

Summer Hat Assembly Instructions

There are 3 pages in the Make-the-Cut file.

Cut all the pieces on each page. The score line layer is above its corresponding layer in the layers panel. Use the WYSIWYG method for cutting these layers, turning the appropriate layer on or off.

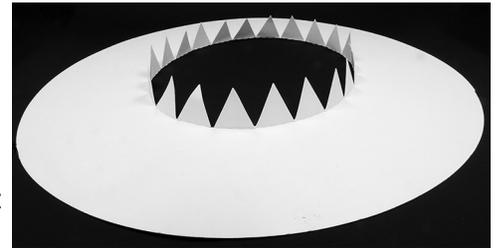
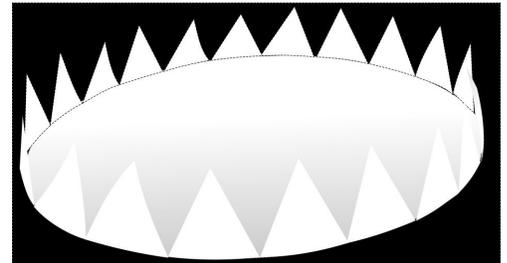
On the page named **Brim**, there is a layer named **Underside Brim**. This is a finishing layer that works great for allowing the right side of one sided paper to match the rest of the hat. It also can be used to create a contrasting lining. In addition to its creative function, it gives the brim more stability. Either discard, or place aside, the center oval that is cut out from this piece. It is not used for the hat and can cause confusion during construction.

The **crown insert** is the inside of the hat crown. It can be cut out of the same paper as the hat or a different paper to create a contrasting lining.

In most places it is better to use a glue that allows a little maneuverability before it dries. It is also sometimes better to allow areas to dry before continuing with the construction.

Assembly:

- 1) There are 4 band pieces. If you have a mat long enough, you can weld 2 of these together to create 2 band pieces with only one seam. Otherwise, using 2 pieces, overlap one end over another and attach them together with glue or double sided tape creating one long piece. With either method, you will have 2 long bands. One will be for the outside and one for the lining.
- 2) Fold the tabs on the crown insert up. Decide where on the hat you want the seam(s) placed. I placed mine on the side because the decorations were not tall enough to cover them. I didn't want them to distract from the decorated areas. Apply glue to the outside of the tabs a few at a time. Start gluing the band to the first tab 1" or so in from the short edge. Working a few tabs at a time, glue the entire band around the crown insert. Try to get an even, flush fit on the edge where the crown insert and band meet. When you get close the beginning tab, check for fit. Trim the band to fit. Slip the trimmed edge under the beginning edge and glue everything in place. By doing this, you will have a nice, straight edge on the outside of the band.
- 3) Attach the brim to the other side of the band. Sit the hat band and crown insert down onto the brim with the tabs on the inside of the band. Apply glue to the band side of the tabs a few at a time, working your way around the band. Try to get an even fit between the band and brim, but any mismatch can be covered by ribbon or other trim a lot easier here than at the crown.
- 4) Apply glue to the outside edge of the crown insert and in a few places in the middle, if desired. Lay the crown piece on top of the crown insert and mold into place.
- 5) Apply glue to the underside of the brim along the outside and inside edges and a few places in the middle, if desired. Lay the underside brim on top of the of the brim and mold into place. Trim to fit if necessary.
- 6) Now the fun begins. Decorate as desired. I used the paper magnolias for the flowers. I also glued satin ribbon around the bottom of the hat band and added a bow with long tails to the back.



Have Fun!!