

Make your own bonnet

Women typically kept their head covered 200 years ago. A bonnet like this might be worn around the home or outside to protect your head from dust or dirt. Using materials you have at home, see if you can make your own bonnet.

Materials:

11" x 17" drawing paper or white construction paper
Ribbon or string
Scissors
Glue stick
Ruler
Pencil
Hole punch
Stapler
An adult helper

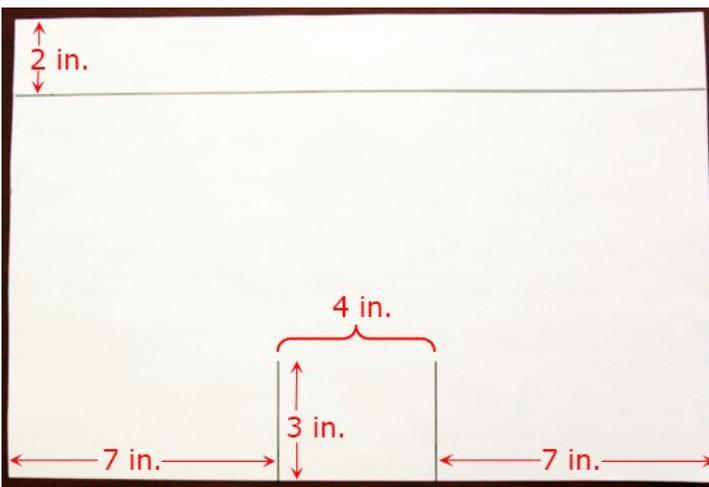
Directions:

1: Using a ruler and a pencil, draw 3 lines on your paper following the diagram below.

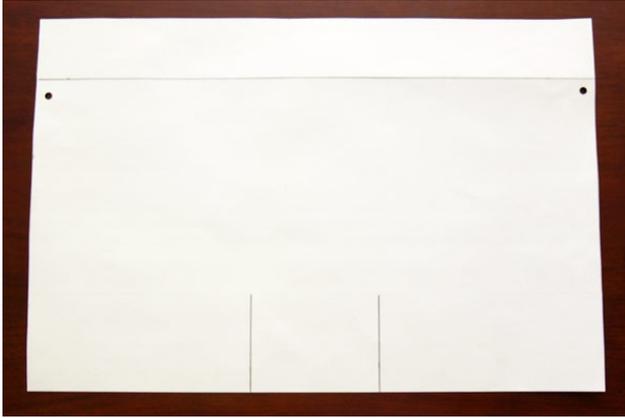
The first line is a horizontal line 2 inches from the top edge of the paper.

The next two are a pair of 3-inch tall vertical lines at the bottom edge of the paper.

Each vertical line is 7 inches from the paper's side edge and the pair of lines are 4 inches apart.



2: Punch a pair of holes right below the horizontal line. Each hole should be close to the paper's side edge.



3: Fold the paper along the horizontal line to create a top flap.

4: Cut ribbon or string into a pair of 10- to 12-inch long pieces. Make a large knot on one end of each piece.

5: Unfold the top flap. Insert a ribbon or string through one of the holes and pull until the knot is close to the hole. Staple or tape the knot in place. Similarly position the other ribbon or string on the opposite hole .



6: Apply glue along the top edge of the flap. Fold the flap down and press along the edges to glue it in place. The knots on the ribbons should be nicely hidden inside the flap.

7: Cut along the pair of vertical lines. This should create three flaps—two side flaps and a middle one. Fold down the middle flap.



8: Bring one side flap towards the middle flap and glue in place. Notice how the top edge of the side flap is aligned with the crease on the middle flap. Repeat with the other side flap



9: Hold in place until glue begins to dry.

10: Once dry, your bonnet is completed.

