

A Learned Article Concerned With -

The Creation of a Top Hat

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Have you ever wanted a fine looking top hat for yourself or a neighborhood animal, but were afraid to pay those outrageous used-clothing store prices? Now, that fear can be allayed or put to rest if you do not know what allayed means. With this guide, you can easily have a homemade, top-quality top hat in as little as 16 weeks or a few hours if you are not addicted to drugs.



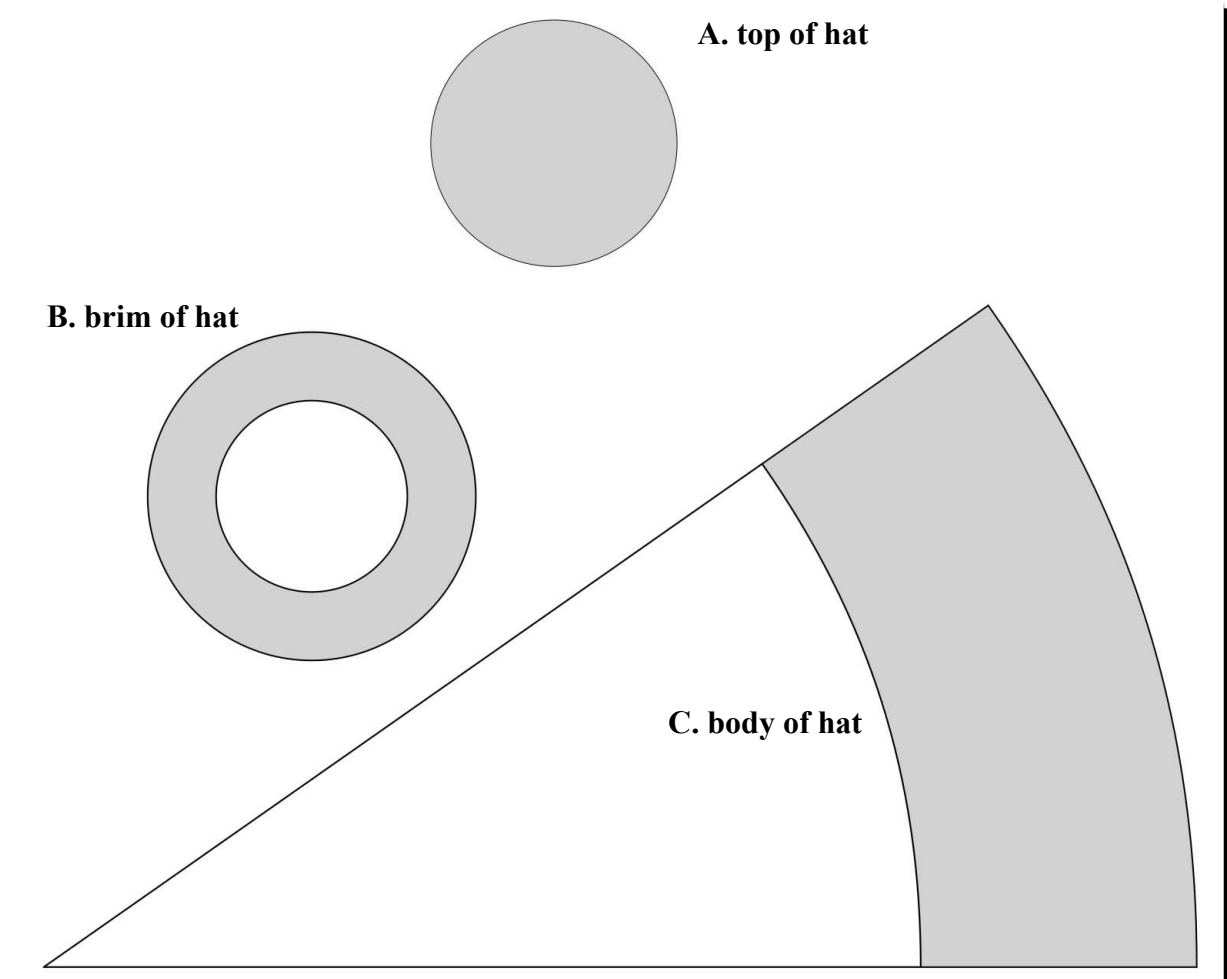
MATERIALS NEEDED:

- THICK TAGBOARD
- P.V.A. OR OTHER FLEXIBLE CRAFT GLUE
- SHARP SCISSORS
- FELT OR FELT-LIKE FABRIC
- MASKING TAPE

Templates

...because no one should have to do any math.

