

Crafts week 18

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A Funny Labour Day Hat

Now you get to design your own fun Labour Day hat!

First, plan a suitable pattern or in other words, a design. You can do the patterning either by making a print (A) or by splattering paint (B). With both techniques, you first need to fold your paper down the middle, and you print or splatter paint only one half of the paper, after which it is folded so your get the same pattern to repeat on the other side of the paper symmetrically.

Depending on the size of the hat, you need 2-3 pieces of A4 paper or a piece of A3 paper. Make the pattern on all the pieces of paper. If you want a fringe ornament on your hat, then you should pattern both sides of a piece of paper which can also be a little thinner than the base of the hat (for example, copy paper)

(A) In order to make a print, you will need a stamp made out of, for example, a roughly 2cm piece of cucumber, from which you will dig out the middle part of one half – you'll get a wheel pattern that way. Using the other end, you'll get circles. You can use any other materials for your stamps, and try out what kinds of different patterns you can get using different items.

Apply paint to your cucumber stamper directly from the water colour pad, or spread it on with a paintbrush, then press the pattern onto a paper. You should initially test your pattern ideas on a clean sheet of paper, since there are infinite options! Once you've experimented, you can press the patterns onto your hat bases. Leave the papers to dry.

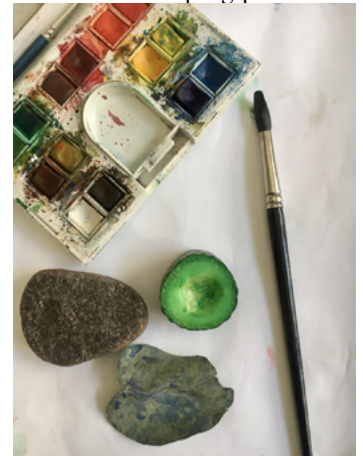
B) Apply plenty water colours to a paintbrush and splash it at random onto one half of the paper. Then, fold the other half of the paper on top of paint splatters. When you open up the paper, your lovely symmetrical surface is ready. Leave the paper to dry.

While the patterns are drying, you can plan what kind of hat you would like to make. Is your hat a traditional cone hat or would you perhaps some variation of it? Or will your hat be a cylindrical hat or perhaps something entirely different? Plan different kinds of ornaments for your hat, too. You can make them by, for example, by turning one decorated piece of paper into a fringe (in this case, it's a good idea to have patterns on both sides of the paper) like a comb, and then you can even wind it into a whisk or use the fringe-ornaments in some other manner to decorate your hat. Fringe ornaments can be curled up by winding it around a pen or you can even turn them into stair-like crepes.

Once the patterned paper has dried, make your hat. If needed, you can add a rubber band or a cord (made out of string or thread) to hold your hat in place. Be careful as you punch a hole in the paper.

Then just put on your hat and join the Labour Day festivities! You can also, if you like, make Labour Day hats for all the other members of your family, or you can make them together.

Tools for stamping patterns



What you need

2-3 pieces of A3 or A4 paper, watercolours, paint brushes, different things to make stamps out of, e.g., pieces of cucumber or apple, leaves collected from outdoors, building blocks or other such things, a glue stick, scissors, string / thread or rubber bands.

Goal

Designing a print/pattern, building a surface, and layout design, problem solving skills when planning the shape of and putting together the different parts of the headpiece.

Background

Labour Day has been traditionally celebrated with different kinds of hats. [LINK1](#), [LINK2](#)



In the splatter painting, the splatters can be carefully made.



The hat could have a cap that flips around.

