

The Craft

Make a hat out of construction paper like the one that Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat wears

Materials

- Red construction paper 3 pieces 9x12
- White construction paper 1 piece
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Tape
- Glue
- Compass or something round (like a plate) to trace for the brim of the hat and the crown of the hat. A 9 inch plate works for the top and a 10 1/2 or 11 inch plate works for the brim. Change the size of the plates to make a smaller hat.

Instructions for cutting out materials for hat

1. Using two of the red pieces of construction paper tape them together to form a piece that is 9x 23 1/2 inches long. This will be the body of your hat.
2. On a large sheet of white construction paper draw/trace a circle that is bigger than your head by about 2 inches. You can use

a compass or a plate to trace the circle onto your paper.

3. Cut out the circle. Set aside.
4. With the remaining white paper measure in from the edge 1 and 1/2 inches four times. Draw a line to make a strip of paper that is 1 and 1/2 inches by 12. Cut out four strips.
5. Take the red construction sheet that you made earlier and measure 1 and 1/2 inches from the edge and repeat across the paper. You should have four marks.
6. Take 2 of the white strips you cut out and lay two of them so the overlap a bit and glue or tape them to the red paper in a straight line. Repeat for the other strips. Place these strips one and 1/2 inches from the white strip you just placed. Tape or glue down.
7. Take the red sheet with the white stripes and roll it into a tube and tape or glue the short edge together. Overlap the edges a small amount. If you use glue let it dry before going to the next step.

How to make a Cat In The Hat hat

8. Using the last red 9x12 red sheet of construction paper, trace a circle using the smaller paper plate or draw a circle that is the size of the top of the hat.
9. Place the large white circle on your work space. Take the body of the hat (the tube of red and white striped paper) and put a bead of glue around one round edge and turn over onto the large white circle. You now have the body of the hat attached to the brim.
10. Put a bead of glue around the top of the body of the hat and place your red circle onto the glue. This circle will be a bit big. You can trim it down after the glue dries. Best if you let all the glue dry overnight.
11. Before you can wear your hat you will have to cut out a hole in the white brim. With the scissors punch a hole into the middle of the circle. Cut to the edge and follow around the edge to remove the extra paper.
12. You can now wear your hat.