

RAFT IDEAS

Topics: Art, Social Studies, Theater Props, Invention

Materials List

- ✓ Yogurt tub ~2 liter (64 oz.) size
- ✓ Cardstock
- ✓ Markers/paint
- ✓ Scissors/utility knife
- ✓ Glue, if needed
- ✓ Optional: Decorative items such as stickers, feathers, yarn

This activity can be used to teach:

- Knowledge and understanding of the past (National Curriculum for Social Studies: Theme 2, Time, Continuity, and Change)

CO Drama and Theatre Arts Standard 1: Create

- Construction of technical and design elements
- Prop creation
- Grades: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, HS



Tub Hat

Make your own brimmed hat



A quick and easy way to make a sombrero, cowboy hat, or any other brimmed hat!

Assembly

1. In the center of the cardstock, lightly trace the open end of the yogurt tub.
2. Draw smaller circle inside the traced circle. It should be about a centimeter (~1/2") or so smaller than the traced circle so that it fits tightly around the tub.
3. To make the brim of the hat, draw a larger circle around your traced circle. Make the outer circle as large or as small as you need for the type of hat you are making. See **Taking It Further** Below.
4. Cut out the largest circle and the smallest circle.
5. Slide the cardstock over the tub. It should now fit snugly. (If the brim and the tub are not fitting snugly - a thin bead of glue around the edge can be applied).
6. Decorate!

Taking it Further

You can make any kind of brimmed hat with this activity. Here are a few ideas with additional instructions.

1. Sombrero- Make a big circle for the brim, approximately 5 inches out from the smallest circle. Punch holes around the brim and tie yarn with beads, circles or whatever to each hole. Perhaps paint the colors of the Mexican flag.
2. Cowboy hat- The brim for this hat could vary from 3 to 4 inches from the smallest circle, and could be wider on the sides like an oval instead of a circle. Curl up the sides to look like a genuine ten-gallon hat. Punch a hole close to the tub on either side and string some long leather or yarn between them to make a kissing strap.
3. Derby or fedora- Make the brim less than 2 inches from the smallest circle. Curl the sides for a derby and the back and one side of the front for a fedora. After coloring/painting wrap some ribbon or leather around the base of the tub. Add a feather, if desired.

Try any of these hats for a fun and easy art project, or create your own hats and get silly!

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=713 for more resources!)