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DIY Language Hats

Alice and Karen from Let's Make Art have created a step by step guide to make a stylish hat from international newspaper sheets and simple paper decorations. This playful workshop was inspired by the bold and vibrant fashion seen in the Hassan Hajjaj exhibition, The Path.



Things you'll need;

Scissors

Pencil

Ruler

Glue stick

Pens or paint

1 x sheet of newspaper

2 x smaller sections of newspaper

1 x long length of card for the rim of your hat (the same width as your opened newspaper sheet)

magazine pages to use for cutting shapes from for decoration

coloured paper/card for making designs to stick on your hat

colour paper/card/magazine sheet for making a trim for your hat

Colourful stickers to use as decoration - optional

Double sided tape - optional

Templates (PDF provided) - optional

What to do;

1. Open out one sheet of newspaper so it's placed landscape orientation in front of you
2. Place a long strip of card the same width as the opened newspaper sheet towards the bottom of the newspaper and then glue it down allowing for the bottom edge of the newspaper to be folded upwards and over the card strip and glued down too.
3. Fold in the left side of the sheet by 3cm
4. Use a glue stick along the folded section
5. Bring the right hand edge to the folded edge and stick it down - you'll have a flattened tube of newspaper at this point with a strengthened rim.
6. Cut a smaller section from two sheets of newspaper (2 ply) from the folded edge approx 15cm x 12cm
7. Separate these smaller sheets into two and use pens of different colours to add colours to them on both sides leaving approx 3cm uncoloured at the bottom edge
8. While the smaller sheets of newspaper are drying you can decorate your hat. Use a variety of bright papers and magazine pages to cut your shapes from. You can make a trim for the bottom edge of your hat with coloured paper using half the template repeated
9. Symmetrical designs work well for this hat - think about your placement for maximum impact. If you want to create a symmetrical shape from paper or magazine sheets make a fold and cut a shape from it. The unfolded shape will be the same on both sides.
10. Check that the smaller pieces of newspaper are dry
11. Once dry place one piece inside the other and snip into the open edges (4 in total) at even spaces leaving approximately 3cm at the folded edge
12. Try your hat on for size and start to gently scrunch the surplus newspaper at the top together
13. Secure some double sided tape to the bottom 6cm of scrunched paper and cut off the remaining paper
14. Stick the smaller pieces of newspaper together at their base only so that all the fringed pieces are free to move

15. Stick the fringed newspaper around the scrunched section with double sided tape. Wrap the fringed paper around the top section of the hat and secure the end with a small piece of double sided tape.
16. Add a little decoration to the base of the fringed section and ta dah! your hat is ready to wear!



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