

Activities for Unity

The Chinese farm workers' hat

The Chinese farm workers' hat (pictured below) originates in South East Asia and was made of straw. Its wide brim was designed to protect field workers from the sun and rain. It could also be dipped into water and then put on the head to cool its owner as the water evaporated!

Children can have fun making and decorating their own Chinese farm workers' hat.



You will need:

Large sheet of red card

Gold pen or paint

Glue or sticky tape

Instructions:

Tie a piece of string to a pencil. Hold the string in the centre of the card. Hold the pencil so the string is taut and pull it round the centre to draw a circle.

Cut out the circle. Now cut out a segment of the circle - about one sixth of the total, as shown below.



With the gold pen or paint, colour the middle of the hat and draw a line around the outside edge. Perhaps you could decorate the hat with Chinese calligraphy characters. Bend the edges of the hat together to form a cone, and glue or tape in place. Attach a wide ribbon inside if you wish.

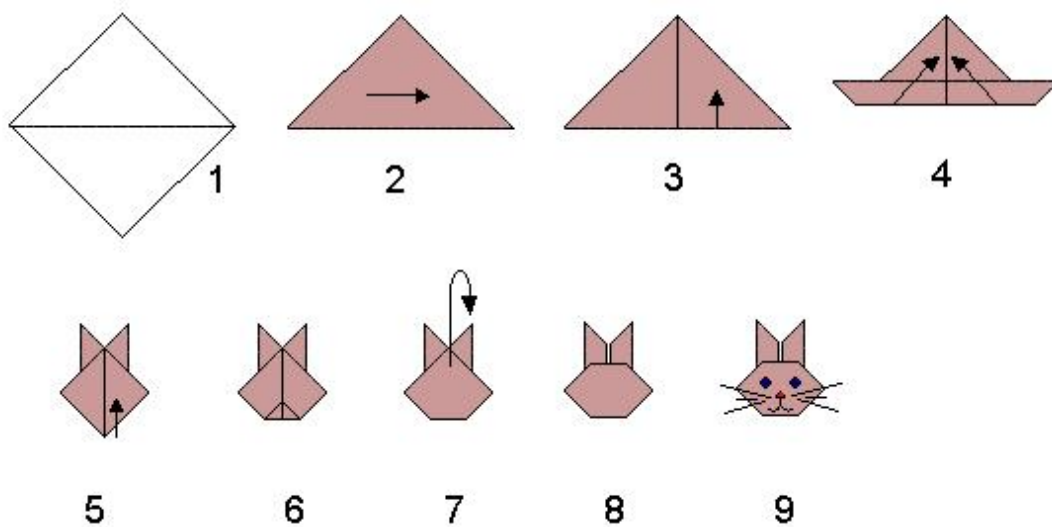
Reference <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/make-a-chinese-farm-workers-hat>

Easy Origami Rabbit Head



Learn to make an easy origami rabbit head.

Craft is suitable for children with adult supervision.



Origami Rabbit Head Instructions

Take a square sheet of paper and position it so it looks like a diamond shape. Fold up.

Fold left to right and unfold.

Fold the bottom up approximately a quarter of the way.

Fold the bottom left and bottom right towards the centre crease.

Fold the bottom tip upwards a little.

Flip the model over front to back. This is the rabbit's face with the ears pointing up.

Fold the top of the rabbit's head back and tuck behind the face.

Decorate with eyes, nose, whiskers and mouth.

Variation 1: in step 4, fold the bottom left and bottom right edges towards the centre crease but leave a V-shaped space. This will cause the rabbit's ears to point slightly outwards instead of straight up.

Variation 2: curl the rabbit's ears back at an angle to make a larger V-space in between the ears.

Source <http://www.origami-resource-center.com/>

Mexican flowers



Need: Tissue paper in a variety of colours, scissors, and floral wire or coloured pipe cleaners.

1. To make the flowers, layer five or six rectangular sheets of the same size tissue paper (the colours can be mixed or not). The smaller the tissue paper sheets, the smaller the flower.
2. Starting at one of the short ends of the paper, fold the paper into one-inch accordion folds - as if making a fan.
3. Next, wrap floral wire or a pipe cleaner tightly around the CENTER of folded tissue paper. Straighten one of the wires for the stem.
4. Gently pull the layers of tissue paper apart, out and up... and fluff them to create a lush burst of colourful flower petals.

Colourful, Fun, and Pretty!

Source <http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Cinco-de-Mayo-for-Kids.aspx>