

Hats & Masks Patterns

1. conical hats

- New Year
- parties in general
- Halloween witch hat
- Christmas Santa hat

2. triangle hats

- party hat in general
- old military /naval hat for dress-up/play
- simplified General George Washington hat (President's Day)

3. cylindrical hats

- stove pipe hat: Lincoln's hat (President's Day)
- Cat in the Hat (Dr. Seuss birthday)
- St. Patrick's Day
- Uncle Sam (July 4)
- Pioneer Day
- Thanksgiving Pilgrim hat

4. masked man/woman masks

- Mardi Gras
- super hero
- masquerades

5. paper plate masks

- playtime, dress up, putting on a play
- Halloween

Overlap and tape this edge

New Year's Party Hat

Cut from wrapping paper, craft paper, or decorate your own paper (two papers may be taped together at the fold line)

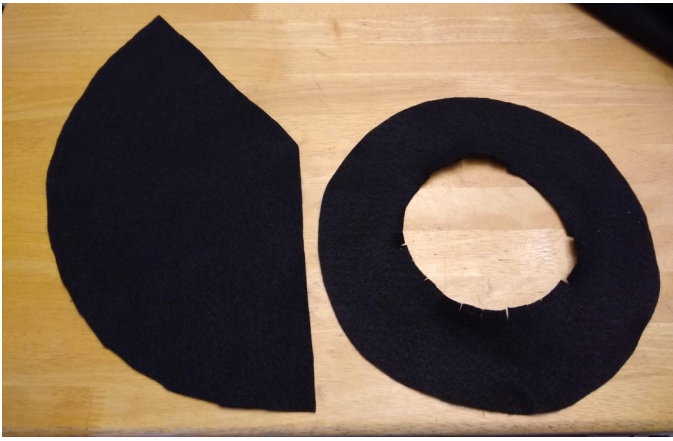
Place on fold

Fold

Brim for witch hat

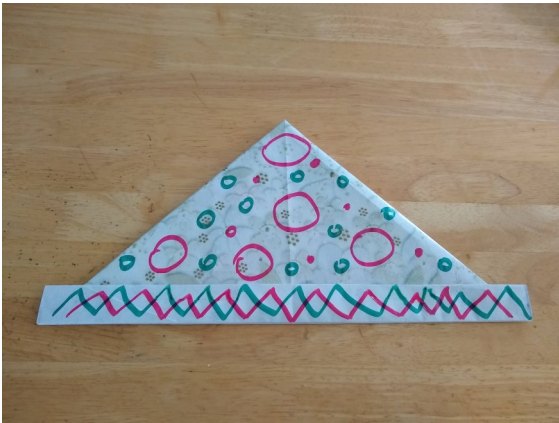
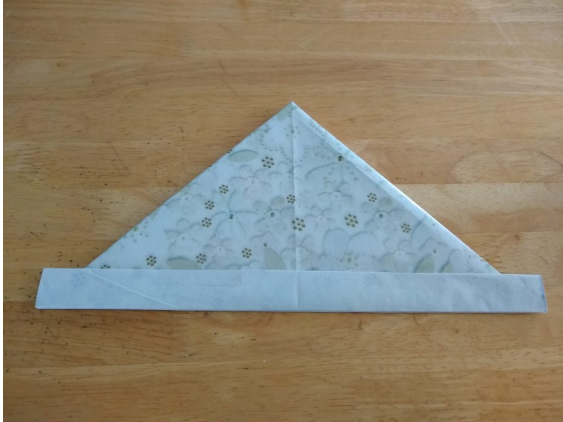
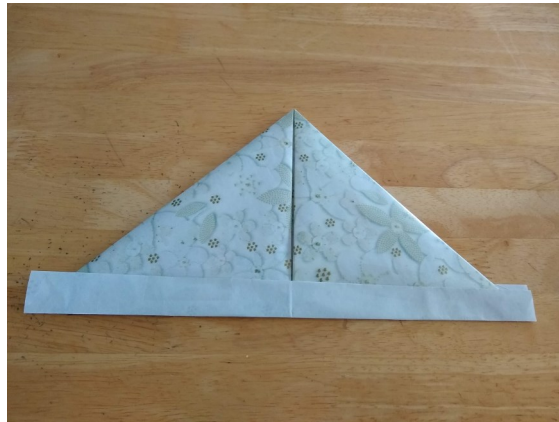
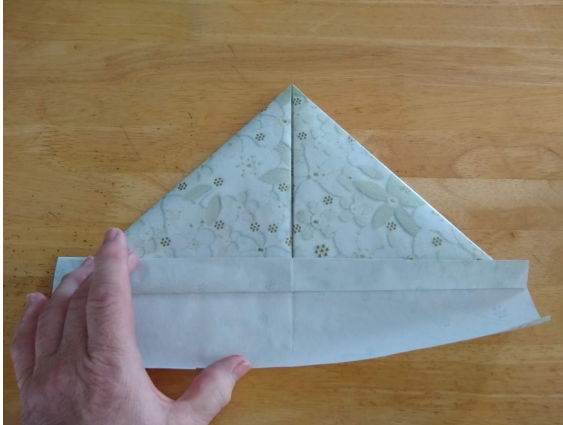
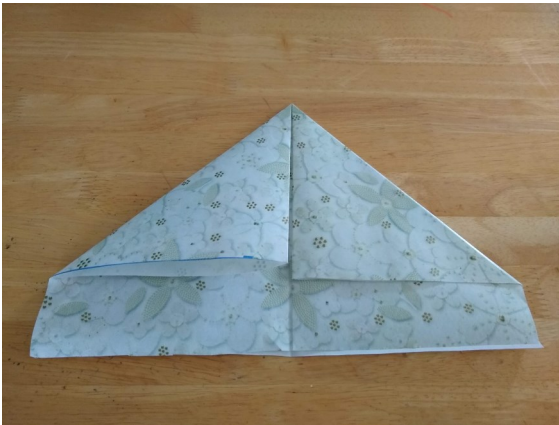
Cut + Clip

