

# Paper Pilgrim Bonnet

How to keep the kids busy before the feast!



One of the hardest things we had to do each year growing up was WAIT for the Thanksgiving dinner to be ready.

We could smell it all day long and were starving. The pies ready from the night before sat on the counter tops staring at us, begging us to eat them.

We have begun a tradition of making pilgrim hats with the kids while dinner is cooking. Not only do they have a great time doing it, but it gives us a photo opportunity once they are finished. We always have enough for everyone at the party so no one is left out.

I found this craft on First Palette. They have so many fun crafts that you can do with your kids based on the season.

**Here's how to make the pilgrim hats I make with my family every year.**

## What you'll need:

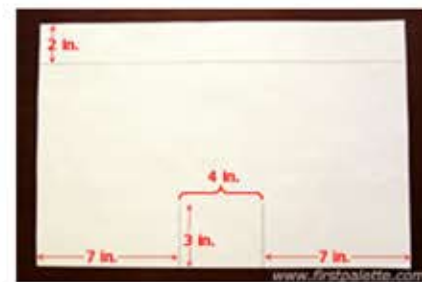
- 12x" x 18" white paper
- Ribbon or string
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Stapler

## Directions:

1. Turn your 12" x 18" white paper horizontal on a flat surface.



2. With your ruler and pencil draw 3 lines on your paper. Draw the first line 2 inches from the top of the paper. Draw the next two as 3 inch vertical lines at the bottom of the page. Each vertical line is 7 inches from the edge of the paper and 4 inches apart.



3. Punch two holes below the top horizontal line, close to the edge of the paper.



4. Fold the paper along the horizontal line at the top of the paper to create a flap.



5. Cut your ribbon/string into two 10-12 inch long pieces. Tie a knot on one end of each ribbon/string.



6. Unfold the top flap and insert the ribbon/string through one of the holes. Pull until the knot is close to the hole. Staple or tape the knot in place. Do the same thing with the other ribbon/string in the opposite hole.



7. Apply glue along the top edge of the flap and press the flap down to glue it in place. The knots on the ribbons should be hidden inside the flap.



8. Cut along the two vertical lines. This will create two side flaps and one middle flap. Fold down the middle flap.



9. Bring one side flap towards the middle flap.



10. Align the top edge of the side flap with the crease on the middle flap and glue down.



11. Do the same thing with the other side flap. Align and glue it in place.



12. Here is what your bonnet will look like after gluing the side flaps onto the middle.



13. For safety, place tape over the staple wires on the inside of your bonnet.



Now you can try on your awesome paper bonnet to Thanksgiving dinner!