

Decorating Hats

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Making your own custom hat is meaningful because it allows you to express your unique style and creativity. It's a personal project that reflects who you are, and every time you wear the hat, you feel proud knowing you made something one-of-a-kind. It's a fun and empowering way to showcase your individuality.

TIME

15+ minutes

MATERIALS

- A plain hat (like a baseball cap, beanie, or sun hat)
- Fabric markers or paint
- Iron-on patches or fabric stickers (optional)
- Fabric glue or hot glue gun (with supervision)
- Decorative items like buttons, sequins, ribbons, feathers or flowers
- Stencils (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose Your Hat: Start with a plain hat of your choice. It could be a baseball cap, a beanie, or any type of hat you want to decorate.



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2. **Plan Your Design:** Think about how you want your hat to look. Do you want to add a fun slogan, some cool patterns, or maybe some cute decorations? Lay out your materials to visualize your design before you start.
3. **Start Decorating with Markers or Paint:** Use fabric markers or paint to draw or write on your hat. You can use stencils to help create neat shapes or letters, or freehand your design for a more personal touch. Remember to let each layer dry before adding more details.
4. **Add Iron-On Patches or Stickers (Optional):** If you want to add patches or stickers, place them on your hat where you like. With a supervisor's help, use an iron to press the patch onto the hat following the instructions on the patch packaging.
5. **Glue on Decorations (Optional):** Use fabric glue or a hot glue gun to attach decorative items like buttons, sequins, or ribbons to your hat. You can glue these around the brim, on the front, or anywhere you think looks good. Be sure to press down firmly and let the glue dry completely.
6. **Let Everything Dry:** After you've finished decorating, let your hat sit for a few hours to make sure everything is dry and securely attached.
7. **Wear Your Custom Hat:** Once your hat is dry, it's ready to wear! Put it on and enjoy showing off your new, personalized style.

RESOURCES

*all prices are estimated from item listings on *Amazon*

SUPPORTS NEEDED

Some individuals may need assistance with the finer motor skills associated with the craft. Supervise and step in if needed. Some tools such as scissors, glue and an iron will require supervision and assistance. Encourage individual creativity here!

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OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

If you make a mistake, you can cover it with another decoration or add more paint. Be creative! There's no right or wrong way to decorate your hat—make it your own. You can also add layers of decorations over time, so your hat evolves with your style.