

How to make

# funky HATS!





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# 1. Flower Power Sun Visor

Flower Power sun visor is a cute and colourful way to keep the sun out of your eyes. Start with a simple paper plate, a few crafts supplies, and your imagination. Before you know it, you'll be singing "Let the Sun Shine In"!

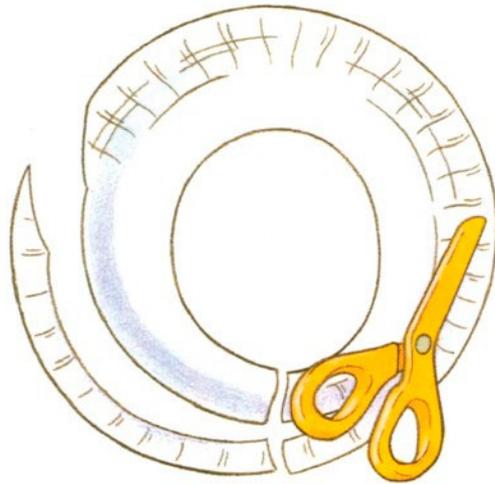


## What you need:

- Paper plate
- Purple paint
- Purple glitter spray
- Craft foam (yellow, pink)
- Sparkle poms (2 purple, 1 yellow)
- 2 silver glitter chenille stems
- Scissors
- Craft glue or low-temperature glue gun and glue sticks
- Paintbrush
- Pencil

## How to Make a Flower Power Sun Visor

**Step 1:** Make a cut in the rim on one side of the plate, and cut an oval shape from this slit around the center of the plate, closer to this edge than to the others. Make the oval a little smaller than you think it should be to fit around your head. (You can always go back to enlarge it, but once it's cut you can't make it smaller.) Cut off the rim around the back and the sides, leaving it intact at the front of the visor.



**Cut the paper plate to fit your head.**

**Step 2:** Glue the cut in the back of the visor back together, adjusting the size of the hole if necessary. Let dry.

**Step 3:** Paint the top and bottom of the visor. Let dry. Spray with glitter if desired, and let dry.

**Step 4:** Draw three flowers on craft foam; cut out. Glue the flowers to the front of the visor, and glue poms to the centers of the flowers. Let dry.

**Step 5:** Coil silver chenille stems around a pencil to form spirals. Remove the pencil, cut each spiral to the desired length, and glue them onto the visor. Let dry.

## 2. Crazy clown hat

It's such fun to wear a crazy clown hat that you've created! This one looks so good, you might even be tempted to become a professional clown. But regardless of your career aspirations, this hat is definitely as much fun to wear as it is to make. (It also makes a great table decoration.)

**A crazy clown hat is a fun project for adults and kids to work on together.**



## What you need:

- Paper plate
- Paper grocery bag
- Red acrylic paint or spray paint
- 5 cm foam ball
- Green chenille stem
- Construction paper or card stock (yellow, orange, green)
- 2 yards orange ribbon, 2.5 – 5 cm wide
- Paintbrush
- Serrated knife
- Scissors
- Craft glue

## How to make the crazy clown hat:

**Step 1:** Crumple and open up the paper bag several times to soften it. Roll up the bottom edge to make the brim. To make a tall hat, roll a smallish brim; to make a shorter hat, roll a bigger brim.

**Step 2:** Paint the hat red. (If using spray paint, make sure you have adult help.) Let dry.

**Step 3:** Ask a grown-up to cut a foam ball in half using a serrated knife. Discard one half. Turn the hat upside down so the opening faces up, and glue the foam piece flat side down inside the bag. Let dry; turn the hat right side up.

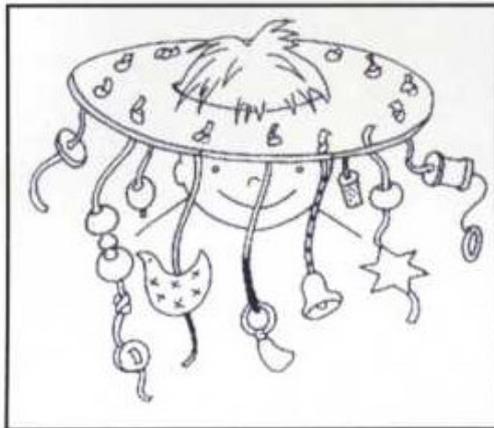


**Glue the half-ball, flat side down, inside the bag.**

**Step 4:** Fold a green chenille stem so one side is longer than the other. Poke the folded end through the top of the bag, and push it into the foam ball. (Use scissors to poke a starter hole in the bag if necessary.) Cut two flowers out of yellow paper, two orange circles to fit in the center of the flowers, and two green leaves. Glue the pieces onto the ends of the chenille stem to make flowers.

