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DIY Hats

A Quick Hat History Lesson

Headwear has been with us for the breadth of human history.



- Graffiti in a cave in France seems to suggest that in ancient times, headgear was used as a defense tool from natural dangers, such as falling stones.
- The funeral mask of Pharaoh Tutankhamun, or King Tut, shows how the Ancient Egyptians used the royal bonnet to indicate the wearer’s divine nature through distinctive insignia.
- In the Middle Ages, hats and hat materials become a way to differentiate between social classes; for example, the rich wore stylish hats that were refined and made of velvet, which the working class could not afford.
- Napoleon Bonaparte made the bicorne famous when he wore the distinctive hat sideways to help his soldiers see him more easily on the battlefield.
- The most famous 19th century hats include the top hat, made iconic by President Abraham Lincoln. Though traditionally worn by men only, actress Marlene Dietrich made the top hat part of her regular cabaret outfit.
- In the century following, the fedora came onto the public scene thanks to Humphrey Bogart in the 1942 film Casablanca.
- The early 1900s also brought us the bowler hat, created by William Bowler and made famous by actor Charlie Chaplin.
- Last but certainly not least came the baseball cap, with its soft cap and hard, protective visor. It became one of the favorite accessories of the young generation after World War II and was further popularized by hip hop fashion.

(This excerpt was taken from <https://www.brixton.com/blogs/broadcast/history-of-hats>)



Let’s Make Our Own Hats

Materials:

- Trucker hat
- Sharpie or fabric marker

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Process:

- 1) Find a comfortable place to work and pour out all your materials.
- 2) You don't need me to tell you how to make your hat! Have at it with those fabric markers and add anything you would like to make it YOUR hat!
- 3) We will not be displaying your hats. However, we'd love if you wore them when you come on the 24th to pick up your wire sculptures. If you're trying to secure a t-shirt by finishing up the hat as your 5th project, please make sure you bring or wear your hat!

This project will wrap up our 2024 Art for the Heart summer program. We're so grateful for all the new families we met this year and all of our friends who have been with us for the past few years. This is one of the primary reasons we do what we do...to build community. Thank you for being a part of our NOLA family. We value you and appreciate you sharing your creativity with us. Keep on creating throughout the entire year and we'll look forward to seeing you in the summer of 2025!

We are a young company that has grand visions of bringing more art to Fort Collins and beyond. If you enjoyed your experience this summer and would like to help us grow, please consider writing a review for us on Google. There are a few other NOLA Creative Company's on the web so please make sure it's us! <https://www.nolacreativecompany.com/> Thanks so much!

Follow us on Instagram @nola_creative_company as we will be featuring artwork from each week. We will not use full names or identify your children in any way other than using their first name in order to give credit.

About the Art for the Heart Program

Art for the Heart is a program of the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority and NOLA Creative Company.

All returned projects will be displayed in our outdoor kiosk located in between Coopersmith's Pub and Poolside restaurants.

Each art project returned will earn you a punch on our "Frequent Artists" punch card. Artists with consistent participation will be awarded prizes at the end of the program. All projects will be returned to you the following week after they have been displayed.

You can find all of our past projects and more information about the program at <https://downtownfortcollins.org/art-for-the-heart/>

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