumes. Available at all throw workshops or contact Antoinette de Alteriis (hostessforhirenola@gmail.com) to borrow them. 3.5”x4”, 3”x3.5” and 1.5”x1.7”
- High-res graphic image files of the logo, are available on the Members Only section of the website. We have several styles for different purposes (high detail vs. simplified etc.). The black-and-white version of the logo printed in one color has an old-world feel



Packaging: No packaging is greener, cleaner, cheaper and more atmospheric. Remove commercial packaging before the parade. If your throws need protection during the parade, we recommend fabric bags. <http://www.giftsintl.com/> has 3”x4” organza bags for 7¢ and muslin bags (which could be stamped with our logo) for 16¢.

Carrying: Don't forget to plan a way to carry your throws! Integrate a medieval bag or basket into your costume. Included throws will be distributed to you in a brown paper gift bag stamped with the krewe logo, which can be handed out to the crowd with your last throw.



Share Ideas: We'd love to see ideas and photos of in-progress throws and projects going up on our Facebook page anytime. Posting inspires others! Be sure to get photos of your finished throws in the photo directory.



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Official Krewe Throws For Purchase

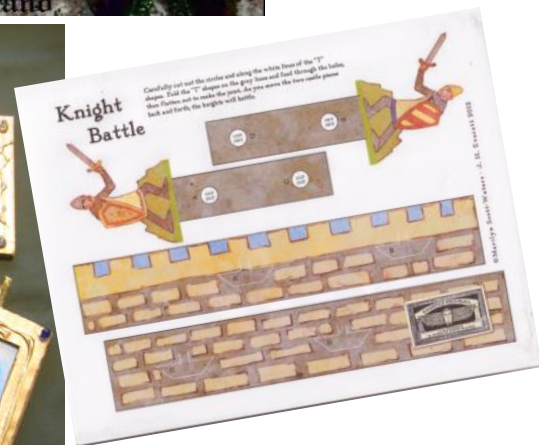
Each year the krewe will create some [signature throws](#), and members who want to give those are invited to help cover those costs. So far the [official optional throws](#) planned for 2019 include wooden doubloons, handmade muslin Joan dolls (Joan the Knight this year), sword pendants, Saint Joan medallions, packets of butterfly garden seeds.



A Sampling of Krewe Members' Throws



Each year the krewe hand paints wood swords, one for each year of Joan's life. Our honorary young Joan the Maid hands these out.



The Langhoff family's handmade throws: Joan pictures, magnets, cross, and, above, a cut-out-play-with knight battle.



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Symbols

Fleur de lis

Cross

Crest or Coat-of-Arms: Our logo is based on Joan's royally decreed coat-of-arms, but tilts the crown, symbolizing our whimsy, and adds raindrops for our first rainy year.

Sword (Joan's sword said to be found in a church at the guidance of St. Catherine, 5 crosses on the blade)

Crown (her main goal was to get Charles VII properly crowned at the cathedral in English-occupied Reims)

Fire (burned at the stake)

Butterflies (said to follow her banner)

Dove (said to have flown out of her mouth at the stake when her soul ascended to heaven)

Knights: Shield, coats-of-arms, armor: any medieval knight or battle paraphernalia

Medieval clergy (first supported Joan's claim of a divine mission, later condemned her for heresy)

Joan's 3 "voices": St. Michael Archangel, St. Catherine of the Wheel/of Alexandria & St. Margaret the Virgin/of Antioch

Shepherd/Sheep (Joan's occupation as a young girl)



Lilies: The fleur de lis, literally flower of the lily, is actually a stylized representation of the lily, traditionally representing Mary

Hat: At her execution, she was made to wear a hat listing her crimes: heretic, relapsed, apostate, idolatress



Throw Ideas and Resources

Past throws have included: flowers, herbs tied with ribbon, holy water with a Joan booklet, saint medallions, cross and fleur-de-lis ornaments, cardboard swords, flower wreaths for the hair, framed Joan pictures, fireball candies, Joan magnets, Joan bookmarks, butterfly hair clips, butterfly magnets, butterfly wands, butterfly lapel clips, butterfly garden seeds, rosaries, paper crowns, scrolls with Joan quotes, paper cut-out toys, handmade dolls. **Plan ahead to save money**, such as ordering in bulk, or sharing shipping with a fellow member.

[Paper and More.com](http://PaperandMore.com) has excellent prices on parchment, vellum and other specialty papers, for as little as one-third the price of buying off the shelf at OfficeMax.

Oriental Trading Company has some good shortcuts. Blank chipboard shield shapes 17"x23": available from Oriental Trading Company. Paint and decorate them with our krewe coat-of-arms or your battalion's coat of arms. Suggest reinforcing the shield attachment with a brad.

Blank chipboard sword shapes 20": available from Oriental Trading Company. Paint and decorate. Oriental Trading has many promising [kid-oriented offerings](#).

Paper crowns (Not only do we remember Joan's "crowning" achievement on her birthday January 6, but it's also Epiphany aka 3 Kings' Day, and Twelfth Night, the last day of Christmas and the first day of Carnival, when the King Cakes come out). Available from Oriental Trading Company in gold or prizm colors.

Factory Direct Craft has [good prices on butterflies](#). Email Amanda amanda_helm@sbcglobal.net to get delicate vellum cards explaining the Joan connection (below).

