



Paper Hats

Family Friday Project

Materials

Paper

Scissors

Tape (optional)

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History

Practical

The earliest written mention of a paper cap is around 300 years ago. At a time when people considered it polite to wear a hat in public, workers like carpenters, painters, and printers wore paper hats that they didn't have to worry about keeping clean.

The paper, made from linen rags, was long-lasting and strong even when wet. This made the thick, folded bands of the hats

perfect for absorbing sweat as well. The box-shaped hats were eventually known as pressman's hats, since press operators wore them well into the 20th century.



during which Martin Luther King Jr. gave his “I Have a Dream” speech, many protesters wore paper Gandhi caps to indicate their fight for equal rights was part of a global struggle against white supremacy and colonialism.

Political

While leading nonviolent protests during the struggle for Indian independence, Mahatma Gandhi and his followers popularized a boat-shaped hat made of locally produced fabric. The hats, which became known as Gandhi caps, were so tied with the movement that the British tried to ban them. Freedom fighters in Ghana also wore them in their struggle against British rule. In the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom,



Artist Spotlight: Gregory Gray

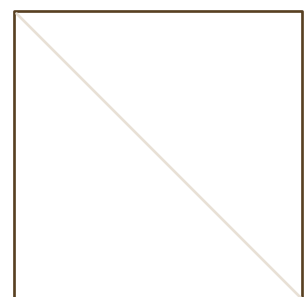
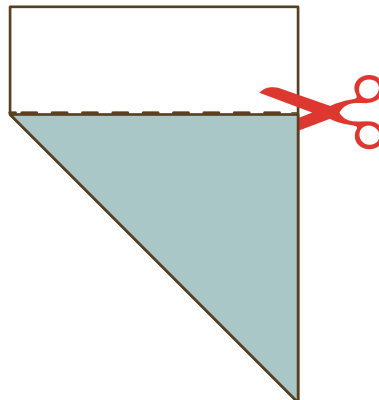
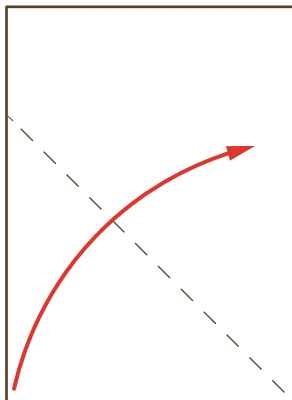
Artist Gregory Gray first started making paper hats on a whim. He was going to a concert with a group of friends, one of whom had purchased his ticket, and he made paper hats for everyone to wear at the concert as a “thank you.” Afterward, he kept making new hats. Even though he could use more permanent materials, Gray still uses paper as a reminder to stay in the moment.



Let's get started!

Tips

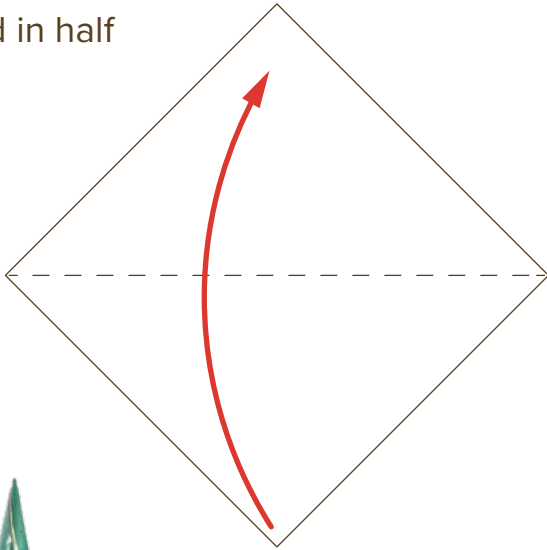
Use newspaper or wrapping paper if you need a large sheet. To turn a rectangular piece of paper into a square, fold it diagonally from one corner, then cut off the extra.



