


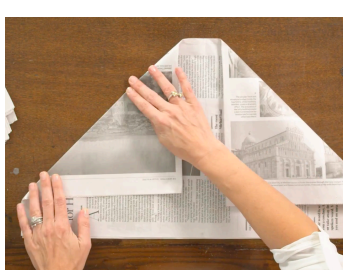
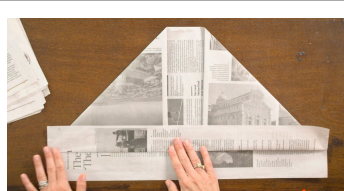


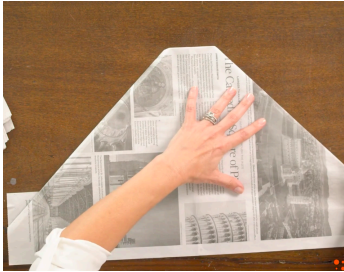
Supplies:

- 1 full-sized newspaper

Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Pull out a single full sheet from the full-sized newspaper.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Fold the sheet in half horizontally with the open ends at the bottom, facing you. Make a crease with your fingers.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Fold the top right corner down diagonally to create a right angle. Make a crease.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Fold the top left corner down diagonally to create another right angle. Make a crease.</p>
	<p>Step 5: Fold just the top of the bottom flap up to meet the two triangles. Make a crease.</p>





Step 6: Flip the entire newspaper over.



Step 7: Fold the right side over a little more than halfway across the middle. Make a crease.



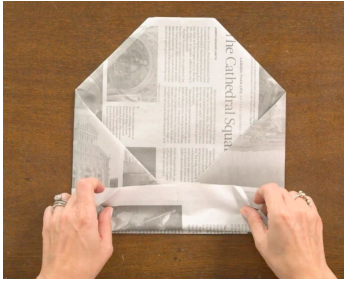
Step 8: Fold the left side over a little more than halfway across the middle so that it overlaps the right side. Make a crease.



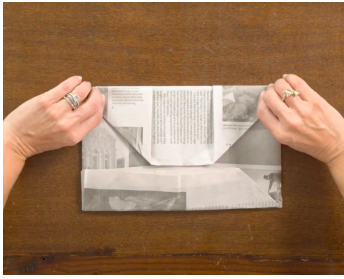
Step 9: Fold the bottom left corner up to meet the bottom edge of the folded piece from Step 8, creating a small right triangle. Make a crease.



Step 10: Fold the bottom right corner up to meet the bottom edge of the folded piece from Step 7, creating a small right triangle. Make a crease.



Step 11: Fold the entire bottom edge up to cover the two small, right triangles completely. Make a crease.



Step 12: Fold the top edges down towards the bottom to meet the upper edge of the fold created in Step 11. Make a crease.



Step 13: Tuck the left side of the folded piece from Step 12 into the left pocket-like crease.



Step 14: Tuck the right side of the folded piece from Step 12 into the right pocket-like crease. This should resemble an envelope.



Step 15: Pick the hat up by the bottom edges and carefully pull apart the edges to create an opening.



Step 16: Gently place the hat on your head and enjoy!

What is the First Amendment? The First Amendment is a very important part of our United States Constitution—which is the supreme law of our country. The First Amendment lists five rights that American citizens have. They are: the right to choose and practice a religion, the right to speak your mind, the right for the press—like newspapers, TV, and the internet—to report on the news and talk about opinions without getting permission from the government, the right to organize with other people, and the right to give the government ideas about how our country can improve the way it runs. To make it easier, we often call these five rights “Freedom of Speech.” When our Founding Fathers started creating our United States Constitution in 1787, James Madison made sure that “Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press”. He personally wrote the First Amendment himself and we still honor it today.

Fun Facts:

- Printed pamphlets and newspapers were the very first kind of press that shared ideas with large groups of people at one time—this helped America become a country.
- The first kinds of printing presses that made newspapers were messy with ink flying everywhere. The people who worked at printing presses in the 1800s and 1900s used to make these hats to protect their heads from getting inky and greasy from all the printing machines!
- One of America’s greatest gifts is freedom of speech. We can talk freely about any ideas we want without worrying that our government will tell us we can’t. Most other countries are not like this. We are lucky and so thankful.
- Because of freedom of speech, amazing things can happen. In America’s history, freedom of speech helped abolish slavery, gave women the right to vote, and it continues to make our lives better by creating computers and inventions to help everyone—all because America allows us to talk about ideas freely, which leads to change in the world.

Extension Activity

- **Create a Newspaper:** While wearing their Printer’s Hats, students will create their own newspapers to celebrate freedom of speech and express their passion or opinion on a topic of their choice. Give each student a large sheet of construction paper and ask them to brainstorm one idea they care about, such as their family, pets, or a topic such as showing kindness to others. Students will cover the paper with pictures and words representing their chosen topic. They can write a story, draw pictures, or use a combination of both. Encourage creativity. Once the newspapers are complete, gather the students in a circle for a show-and-tell session. Each student will share their

newspaper with the class. Conclude the activity by reminding students how fortunate they are to enjoy freedom of speech and emphasize the importance of respecting everyone's voice, just like in the newspaper activity.