

Wild West Cardboard Hat

Supplies:

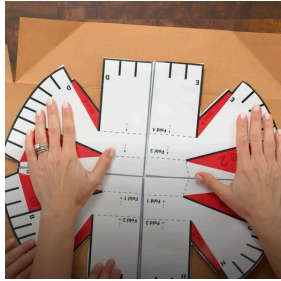
- [Hat template](#)
- Marker
- Scissors
- Tape
- Hot glue gun
- Stickers
- Two 17 inches x 11 in. cardboard gift boxes



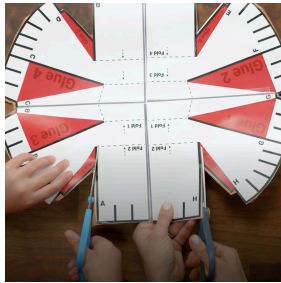
Steps:

A close-up photograph showing a person's hands using blue-handled scissors to cut along the bold lines of a white paper template. The template has several sections, some with red and blue markings. The person is cutting out a section labeled 'Side 1 and 2'.	<p>Step 1: Print out all nine sheets of the hat template. Take pages 2-5 and cut along all the bold lines (on the outside only) of each page of the template.</p>
A photograph showing a person's hands taping four white paper cutouts together. The cutouts are arranged in a circular pattern, with their corners touching. The person is using a piece of white tape to secure the corners.	<p>Step 2: Align the 4 cutouts so that the corners touch, and tape them all together.</p>
A photograph showing a person's hands taping a piece of cardboard to the back of the hat template. The template is laid flat on a wooden surface, and the person is using a piece of white tape to secure the cardboard to the back of the template.	<p>Step 3: Flip the template upside down and stick rolled-up pieces of tape evenly around it.</p>





Step 4: Stick the template down onto one piece of flattened cardboard and cut the cardboard to the shape of the template.



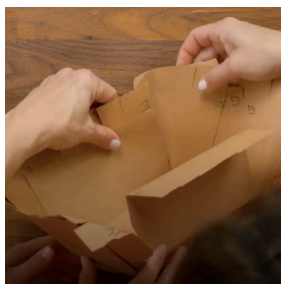
Step 5: Cut along all the bold black lines. Do NOT cut the dashed, red, or gray lines.



Step 6: Fold inward along the dashed lines (Folds 1, 2, 3, and 4). Fold outwards at the center gray line (only in between the dashed lines). Watch the video for reference.



Step 7: Untape the template from the cardboard and use the template to label "A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H" on the correct spots on the cardboard. Using the template as a guide, color the red triangular shapes (showing where you will glue) onto the cardboard.



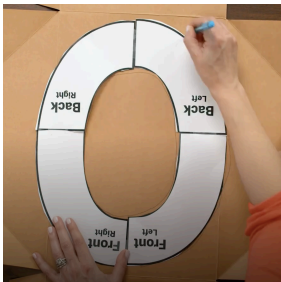
Step 8: One at a time, add glue to the red-colored triangles and begin to glue the matching letters together. Once you are finished gluing, flip the hat over and gently push down the middle fold at the top of the hat to create a small divot. Fold out all the little tabs along the bottom of the hat.



Step 9: Once you are finished gluing, flip the hat over and gently push down the middle fold at the top to create a small divot. Fold out all the little tabs along the bottom of the hat.



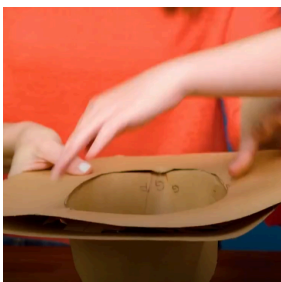
Step 10: Fold out all the little tabs along the bottom of the hat.



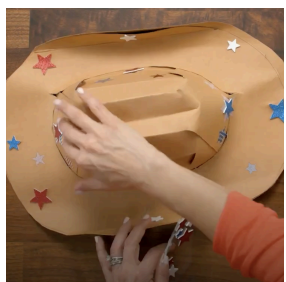
Step 11: Take pages 6-9 of the template and cut along all the bold lines. Tape them together to create the template for the brim of the hat. Trace onto a new piece of cardboard and cut it out.



Step 12: Repeat Step 11 so that you have two hat brims. Add glue along the top of the little tabs and glue down the first brim.



Step 13: Flip the hat over, add glue along the bottom brim, and glue the second brim to it like a sandwich.



Step 14: Fold up the sides of the hat brim and decorate your hat with stickers.

Is the Wild West from movies?

Many movies about the Wild West include cowboys, horses, carriages, and old towns, but the Wild West wasn't just in movies. The Wild West was a real part of American history from the early 1800s to the early 1900s.

Fun Facts:

- Thousands of people traveled to the Wild West in search of gold, opportunities, and new land. The Wild West included all the land west of the Mississippi River.
- Cowboys wore hats in the Wild West to help them get their work done. The brim protected them from the sun, the high crown could be used as a cup to hold water on hot days, and the whole hat could be folded up to become a pillow when it was time to rest.
- Cowboys lived in the Wild West and are an important part of American history. Through hard work, they created new towns, new businesses, and new ways of life that changed America forever.