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*East Jersey Old Town
4th of July Tricorne*

Tricorne hat instructions.

Please have a helper, if you are unable to use the tools in this project.

Basic supplies:

Construction paper - 9" by 12" any color. At least three sheets.

Poster paper - 24" by 36" any color... can be used for the whole project.

Stickers or anything to decorate your hat. (crayons, ribbon, color tape, or whatever you have).

A Sprig of Green. Something from outside, a green tree leaf, a 2 inch cutting from a pine tree, a small bit of ivy- no poison ivy!

Or you can make something that looks like a leaf or a small branch of a pine tree out of green paper.

Tools:

Scissors (if you have not used scissors before, please, have someone help you).

Stapler and staples.

Yardstick or long ruler.

To make the Brims.

Using template, trace pattern on construction paper twice. Long side on the inside. Holding three sheets of construction paper, carefully cut out pattern. When done, you should have six Brims to work with. (one hat for you, and one for your helper)

To make hat band.

Find the longest side of poster board.

Measure and mark 1½ inches from the bottom on each end. Draw a line with ruler or straight edge.

Carefully cut along line.

Completing Your Tricorne hat.

1. Measure for fit of hat band. Take your long strip and wrap it around your head above your ears. Hold and pinch paper strip where it feels comfortable, remove from your head while pinching the paper at that spot. You now have a hatband circle that needs to be fixed together.

Using a stapler, with the staple points facing out, staple twice to hold the band.

Alt option: if the staple irritates you, use tape or glues stick to fix the circle.

2. Decorate the Brim.

Using stickers pick one that you like the most, that will be your cockade.

You can decorate all three brim pieces anyway you like, just do one side on each brim.

It's much easier to decorate before assembly if you are using crayons too.

3. Assembly

Start by stapling the two brim pieces on one edge. Be sure that the rounded part is facing up and your decorated brims face out.

Open and staple the third brim to just one brim edge.

Now staple the last brim to the first. It should look like a triangle when resting on the table.

Place hatband inside the brim triangle.

Staple, with points facing outward, hatband to brim. (you only need one staple on each side to hold its shape).

You are almost done...

Find your Sprig of Green and staple or affix to one of the brims.

Now you are ready for the 4th of July!