

# Crockett's Raccoon Hat

**Supplies:**

- Measuring tape
- Black construction paper
- Stapler
- Glue stick
- Black, brown & white crepe paper
- Scissors
- Paper
- Pencil



**Steps:**

	<p>Step 1: Use the measuring tape to measure the circumference of your head. Write down the measurement of your head on a sheet of paper, adding one extra inch to the measurement length.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Lay out 2-3 sheets of overlapping construction paper. Use the stapler to staple the sheets of construction paper together. Lay the measuring tape across the construction paper to make sure the length of the paper is the same as the measurement you wrote down for your head plus one inch.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Measure and cut a 4-inch strip from the stapled papers, cutting from one end of the paper to the other. Use the stapler to secure the ends of construction paper together.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Wrap the construction paper around your head so that it won't slide down. Keep holding the ends together while setting the construction paper down.</p>





Step 5: Use the stapler to staple the construction paper together, leaving a small 1-inch tab sticking out as shown. Set the hat aside.



Step 6: Lay one sheet of brown, white, and black crepe paper on top of each other. Use the scissors to cut the crepe paper into 2-inch wide strips that are the length of your head measurement.



Step 7: Add the fringe by making small cuts on the lower edge of the strips of crepe paper, as shown.



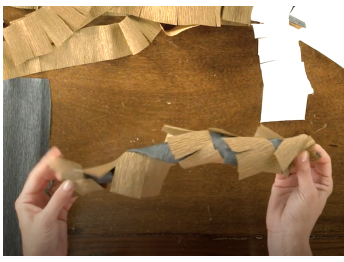


Step 8: Use the stapler to attach the crepe paper strips around the construction paper hat so that the brown, white, and black papers alternate to look like raccoon fur. Set the hat to the side.



Step 9: Lay out a large sheet of black crepe paper, then measure and cut it to a size of eight inches wide by ten inches long.



Step 10: Twist the black sheet of crepe paper into a rope and staple it at each end to keep it from unraveling. This will be the raccoon tail.

	<p>Step 11: Wrap the tail with one of the leftover brown and white crepe paper fringe strips and staple at each end.</p>
	<p>Step 12: Use the stapler to attach the tail securely to the 1-inch tab of the hat.</p>
	<p>Step 13: Enjoy wearing your new Davy Crockett hat!</p>

**Why was Davy Crockett so important?** Davy Crockett was an American frontiersman, legendary hunter, and politician who lived in the 1800s. He was a great example of the American Dream, which means that anyone in America can achieve goals if they work hard and don't give up. Davy Crockett was brave, resourceful, skilled, a hard worker, and a believer in freedom. He is still recognized today as an American legend.

**Fun Facts:**

- Davy Crockett, born in 1786 in Tennessee, grew up in a modest family as one of nine children, with little formal education. Spending much of his youth on the frontier, he became a skilled hunter and captivated audiences with his thrilling tales of tracking black bears and other formidable creatures, earning a legendary reputation.
- Davy Crockett fought in the Creek War from 1813 to 1815, spending some of that time serving with future President Andrew Jackson. He became popular with the soldiers because of his hunting skills and his ability to tell a great story.
- Davy Crockett later became interested in serving America as a political leader in order to fight for the rights of the common man. He was elected to serve in the Tennessee State Legislature from 1821-1823 and then in the United States House of Representatives from 1827-1831 and again from 1833-1835.

- Davy Crockett spoke his mind and wasn't afraid to communicate what he thought was right. He did not agree with President Jackson's Indian Removal Act, which forced Native American tribes to relocate to land west of the Mississippi River.
- He is also famous for his involvement in the Battle of the Alamo, near San Antonio, Texas. After Texas declared its independence from Mexico in 1836, Crockett traveled to the area and heroically fought thousands of Mexican soldiers alongside 200 American defenders, before giving his life for freedom. Texans continue to celebrate the Battle of the Alamo as an example of resistance to tyranny.