

How to make A TOP HAT

Below you will find a simple step-by-step guide from milliner Awon Golding to making your very own top hat from card. We advise that children are supervised by an adult at all times.

YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 sheets of A3 black card
Or get creative with different colours!
- Scissors
- A tape measure
- Glue or sticky-tape

Optional:

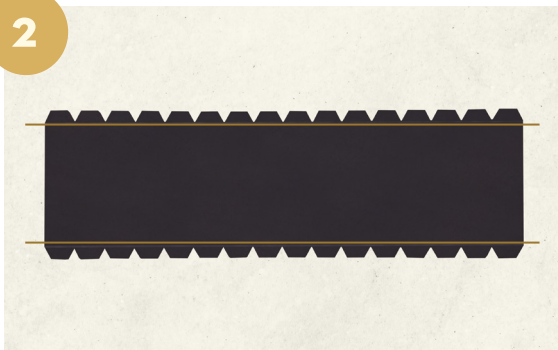
- A compass
- Ribbon

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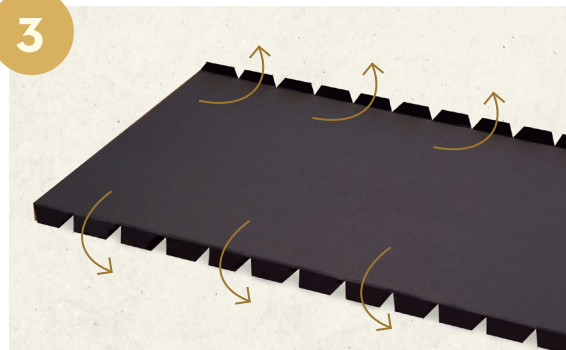
Measure the child's head and add 2cm. Take a sheet of card and cut out a rectangle to that width and with a height of 13-14cm. This will define the height of the crown – you can go taller or shorter if you wish!

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Score along the longest edges 1cm from the edge, then cut out a little triangle every 2cm.

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Fold the flaps along the edges down on one side and up on the other. You should then have a rough 'Z' shape.

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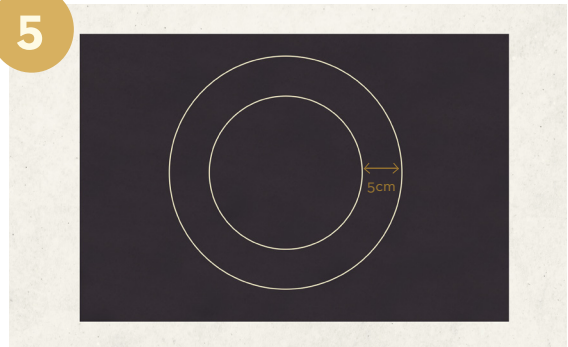
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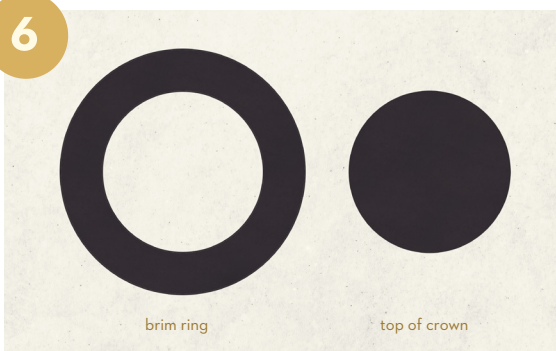
Curl the rectangle into a cylinder until the short ends meet each other with a 2cm overlap. Glue or tape to hold together. This is your top hat crown.

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Place the crown on your second piece of card and draw around the edge. You could use a compass, but freestyle works too! Remove the crown and draw another circle 5cm bigger around this one. This is your brim. *For a stiffer brim, draw a smaller circle or for a floppier brim, a bigger one.*

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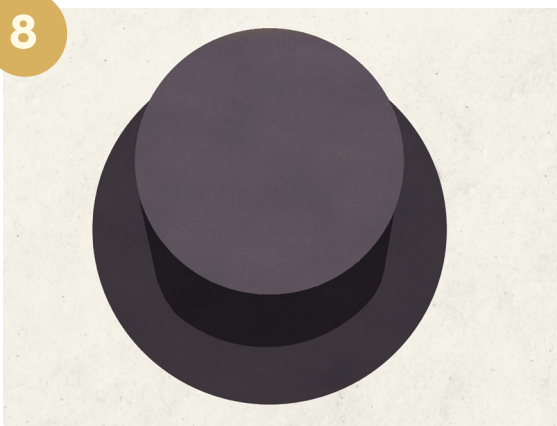
Cut out the larger circle and then the inner circle. These are the ring for your brim and the top of the crown.