Fold

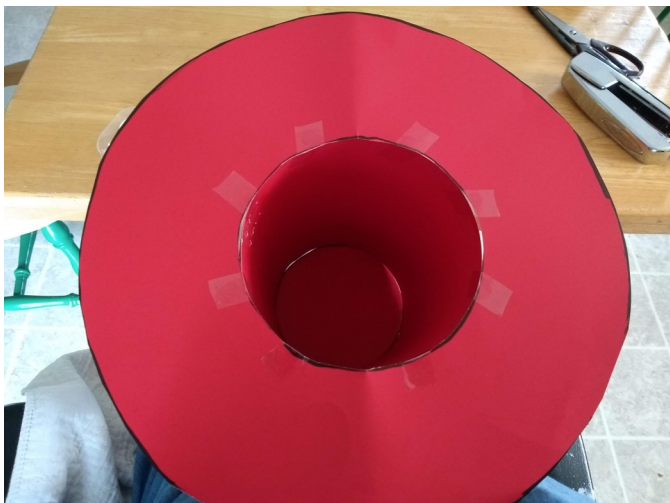
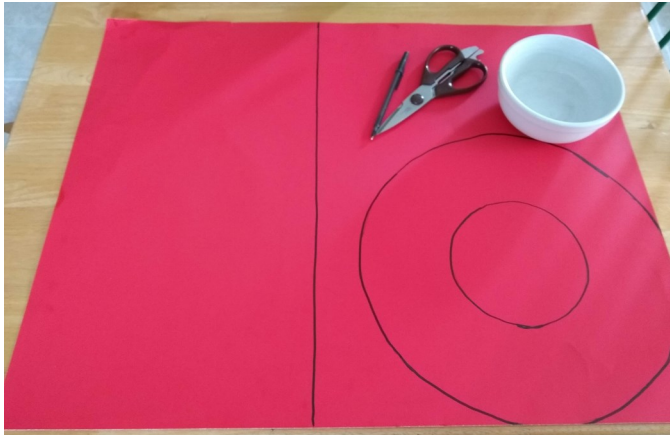


1. Cut out the hat parts you need (witch hat shown here, but if you want a party hat, you can cut it from wrapping paper, scrap-booking paper, butcher paper, or whatever you like—you can decorate it yourself, if you like). You don't need the brim piece for party hats. To cut the brim piece, you fold the material/paper into 4 so that it has 2 folds. If you prefer, you can cut it from a paper first to make a pattern with only one fold, or no folds.
2. Pin the cone together. I have used yellow headed pins so they would show in the picture.
3. Pin the brim onto the cone . . . Because it's hard to be precise with cutting felt, you may have to trim a bit to make it fit. Adjust as needed.
4. You can sew the brim to the cone, or even staple it.
5. Once the brim is attached, you can take simple stitches to sew the cone part together (I did this last, in case I needed to adjust the cone piece overlap while attaching the brim).
6. For a Christmas/Santa hat, you can attach fur around the bottom of the cone instead of a brim (much simpler than doing a brim).

Triangle Party/Dress-up Hats



1. Use a large rectangle of newsprint, wrapping paper, etc.
2. Fold it in half to make a front and a back. Fold it in half the other way to mark the center point, as if making a paper airplane.
3. Fold the corners down, as if making a paper airplane.
4. Fold the bottom up (twice will leave a nicer, stronger edge).
5. Do this on both sides.
6. Staple the ends to keep the hat from unfolding with use.
6. Decorate as you wish.