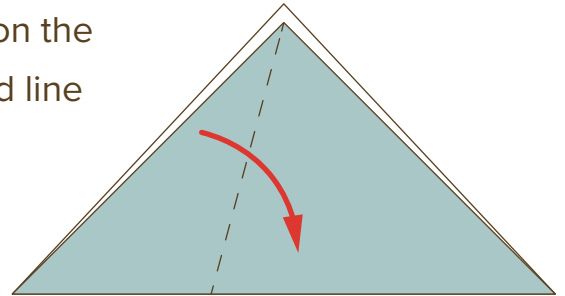
Long Hat

32 x 32 for adults, 28 x 28 for young children

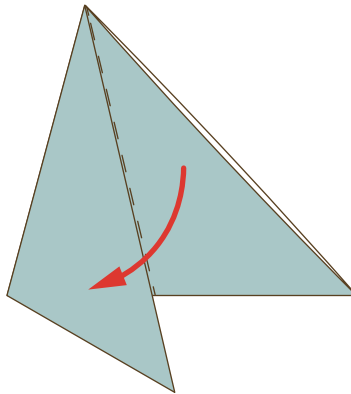
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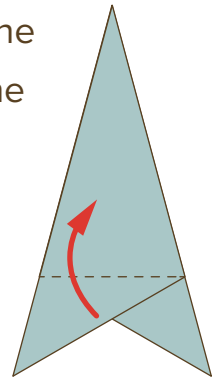
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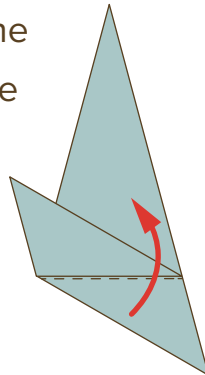
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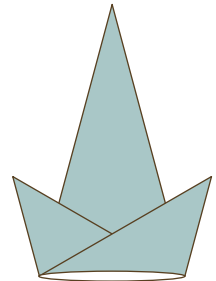
4 Fold on the dotted line



5 Fold on the dotted line



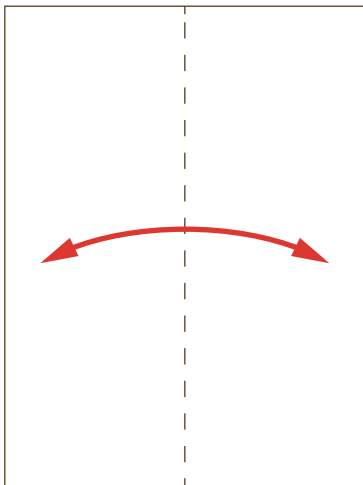
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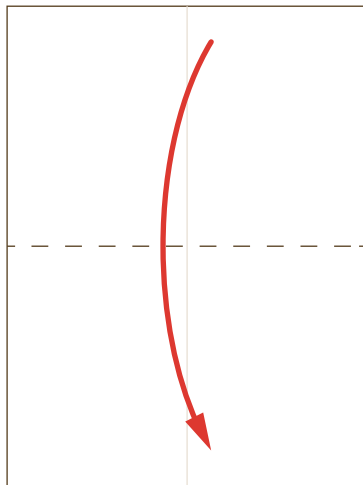
Simple Hat

18 x 24 for adults, 12 x 18 for young children

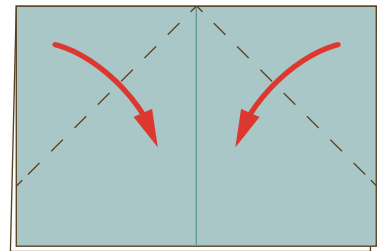
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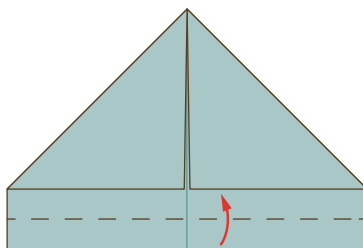
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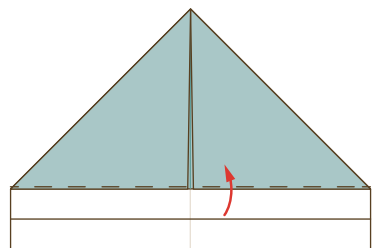
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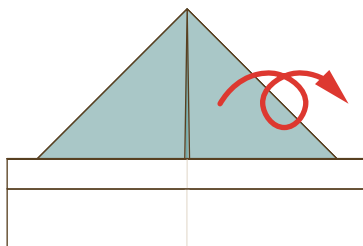
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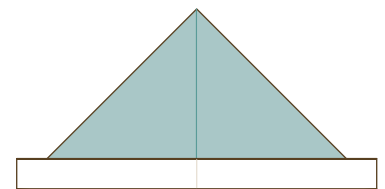
- 5 Fold it up again on the dotted line