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Next, take the cylinder crown, and place into the brim ring, ensuring the flaps go under the brim and outwards. Stick these to the brim using glue or tape.

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The flaps at the top should now be folding inwards. Place the remaining circle on top and secure with glue or tape. Use scissors to trim any overhang if it doesn't align perfectly.

Voila! You have your home-made top hat. You can add a ribbon or fabric for a classic mourning band, or create your own style and decorate with stickers, glitter – whatever makes your day. Happy hatting!

How to make A PAPER HAT

Below you will find an easy-to-follow guide from milliner Awon Golding to making your very own millinery creation using tissue paper, card and ribbon. We advise that children are supervised by an adult at all times.

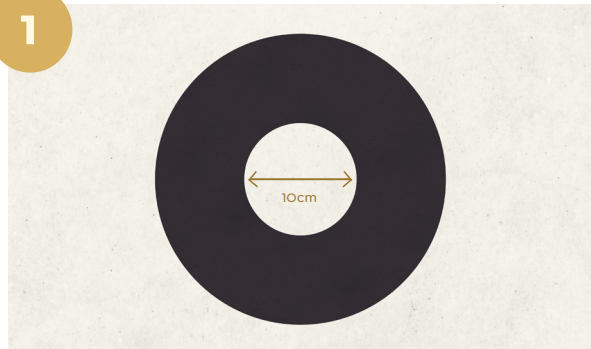
YOU WILL NEED:

- A piece of cardboard
Brown cardboard is fine, you can decorate it later
- Craft tissue paper, preferably two colours but white is fine too
- 1.5m of 3.5cm-wide ribbon or a strip of fabric
- Dinner plate
- Pen
- Thread or thin string
- Scissors
- Glue or sticky-tape

Optional

- Decorative wrapping paper or paint

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Trace around a dinner plate on the cardboard. In the middle, draw a smaller 10cm circle and cut out both circles to make a doughnut shape. This is the brim of your hat.

If you want to cover your cardboard with your decorative wrapping paper, now is the time to glue it on and cut out the circles. If you're going to paint your brim, do so now and leave it to dry.

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Cut two 3.5cm slits either side of the inner circle and feed your ribbon through. Cut a V-shape into the ends of your ribbon.

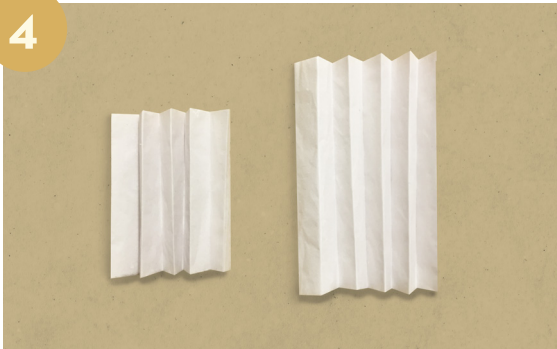
MAKING THE FLOWERS

*You will need to make two large and two small tissue flowers.
Repeat steps 4 to 7 to make each flower.*

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Cut out ten 15cm x 20cm rectangles from one colour tissue paper and ten 10cm x 20cm rectangles from the other colour tissue paper.

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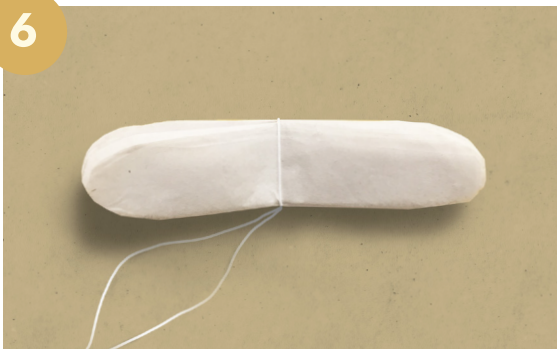
Stack five rectangles of the same size neatly on top of one another, and then accordion-fold evenly along the longer edge.

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Tie tightly in the middle with your thread.

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Cut the ends to round the corners of the tissue.

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Gently tease open your tissue so each layer is 'fluffed'.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

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Use your sticky-tape or craft glue to stick one large and two small tissue flowers to the top side of your cardboard doughnut. Then stick the second large flower underneath the doughnut so it matches the top.

Your Royal Ascot hat is finished! Feel free to customise your creation by adding more tissue flowers or painting your cardboard brim instead.