Cut out and use these templates for both the tagboard and the fabric components. For the tagboard components, one of each will be needed. The fabric will require two copies of the brim template to be made with at least 1cm extra material on all dimensions to fold around the edges. Only one copy of the top and body are required for fabric components. Sizes are given on the next page, but can easily be adjusted to fit a particular purpose.



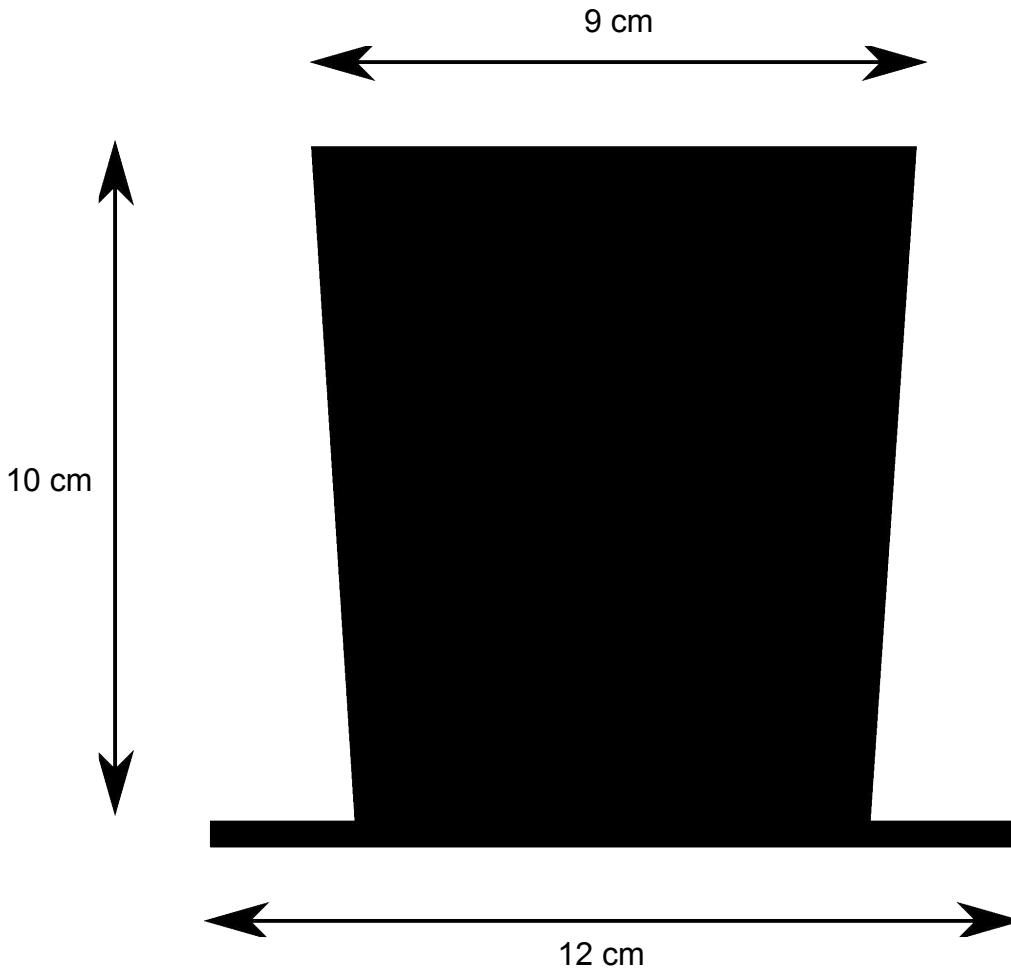
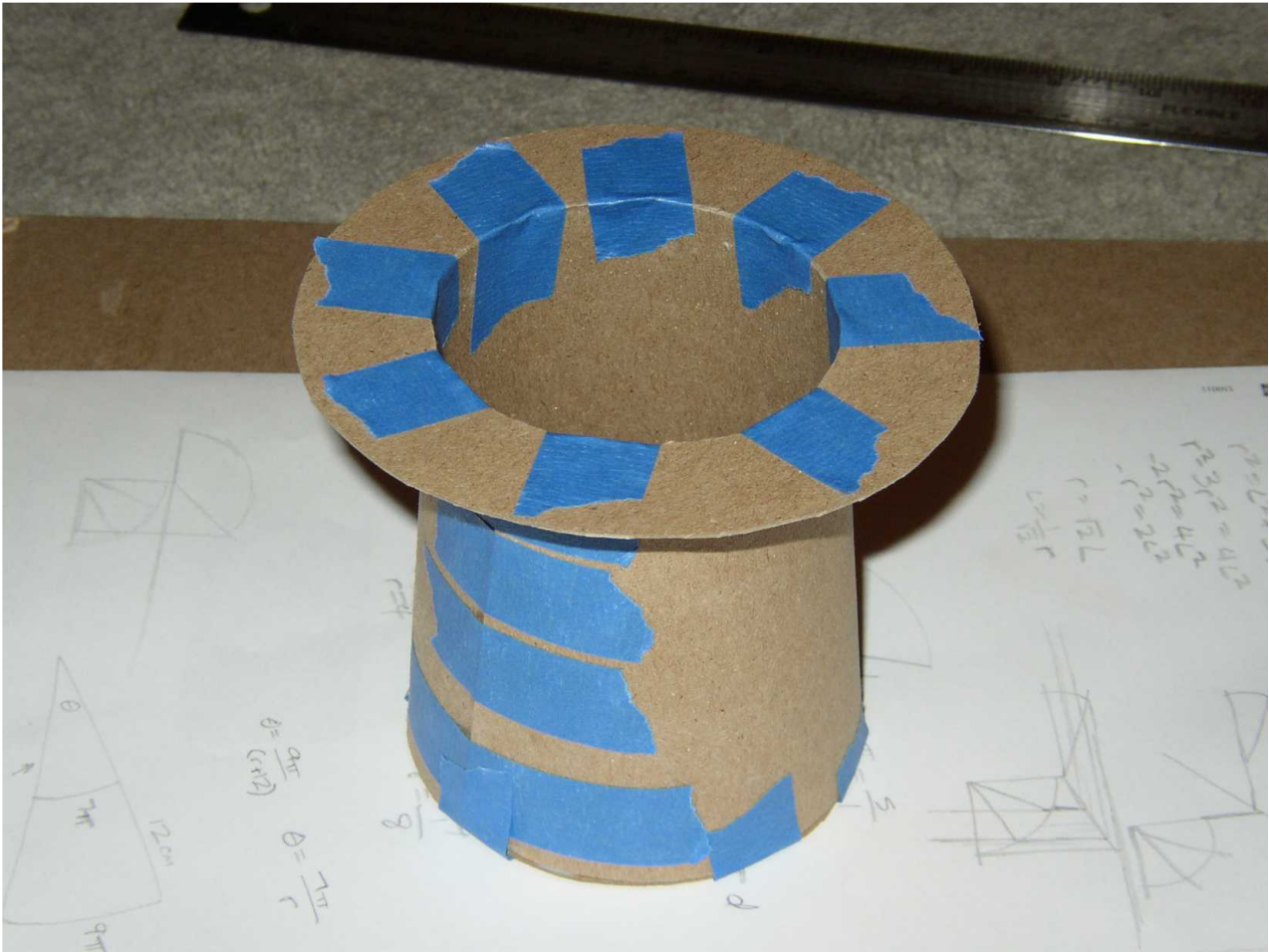