**Step 5:** Wrap the orange ribbon around the hat, just above the brim, and tie it into a bow in front.

### 3. Stella's hat

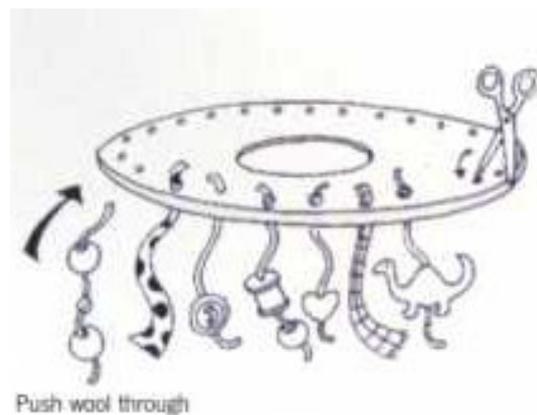
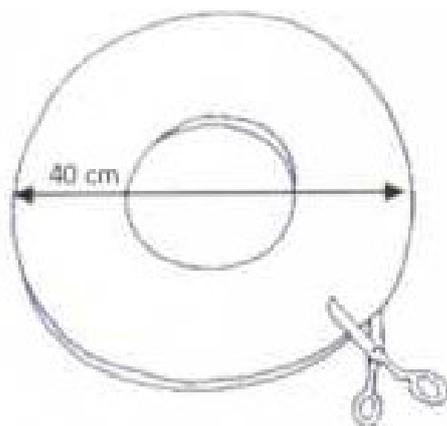


#### What you need:

- Stiff cardboard (old box)
- Pair of scissors
- Thread, wool or string
- Things to hang onto the brim such as small plastic toys, jewelry, curtain rings, beads, buttons, cotton reels, seed pods, shells, bits of dried plants, old bits of material, paper or wool

#### How to make Stella's hat:

**Step 1:** Draw a circle on the card. Then draw a smaller one in the centre. Cut both out



**Step 2:** Thread lots of different things on to the wool or string

**Step 3:** Make holes around the brim. Pull the wool or string through

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## 4. Cone hat

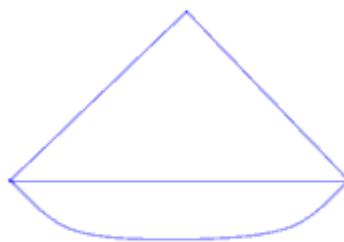


### What you need:

- Paper (24 X 36 cm is best)
- Decorations (see ideas below)
- Glue
- scissors

### How to make the cone hat:

**Step 1:** Use the 24 cm side as the height and the 36 cm to go around the head. To make the cone shape, draw a wide triangle, then change the bottom from a straight line to a curved shape.



**Step 2:** You may want to experiment using newspaper to get the shape right.

**Step 3:** Use whatever craft material you have on hand for the children to decorate the party hats.

**Step 4:** While the party hats are drying, put a line of white glue down one side of the triangle. Then rolled it into a cone shape. Use a paper clip on the top and bottom to hold it together until the glue dries.

## 5. Simple paper hats

This party hat may not last as long, but is much easier to fit.

**Step 1:** Draw a triangle in the center of the page, with a rectangle that runs the length of the paper at the bottom.



**Step 2:** Cut out the hat.

**Step 3:** Let the child decorate one side with craft materials, and let dry.

**Step 4:** To fit the party hat to the child's head, use the rectangle as a headband. Measure for size, then tape, glue or staple the hat.

The triangle is the front of the hat, with the band running around the child's head.

### Ideas for Decorating:

- If you aren't using coloured paper, paint or spray paint the paper first.
- Use glitter glue to draw designs on the paper.
- Glue on string, ribbon, pom-poms, fancy buttons, sequins, or whatever you have on hand.
- Use markers or crayons to draw designs on the party hats.
- Cut out shapes from the left over paper and glue on.
- Let the kids come up with more craft ideas.