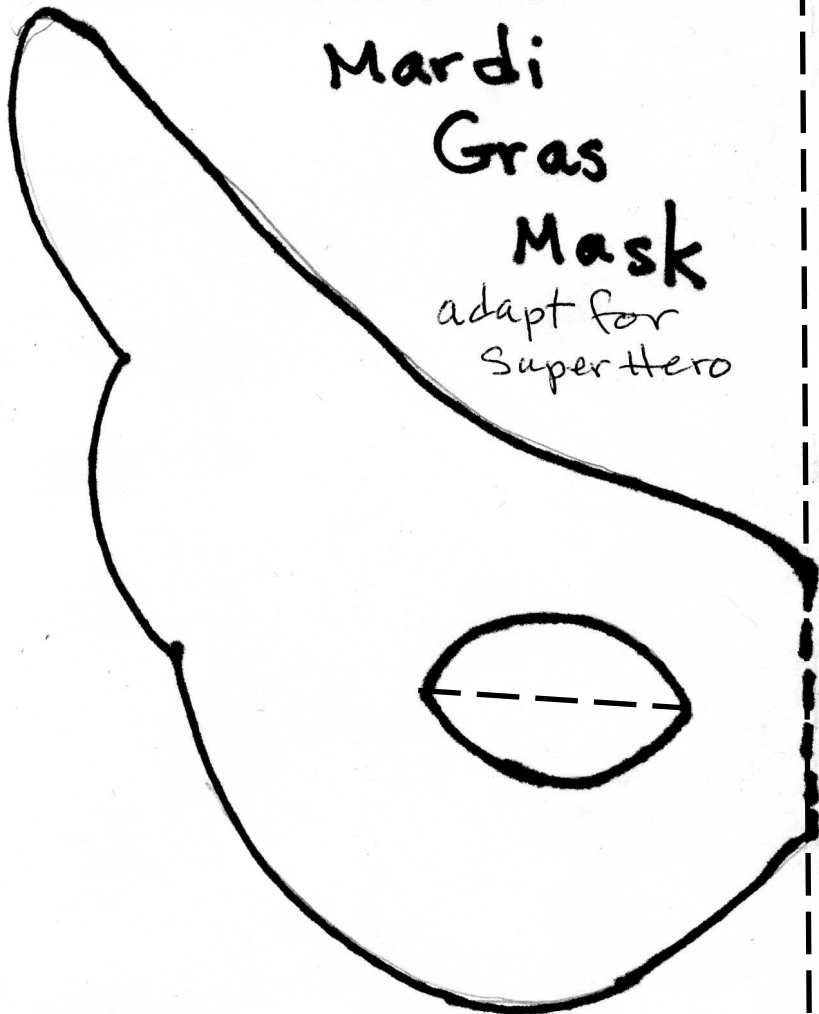
Cylindrical Hats

1. This hat is made from poster board, but you can use felt or other materials, appropriately stiffened.
2. I've used a bowl to trace an inner circle. I left 4" to the edge, for a wide brim. You can make a smaller brim. Measure 4" all around the inner circle to make the outer circle.
3. For a stove pipe hat or Cat in the Hat hat, make it tall, Uncle Sam hat maybe not quite as tall; for St Pat's hat, pioneer, or Pilgrim hat, make it considerable shorter.
4. Use the inner circle as the top of the hat (unless you need to add seam allowances).
5. You can also make the top of the hat a bit smaller than where the brim attaches, to look more like a pilgrim hat, etc. You could elongate the circle to make a cowboy hat.
6. I have used simple tape, to put it together, but you might need stronger tape for actual use. If you construct it with fabric/felt and sew it together, be sure to add seam allowances, and clip curved edges.
7. You can make stripes either by using white and coloring /painting your stripes, pasting on stripes, or sewing stripes before assembling.



You can make 2 masks per page—

Cut along the solid line, fold on the dotted line. Keep the eye shape, but adapt the shape of the mask as desired. To cut out the eye shape, fold on the dotted line and cut on the solid line. Attach strings or an elastic to hold on the head, or tape a stick (such as a small dowel) on one side for the person to hold up to the face. Decorate as desired, with glitter glue, spangles, sparkles, feathers, tiny strings of beads, etc.



Paper Plate Masks

You can use commercially made masks as a guide or pattern, or, you can use the measurements as follows:

1. Fold the plate into quarters.
2. Measure 1/2" from the center corner, and make a mark.
3. Make another mark an inch or an inch and a quarter from the first mark.
4. Draw an ark between the two marks in the shape of an eye (you can go with round circle eyes, or more of an almond/lens shape, as desired).
5. Draw and color/decorate the rest of the mask.
6. For a lion, you can add a yarn fringe. For a sheep, cotton balls or wooly fabric, etc. Instead of drawing the ears, you can attach colored paper ones.
7. The pumpkin mask is more tricky, and requires considerable adjustments. Not really a project for young children. You can, of course, let them draw their own pumpkin faces, and make temporary folds as needed to cut out the eyes and nose, and depending on how complex, the shape of the mouth.
8. You can use something different from paper plates (such as craft foam, poster board, etc.), especially if you want a longer mask, but paper plates are easily obtained, inexpensive, and pretty easy to use.
9. For a group of youngsters, you can make several pattern plates and let them trace the eyes to be cut out. You will have to show them how to fold the plate in two, through the center of the eyes, to be able to cut them out.

