

The Crown contains:-

2783 diamonds,
277 pearls,
18 sapphires,
11 emeralds,
5 rubies.

In front is the second Star of Africa, cut from the Cullinan Diamond. It is oblong in shape and weighs 309 1/18 carats and is the second largest cut diamond in existence. Above it is the Black Prince's ruby - a cabochon cut stone which was at one time worn as a hat ornament and which was given to the Black Prince in 1367 by Don Pedro, King of Castile. At the back is the large Stuart Sapphire which had adorned the Crown of Charles II and was bequeathed to George III by Cardinal York.

From the arches hang 4 pear shaped pearls, said to have been the earrings of Queen Elizabeth I.

In the centre of the Crown is set the sapphire from the ring of Edward the Confessor.

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Subject: Alteration to the Imperial State Crown

Location: Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Co.

Length: 300 ft.

Opening shot shows the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths work shop - here the alterations to the Imperial State Crown are being undertaken. The crown is seen being assembled by Mounters and Setters - part of Arch is seen having diamonds (part of 2783 which it contains) - being set. Following is the 'Arch' being assembled together with Edward Sapphire being mounted - this 'sits' in the centre top of crown on the ball over the 'Arches'. Story ends on a shot showing 'all that goes to make up the crown' - A Half-Crown is shown alongside the Star of Africa (cut from the Cullinan Diamond) to show its size. On left is the Black Prince Ruby and on right is the Stuart Sapphire.