## 6. Sombrero hats

### What you need:

- 2 sheets of newsprint for each hat
- Masking tape
- Decorations (see ideas below)

### How to make the Sombrero hat

**Step 1:** Use at least two sheets of large newsprint at least 6 cm on each side.

**Step 2:** Place the sheets at different angles (should look like an 8 point star).

**Step 3:** Centre it over the person's head, and hold scrunch it down to make a head shaped dome in the centre.

**Step 4:** Wind masking tape around the bottom of the dome (app. ear level).

**Step 5:** Scrunch and roll the sides in to finish the sombrero shape.

**Step 6:** Decorate the sombreros using what ever materials you have on hand.

### Ideas for Decorations

- Paint or spray paint the paper before it is made, or after the hat is shaped.
- Make a ribbon or paper band to cover the masking tape.
- Make a fringe out of paper, fabric, or ribbon to go around the bring.
- Use glitter glue to draw designs on the paper.
- Glue on yarn, ribbon, pom-poms, fancy buttons, sequins, or whatever you have on hand.
- Use markers or crayons to draw designs on the hats.
- Cut out shapes from the left over paper and glue on.
- Make it into an Easter Bonnet by gluing on some silk flowers from an old arrangement or 2nd hand store.
- Let the kids come up with more ideas.

## 7. More paper hats

Follow the idea for Sombrero Hats but create different shapes.

- Push a bit more paper up in the centre before winding the masking tape. Use scissors to cut the brim to create a Top Hat shape.
- Similar to a Top Hat, you could make a Stetson Hat. After cutting the brim, use gently pressure to create the crease in the centre of the top. Use glue or tape to bring up the sides of the brim.

If you don't want to paint your party hat, use coloured tissue paper to create your hat.

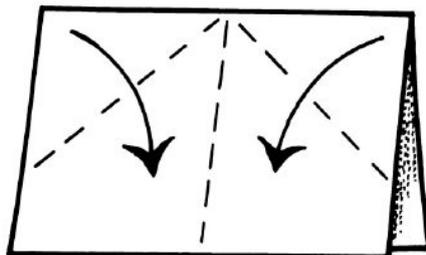
## 8. Newspaper hat

### What You'll Need

- Newspaper
- Transparent tape
- Trims (such as pom-poms or tissue paper fringe)

### How to Make a Newspaper Hat

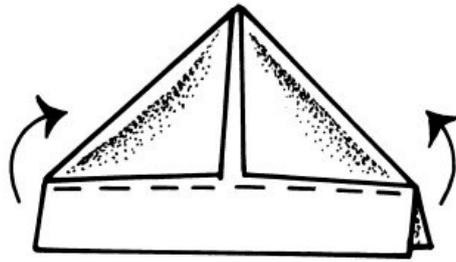
**Step 1:** To make a basic newspaper hat, fold one newspaper page in half horizontally. (If you want to make a large hat, use two newspaper pages, and fold it in half vertically.)



Fold the top  
corners to the  
center.

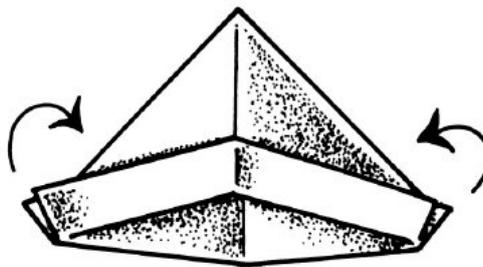
With the fold at the top, fold the top corners in to the centre. Tape the points down.

**Step 2:** Fold up the bottom edges.



Fold up the  
bottom edges.

**Step 3:** Tuck in the corner edges and add tape to hold them in place.



Tuck in  
corners.

If you want, trim your hat with pom-poms or tissue paper fringe. Put your hat on and wear it with the points at the front and back or to the side.

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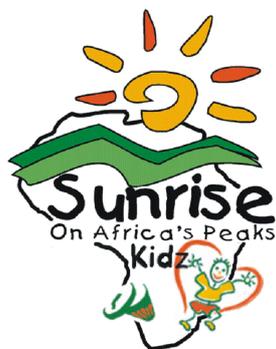
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