



Make a Festive Party Hat

Bring in the New Year with celebratory headware!

Materials Needed

- 9x12" paper, cardboard, newspaper, or cardstock
- Scissors
- Tape
- Color markers, crayons, pencils
- Optional: Stickers, string, construction paper, and any other material you wish to use to decorate your hat

Try It!

1. On your paper, draw a large circle that reaches the edges of the paper. This circle will become your hat.
2. With your scissors, cut out your large circle.
3. Find the center of the circle, draw a dot in the center as a guideline.
4. With your scissors, cut in a straight line from one edge of your circle to its center, where you made your dot. You will eventually fold one of these edges into your circle to make your hat three-dimensional, so keep that in mind when decorating your hat.
5. Think of a wish for the new year, and write or draw that on your circle, on the opposite side of where you cut into your circle.
6. Decorate your circle with drawings and any other materials that you wish.
7. Tuck one edge of the cut circle under the other edge to form a cone. Place the cone on your head to try it out! Make any adjustments needed.
8. Tape the cone together.
9. Add any additional decorations to your hat that you wish.
10. Put on your hat and celebrate the new year!
11. Optional: To make sure that your hat stays on your head while you are dancing into the new year, tape string on either side and tie the string together below your chin.

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Guiding Questions

- What is your wish for the new year?
- What materials did you use to decorate your hat with?
- What other ways can you make hats? What other ways can you create art that you wear?
- What other projects can you make with shapes such as circles and cones?

Learning Behind the Play

- Explore geometric shapes such as circles and cones
- Develop skills in transforming two dimensional drawings to three-dimensional shapes
- Reinforce creative problem-solving skills through drawing and building

Take It Further

Create party hats for your friends and family, pets, stuffed animals, dolls, action figures, and even your plants. Experiment with different sized hats (i.e. your doll's head might be smaller than yours, and your parent's head might be larger). Celebrate the new year together at home and in style!