

Cat in the Hat Pencil Holder

The Craft

Instructions on how to make a pencil holder that looks like the hat that Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat wears.

Materials

- Toilet tissue tube-empty
- Red construction paper
- White construction paper
- White card stock, heavy paper or card board from an old cereal box covered in white paper
- Glue - liquid (works best)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Compass or something round like a glass to trace a circle

Preparations

1. On the white card stock or cardboard whichever you are using draw a $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inch circle.
2. Cut out the circle. Set aside.
3. On the red construction paper measure out a 6 inch long strip of paper and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide. Cut one strip. Set aside.
4. On the red construction paper measure out 2- 6 inches long by 1 inch wide strip of paper. Cut them out. Set aside.
5. On the white construction paper measure out a 6 inch long by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide strip of paper. Cut one strip. Set aside.
6. On the white construction paper measure out a 6 inch long by 1 inch wide strip of paper. Cut one strip. Set aside.

You now have 5 strips of paper 3 red 2 white and 1 white circle.

To assemble the pencil holder

1. **First** strip- start with the $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by 6 strip of red paper dap some glue on the back of the whole strip. Wrap the strip around the cardboard tube making sure that it is as close to the edge as you can get. This edge will get glued to base later.
2. **Second** strip will be the 1 inch white strip. Apply glue to the back of the strip and making sure that the edge touches the red strip, wrap the white strip around the tube.
3. **Third** strip will be the 1 inch red strip. Apply glue to the strip and warp around the tube. Make sure that the edges touch.
4. **Fourth** strip will be the $\frac{3}{4}$ inch white strip. Apply glue to the back and wrap around the tube as you did with the other strips.
5. **Fifth** strip is the last 1 inch strip of red. This is the top strip, apply glue to the strip and wrap around the tube touch the strip below it. This should completely cover the tube. If there is a bit of the tube showing you can add another red strip to cover or color that edge as you desire.
6. To finish your pencil holder apply a thin bead of glue around the tube base (the edge that you put the first strip on) and stick to the card stock.
7. Let dry overnight before using.