

Caps for Sale Literacy Bag Activities

Monkey See, Monkey Do

Just like the monkeys copied the peddler, take turns with a friend or parent playing Monkey See, Monkey Do. One person will be the peddler and the other the monkey. The peddler makes a sound or motion and the monkey has to copy it. Keep going, the sillier the better!

Huckle, Buckle, Beanstalk

When the peddler noticed his caps were missing he looked all around for them. With a friend or parent, decide on an object to hide. Good objects include a shoe, a small toy or a plastic cup. One person hides the object while the other people (searchers) aren't looking. The object has to be hidden in plain sight. Once the object is hidden, the searchers look for it. The first person to find it says "Huckle, buckle, beanstalk" to let everyone else know that they have found it.

A Balancing Act

The peddler carefully carried caps on his head. What can you carry on your head? How long can you balance it there? Can you carry a sock on your head? Two socks? Three socks? What about a hardcover picture book? Two hardcover picture books? Which was easiest to carry? Hardest?

Making Change

The peddler sold caps for fifty cents apiece. What combinations of coins make fifty cents? How many different combinations can you make? Use the money manipulatives in this literacy bag to make combinations of fifty cents.

Cap It Off

To cap off this literary experience, make your own cap just like the peddler! There are several different types of hats that you can make. First of all, you can decorate the bottom side of a paper plate and make a simple cap by tying a string through two holes on opposite sides of the plate and tying the plate to your head. You can also follow the instructions on the following page to make any of a variety of newspaper hats.

Newspaper Hats

Courtesy of <http://www.herzogbr.net/fun/hat.htm>

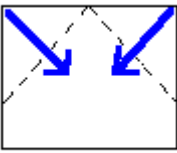
step one



fold a piece of newspaper in half.

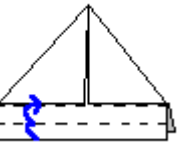
note: obviously, the bigger the paper, the bigger the hat. depending on the size of the head you wish to cover, you'll have to experiment to find the right-sized paper.

step two



fold the two folded corners to the middle

step three

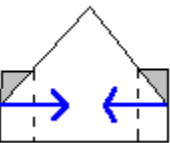


fold the bottom flap (only the one on top) in half, then up again

note: for those of you looking for the easy way out, or how to make the traditional "triangle" or "napoleon" hat, you can bail out now. all you need to do is fold up the other bottom flap like you did the first one up to the otherside, then open the hat up from the bottom.

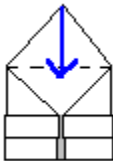
step four

4a



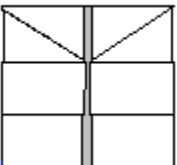
flip the paper over so that you're looking at the "flat" back of the paper. fold the two sides in until they meet in the middle as shown in image 4a. then fold the top point down (folding on the line made by the top of the two side folds) as shown in 4b, and make sure the tip of the point tucks under the band. the final result should look like 4c.

4b



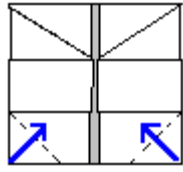
note: this step heavily depends on what size and shape paper you're using-varying sizes might produce something different than what the "finished" image looks like. i think you'll see that all the parts are there, although they may be proportionately different in size from the image.

4c - finished



note 2: it was pointed out to me that hat band, or head size, is determined by where the side folds are made. Make the folds closer to the centerline for small heads, wider apart for large heads. as always, experiment a few times for best results.

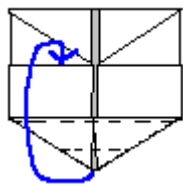
step five



fold the two bottom corners in

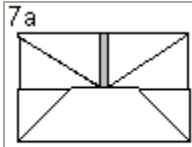
note: again, paper size will might produce results different from the image. when folding up the two bottom corners, you might find that they don't make a nice point as shown in image six. that doesn't matter. just fold them up so that they form little right-triangles, and then move on to step six.

step six

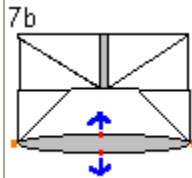


fold the bottom point in half, then up again so that you can tuck the point in behind the band

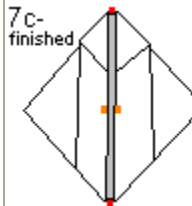
step seven



now this is kind of a tricky one. image 7a is what you should be left with after step six. so, grasp the two bottom points of the band (the red dots in image 7b) and pull them apart- one towards you, one away- so that the hat opens up. pull them completely apart so that the sides of the hole you're producing (orange dots in image 7b) meet together in the middle (as in image 7c).



note: again, here's another way out- if you stop after step 7a, you will have made a military or corporal's hat. i think this kind of hat comes off too easily, especially if a little kid is wearing it. of course, you can always punch a couple holes on either side and fashion a chin-strap out of a peice of string.



note 2: also, this is where you can stop if you want to make a "bishop's" hat- the kind that is really tall and comes to a point. to make this, after step seven a, unfold the pointed flap on the top, so that it sticks up. then, just seperate the bottom so it fits on your head,



