

paint a backdrop

and create your own seussical performance

Materials:

Old sheet (butcher paper, poster board,
or many sheets of regular
paper also works!)

Tape

Pencil

Crayons, markers, pens, and/or paint



Directions:

Step 1: Decide what you want your design to look like.

Use Dr. Seuss books as inspiration!

Step 2: Sketch your design on a regular sheet of paper.

Use a pencil first, and then fill in the design with ink and color.

Step 3: Decide how big you want your backdrop to be.

If you're using regular paper, you can tape them together to make a bigger backdrop.

Line the pieces up and secure in place with small pieces of tape. Once everything is lined up and secured, reinforce it by taping the edges all of the way across.

Step 4: Draw your design on the larger backdrop. Use crayons, markers, or paint to add color.

If you paint your backdrop, consider doing it outside!

Step 5: Sign your artwork in the bottom right-hand corner.

As an artist, this is an important step!

Step 6: Hang the backdrop on a wall or window.

It's time for a show! Create your own Seussical performance or play our Seuss-themed theater games in front of your backdrop!

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make binoculars

and go on an adventure through the jungle of nool

Materials:

- 2 empty toilet paper rolls
- Construction paper (or regular paper that you've colored!)
- Tape or glue
- Pencil
- Marker



Directions:

Step 1: Place your paper in front of you horizontally. Measure the length of one toilet paper roll against your paper, and draw a line the same length as the roll all the way across the paper.

Use a book and a pencil to draw a straight line for cutting.

Step 2: Use your scissor to cut the long strip. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 with the second toilet paper roll and the remaining paper.

These strips will eventually be wrapped around your toilet paper rolls.

Step 3: Prepare your decorations.

You can cut out shapes from other pieces of paper to glue on to your binoculars, and/or use markers, crayons, or paint, or use stickers to decorate. Be as creative as you wish!

Step 4 (optional): To help your binoculars really look like a Dr. Seuss illustration, use a black sharpie to outline all of your decorations.

We used the same technique for the props in the show!

Step 5: Glue, stick, color, or tape your decorations to the paper.

Step 6: Glue or tape the paper around the toilet paper roll.

Cut any excess paper off the end, saving just enough to glue the paper to itself.

Step 7: Connect the two rolls by gluing or taping them together.

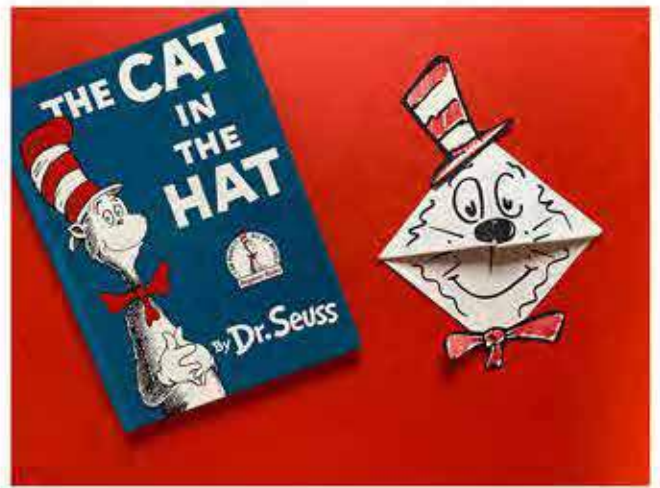
Put the seams on the inside to hide them.

Now you're ready to go on an adventure through the Jungle of Nool!

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make a cat in the hat bookmark



Materials:

Paper
Tape or glue
Crayon, colored pencils, or paint
Marker
Scissors

Directions:

Step 1: If you have paper in the shape of a rectangle, the first step is to make it into a square. Take one edge of your paper to form a triangle, lining it up with the opposite edge, and fold it down. Trim the bottom.

Step 2: Fold the square into a triangle with the open end at the top. Line up the bottom corners to the top corner to create two more folds.

Now you have a smaller square!

Step 3: Open the paper back up to form a triangle. Take the top layer and fold the top point down to line up with the bottom of the triangle.

The section behind this fold and in front of the back layer will be your pocket.

Step 4: Fold the bottom corners of the triangle into the pocket by folding up (recreating the square) and then folding down into the pocket.

Put a little bit of glue on the inside to make it extra secure.

Step 5: Sketch, color, and cut out the hat and bowtie.
Use a black marker to make it look like a Dr. Seuss illustration!

Step 6: Draw the cat's face on the folded square.

Step 7: Glue or tape the hat and bowtie on.

It's time to use your bookmark!

Place the folded edge over the page you left off.

The hat sticks out to show you where to go!

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