- 6 Turn over and repeat steps 4-5



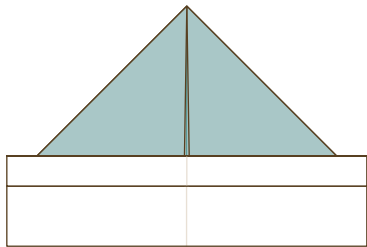
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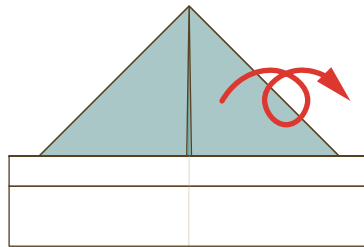
Army Hat

24 x 32 for adults, 20 x 28 for young children

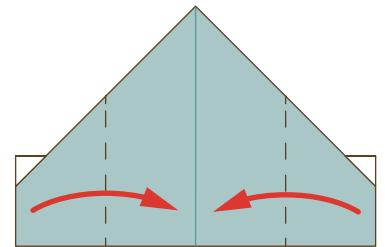
1 Follow steps 1–5 of the **Simple Hat**



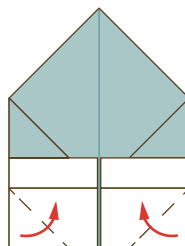
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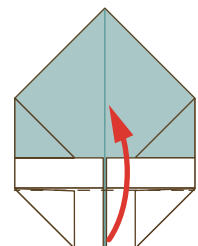
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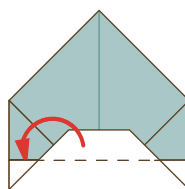
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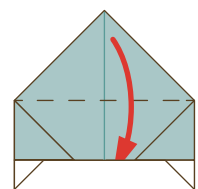
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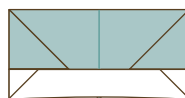
6 Tuck into the pocket



7 Tuck into the band



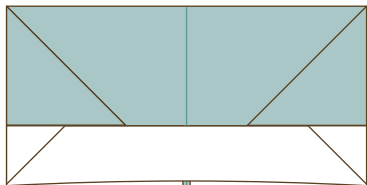
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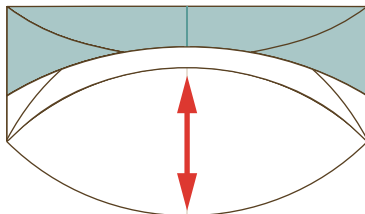
Pressman's Cap

