

## Imperial State Crown

The Imperial State Crown is one of the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom. The current crown was made in 1937. It was based on the version made for Queen Victoria in 1838.

The crown contains 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls and 4 rubies! It weighs over a kilogram.



### St. Edward's Sapphire

The blue sapphire is one of the oldest jewels in the collection. It was used in the coronation ring of Edward the Confessor in 1042. It was also used in Queen Victoria's Imperial State Crown.

### Frame

The frame is made of gold, silver and platinum.

### Cap

The cap is made from purple velvet. It is trimmed with ermine. Ermine is the fur from a stoat.

### Black Prince's Ruby

The Black Prince's Ruby is said to have been given by King Pedro The Cruel to Edward Prince of Wales. Edward was known as the Black Prince. It was given to him in 1367 as a reward.

### Cullinan II

Cullinan II is one of the largest cut diamonds in the world. It is also known as the Second Star of Africa. It was cut from the Cullinan diamond.



## RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What was given to Edward Prince of Wales as a reward?
2. What is known as the Second Star of Africa?
3. What is the frame made out of?
4. How many emeralds are on the crown?
5. When was Queen Victoria's crown made?

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

**V**

Find a word that tells you that this is the latest version of the crown.

**E**

How do the dotted lines help you as a reader?

**I**

Why does the crown contain so many precious jewels?

**V**

What does the word "trimmed" mean?

**S**

Give one interesting fact about St. Edward's Sapphire.

Answers:

1. Black Prince's Ruby
2. Cullinan II
3. Gold, silver and platinum
4. 11
5. 1838

V: Current

E: They point to each bit so that you know what it is

I: It makes it special and shows off how important the Queen is

V: It has something around the edge

S: Either it is one of the oldest jewels, it was used in the ring of Edward the Confessor, or it was used in the crown for Queen Victoria