

## Amusing Accessories

Spring is coming, and on the first day of May, Labour Day, a Spring carnival, is celebrated in Finland! Plan some amusing accessories for yourself or your family members in honour of Spring and Labour Day.

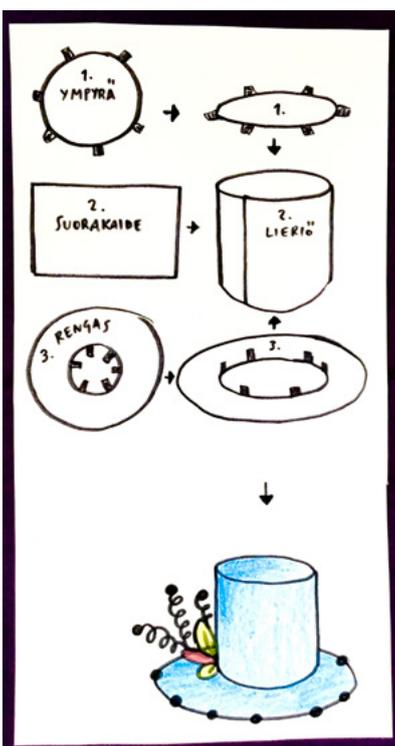
*Accessory = a small item of clothing or an ornament that you wear with your outfit. The accessory complements your clothes and expresses your personal style, or, for example, the theme of a particular celebration. The accessory can be, for example, a cap, hat, bow, rosette, shawl, scarf, belt, tie, fan, sunglasses or piece of jewellery.*

### Brainstorm, plan, execute

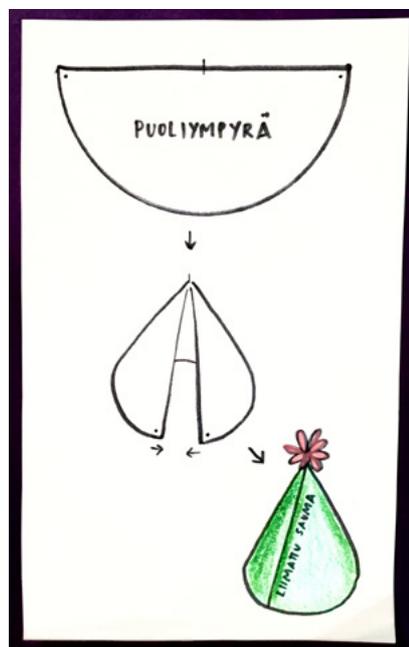
Brainstorm different accessories on to a piece of paper and make rough drafts. Labour Day celebrations are full of humour and crazy antics. Now, you can let some of your crazier ideas take over! In the picture of this task you can see examples of accessories that are made of paper, carton, and cloth. If you like, you can use other materials you find at home. Use the pictures, if necessary, to give you inspiration or come up with your own kinds of accessories for yourself and for your family. Choose one idea at the time to execute.

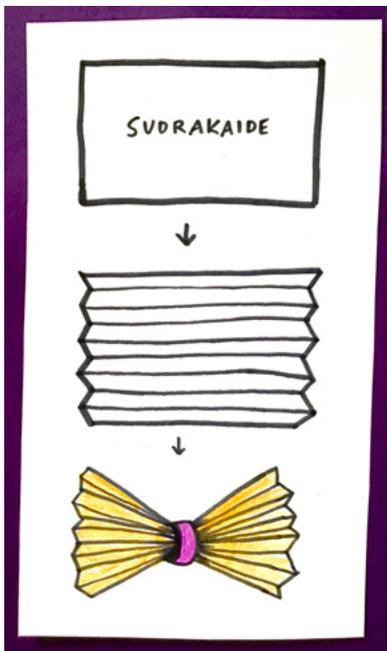
### Home-made patterned paper

You can make your own patterned paper for the accessories. Colour the paper or cardboard with oil crayons. Wash over the patterns and in between them with watercolours. Let the painting dry, and after that, use it as a material for a hat, bow, or other accessory you've planned.



### Hat





## Bow

1. Out of paper, cut a rectangular shape of about 20cm x 15cm (you can make a big bow out of the A4 paper in the materials package). You can also use other materials, such as fabric, bubble wrap, coffee packages, or whatever else could be suitable.
2. Fold the paper like an accordion horizontally. If you are using fabric, see how you can get it to fold nicely.
3. Tie a string around the middle, or glue/tape a piece of paper around the middle to tighten the middle part.

## Eyeglasses

1. Draw a template for the glasses you are planning onto a piece of paper. Make sure the glasses are, temples included, about 40 cms long. (On an A4 paper, you'll have to draw them diagonally from corner to corner).
2. Try the glasses out on your head to see if they are the right size. If need be, fix the template and try them on again.
3. Place the template on whatever material you like, and trace the outlines. For example, the material you use can be paper folder over double and glued or recycled cardboard. It's easier to colour in the glasses before cutting. Cut out the glasses along your traced outlines.



## What you need

Drafting paper  
Watercolour paper  
Scissors  
Watercolours  
A ruler  
Paint brushes  
Spring, cord or elastic (hat, bow)  
Coloured pencils or markers  
Glue / tape

## Goal

The goal is to learn about designing and producing accessories the making of three dimensional forms out of two-dimensional materials

## Background

[Why do we celebrate Labour Day?](#)