24 x 32 for adults, 20 x 28 for young children

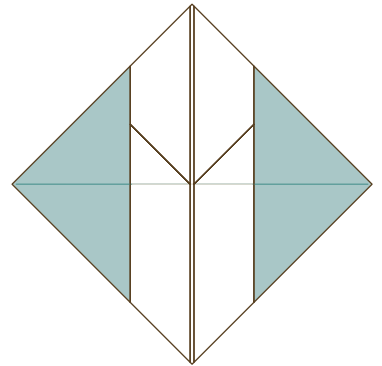
1 Start with the **Army Hat**



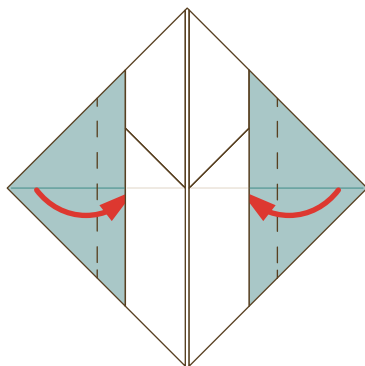
2 Pull open the rim from the center



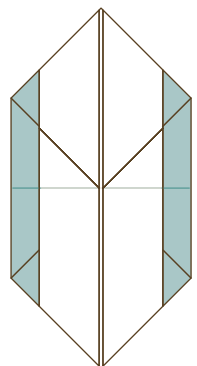
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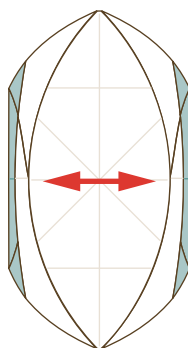
4 Fold and tuck in the points



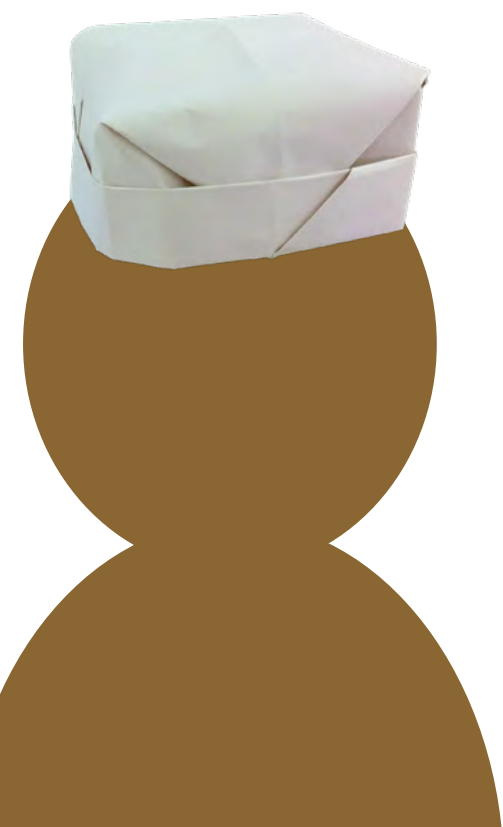
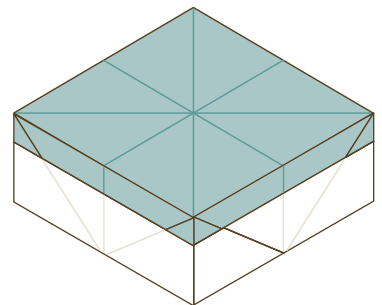
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6 Open the rim



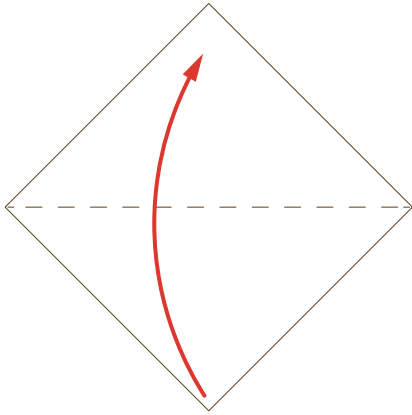
7 Pinch the corners to finish the box shape



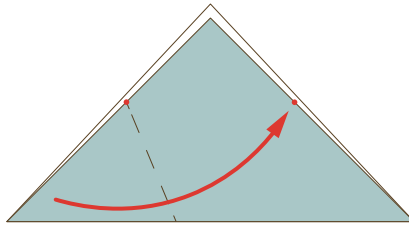
Cowboy Hat

24 x 24 for adults, 20 x 20 for young children

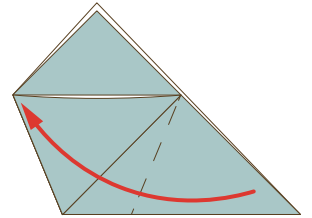
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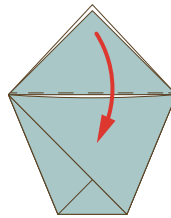
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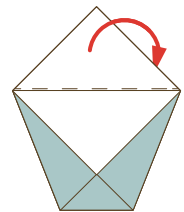
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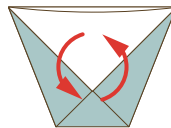
4 Fold top layer forward



