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## Art week 18

### A Sculpture-like Hat

Festivities are taking place soon, and we need a new hat for them! The material for making a hat is newspaper, watercolours, crayons and glue. What kind of hat will you build? You can use as much imagination and innovation as you like.

To get started, you can make some origami. By folding, you can get paper to take all kinds of amazing forms, as well as stay in those shapes without glue. You can start from a folded headpiece and give it your own personal touch by adding colour and bits of paper to it. Think about how you would decorate your hat. Will the hat be a lovely creation decorated with flowers and cords or an abstract form decorated with geometric shapes?

Start by folding your hat out of newspaper or some other paper. So that the hat will actually be wearable, the paper should be around A3 or the size of an opened newspaper. This video contains instructions on how to make a painter's or a sailor's hat: [Paper Hat - How to make a Paper Hat Simple](#)

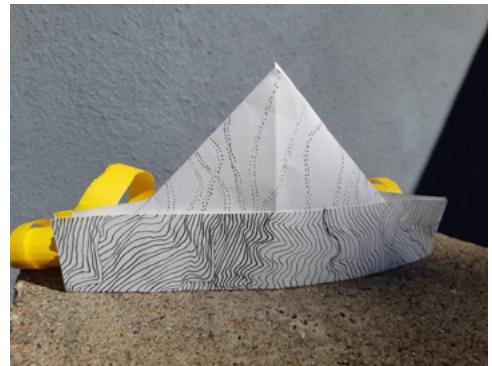
Using 'origami hat' as your search term, you will find many different hat models and instructions from which you can base your own hat design, if the painter's hat doesn't appeal to you. If you want to add colour to the hat, you can colour and pattern the paper before you fold it. If you use watercolours, use water sparingly and allow the paper to dry thoroughly before you fold it, so that it does not tear. You can also apply patterns and colours to the folded hat.

You can decorate the hat by drawing and painting. Paint the paper before you design and attach the ornaments, or use coloured paper, which you will find, for instance, by looking for ads and magazines in the recycled paper bin. You can design paper in many different ways. You can crumple, fold, and wind the paper into three dimensional shapes. You can get different kinds of strings by cutting the paper into strips. Remember, you can also curl the strips into three dimensional shapes. Paper strips can also be interlaced with each other in many different ways. If you find origami inspiring, you will find instructions for folding different shapes, as well as flowers and fruits. In the Interesting Facts - Background Information section, you will find links to different works of art made of paper that you can look at for inspiration and tips.

Try different layouts for your hat before you glue the ornaments in place. Think about building tension in your hat. You can build tension by juxtaposing different elements. Could the hat have a very large ornament, and to counter it, something small, or perhaps many of them. Do you use complementary colours in your ornaments? Dark and light? Smooth and rough surfaces? Angular and soft forms?

Take a picture of the ready work on your head. Use a mirror or the timer function or ask someone from your family to help you take the picture.

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## What you need

newspaper, paper, magazines, water colours, crayons, drawing utensils, glue

## Goal

You practice using and learn to use paper in different ways to make three dimensional art.

You practice building tension by juxtaposition and three-dimensional layouts.

## Background

*Origami* originally meant traditional Japanese paper folding, but over time, it has become the general word for the art of paper folding.

*A three dimensional layout* is a composing objects in three dimensions so as to get a pleasing overall result.

Paper hats and examples of how to process paper can be found from [here](#) and [here](#).

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