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**THURSDAYS...at home!**

Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

## Upcycled Newspaper Hats!



**Description:** young artists hear a playful prose story about new friendships and then use molding, cutting and taping skills to create a wearable hat from upcycled materials.

**Story:** [“The Quangle Wangle’s Hat”](#) written by Edward Lear and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. (Puffin Picture Books; 1977)

### Let’s Talk about this Artwork!

- What do you see?
- How many hats can you count in this picture?
  - Which hat is your favorite?
  - What do you like about it?
- What colors do you notice?
- The title of this painting is *Store Front*. What do you think this store might have inside?
  - What is your favorite store?
- There are two small children pictured here. Imagine a conversation they are having.
  - What would they be saying?



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## Supplies Needed

- 1) Three to Four: Full newspaper sheets
- 2) Scissors
- 3) Pencil
- 4) Masking Tape

## Optional Supplies

- 5) Stapler
- 6) Painter's Tape

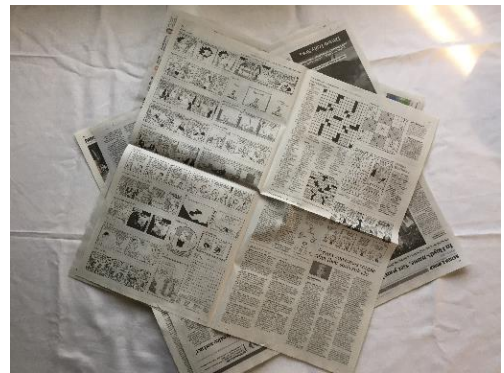


## Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor:
  - a) Molding / Forming
  - b) Cutting
  - c) Taping
  - d) Drawing
- 2) Language development
  - a) Expressive: speaking
  - b) Receptive: listening
  - c) Discussing
- 3) Shape identification
- 4) 21<sup>st</sup>-Century:
  - a) Creativity
  - b) Problem-solving
  - c) Collaborating

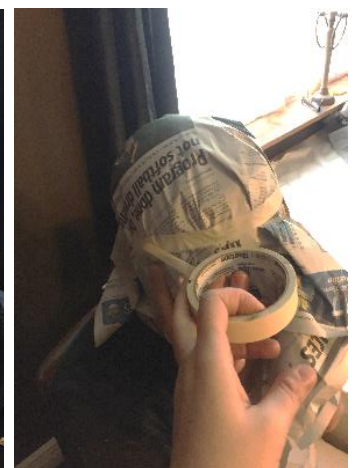
## Project Instructions

- 1) Lay 3-4 sheets of newspaper out in a stack and arrange them at different angles.
- 2) You will need a caregiver's help to form the size of the hat. Center the newspaper stack on the head, then wrap tape around the newspaper just above the eyes. This makes the "mold" for the hat!



### **Helpful hint:**

*Have the wearer point to their eyes while you wrap tape just above. Make sure to connect and overlap the tape so it keeps the size.*



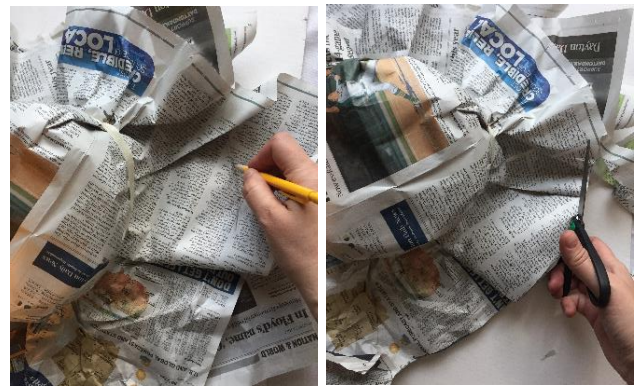
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- 3) Take the hat mold off and flatten everything below the tape line outwards to shape the brim. Crumple up extra newspaper to stuff inside the crown of the hat so it doesn't lose shape while you are working.



- 4) Create an even brim by drawing a line in either pencil or marker on your brim an equal distance away from the tape and cutting the excess away.



- 5) You can fold edges, trim them, roll them up, staple or tape them into place. Slowly work around the hat until you get the shape you like. One side could be rolled up and stapled, with tape along the trimmed edge to finish it, or both sides rolled up and stapled for a cowboy hat. Our wearer wanted a bowler hat, which is rolled up and stapled equally around the entire brim.



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- 6) Tape and staple around the edge of your brim.

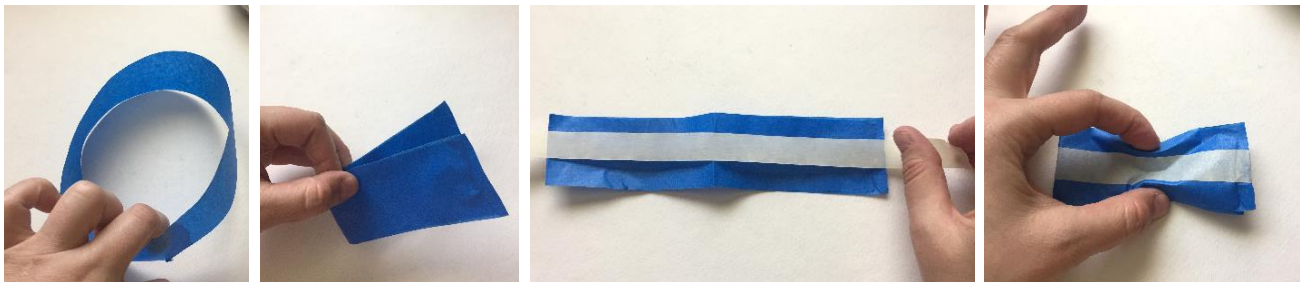


- 7) Decorate your hat! Try making a hat band by centering masking tape over a line of painter's tape.

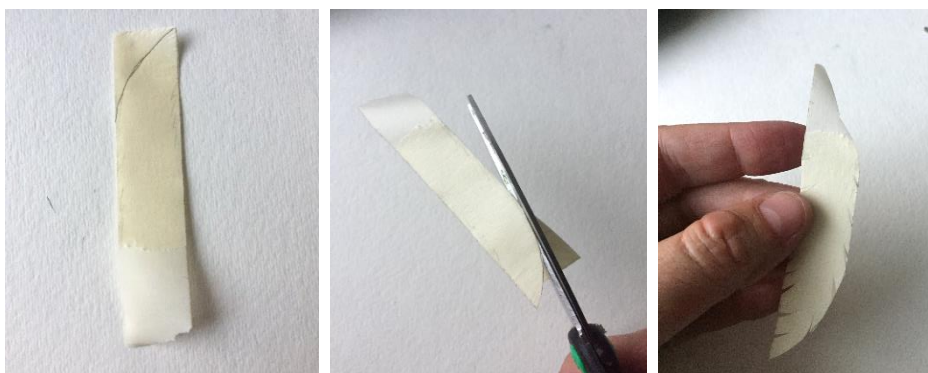
*Helpful hint: tear and attach your tape in small manageable pieces!*



- 8) Try a bowtie by folding a piece of tape, (sticky sides together,) and then in half. (We added a center line of masking tape to match brim. Pinch and tape it in the middle and attach to your hat.



- 9) Try to make a feather by folding a piece of tape over on itself sticky sides together, leaving a little extra sticky on one end. Cut out a curve opposite from the sticky end. Cut little wedges out of the sides. Tape to or just under the band of your hat.



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