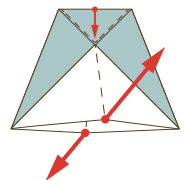
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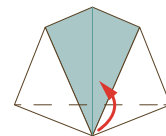
6 Rotate 180°



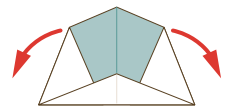
7 Pull opening apart, indent and flatten top



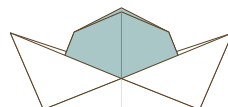
8 Fold top layer up and back layer backward



9 Pull points out sideways



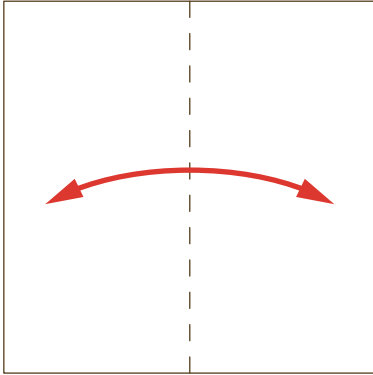
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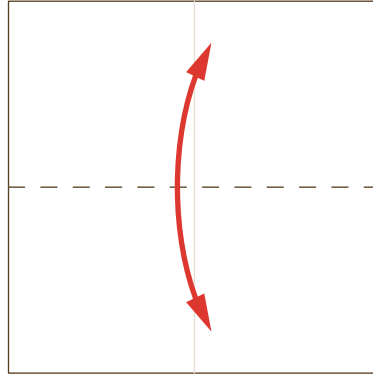
Crown

8.5 x 8.5 for adults, 6 x 6 for young children

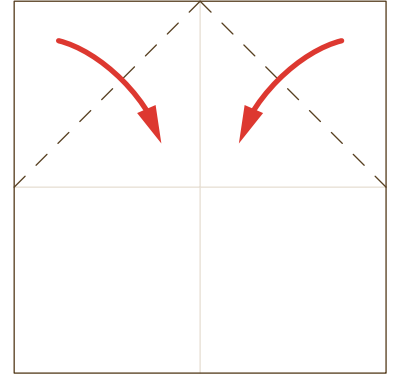
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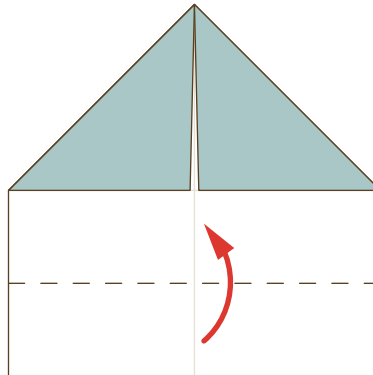
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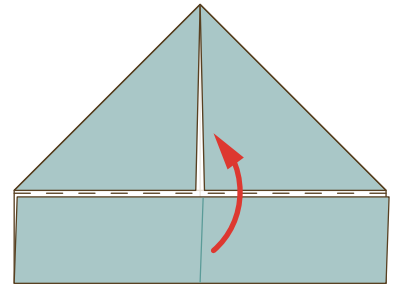
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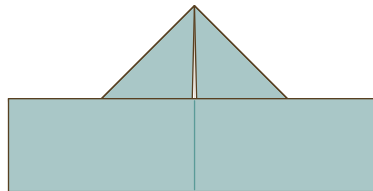
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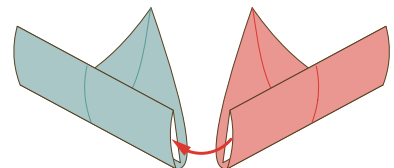
- 5 Fold on the dotted line



- 6 Make 4–5 of these



- 7 Slide them together



- 8 Slide last into first to form a ring