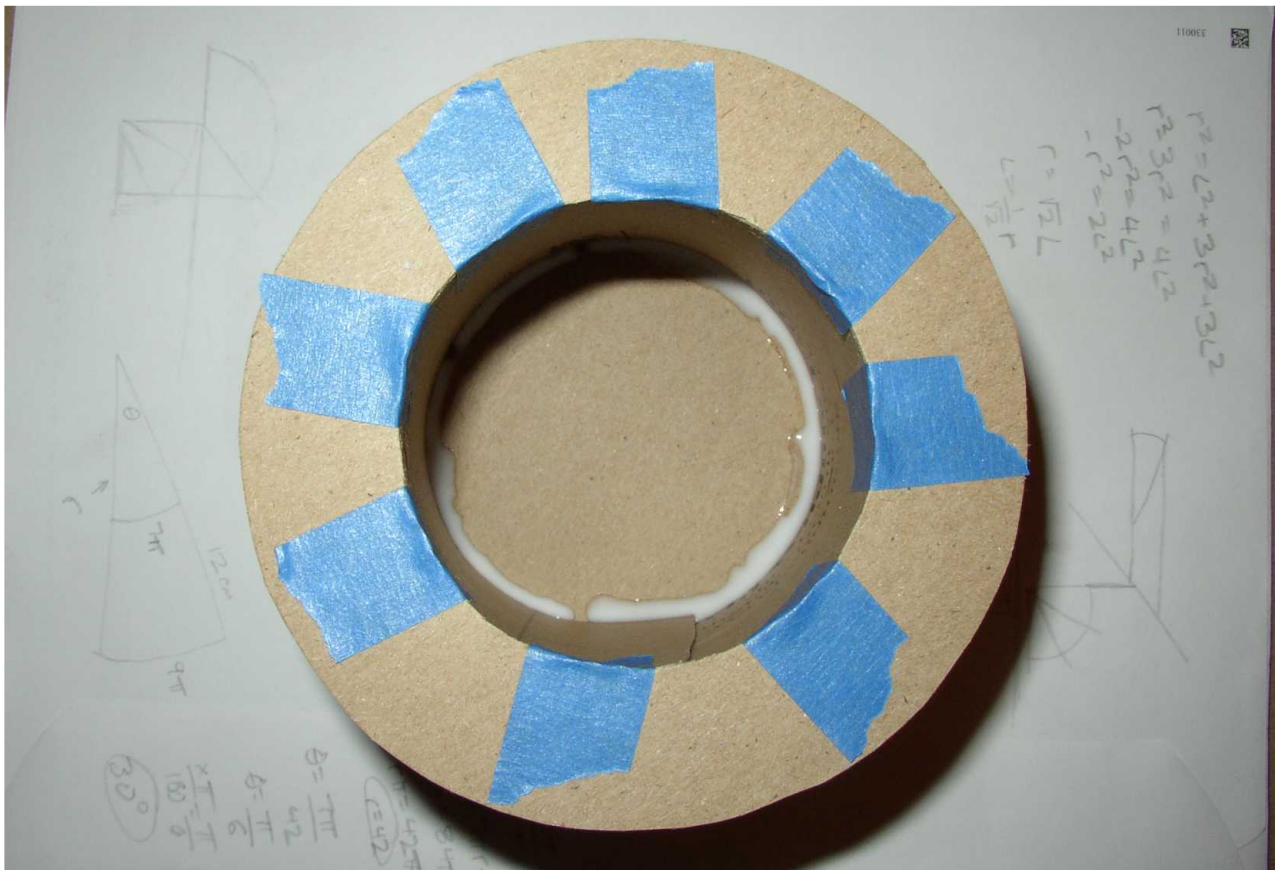
Figure 1. Dimensions of the top hat. To adjust the size bigger or smaller it is recommended that the measurements be adjusted proportionally.

Figure 2. Wasted space. This large area of empty space could have been filled with better planning and layout.

Assembly



Step 1. Cut out and assemble the tagboard pieces as shown. Use craft glue and masking tape to secure the hat in its final shape. Make sure to glue the top on from the inside as shown below.





Step 2. Fit the top of the brim (fabric) to the tagboard and "notch" the excess as shown. Notching will be done on both the inner and outer excess portions so the fabric can conform to the circular surface without unsightly folds. Glue the fabric to the tagboard when satisfied with the appearance.



Step 3. Partially glue on the body fabric and allow to dry, then stretch the fabric over the rest of the body and clamp or pin in place.



Step 4. Glue on the top of the hat and the bottom of the brim. Pins can be useful to hold the fabric in place as the glue dries. Trim off any excess fabric with sharp scissors. The top hat is now complete. For a more formal appearance, the edges of the brim can be curled up as shown.