Women March @ Home
Make a suffragist hat activity

Use these directions to make a hat all about you that is inspired by the hats commonly worn by 20th century suffragists.

Materials:
- 1 hat
  (a baseball hat, bucket hat, sun hat, or any hat at all works) (if you do not have a hat, a large paper bowl/plate works well as a base. Directions are included at the end of this worksheet to make a paper tricorn hat that is great for decorating!)
- safety pins
  (straight pins, tape, binder clips, or anything else that can be used to attach things to your chosen hat also works)
- symbolic embellishments
  (get creative here, you can embellish your hat with things like ribbons, feathers, flowers, ticket stubs, cards, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.)

Instructions:
1. Choose the hat you would like to use as your base.

2. Spend a little time thinking about things that are important to you. Go around collecting things that could symbolize aspects of you and your life (ex: an expired MTA card could represent you as a New Yorker; a couple of leaves could show your love of nature; an old ticket stub could recall a special trip you went on or show you saw, etc.).

3. Look over the symbolic embellishments you’ve collected together and think about how it could be pleasingly attached to your hat.

4. Start attaching your embellishments to your hat with safety pins. You can always move things around if you don’t like how it’s coming together. Don’t be afraid to go big or get silly!

5. When you are finished, place the hat on your head and find a mirror. Admire yourself wearing a special hat that is all about you!
For those of you who are interested in crafting a tricorn hat (out of paper!) to use as your base, please see below for instructions.

**Materials:**
- 2 long strips of cardstock (28” x 4”) and 1 short strip of cardstock (14”x4”)
  (cereal box cardboard and file folders are also good options)
- stapler (with staples!)
  (tape can be used as well)

**Instructions:**

**Tricorn Hat:**

1. Start by taking one of the long pieces of cardstock and wrapping it around your head where you would like your tricorn hat to fit.

2. Carefully lift it off your head, still in a circle, and use staples as needed to hold the circle you measured in place (you will want to make sure when you staple to have the flat, not poky, part of the staples facing in toward your head).

3. Next, lay the second long strip of cardstock and the short strip of cardstock down on a flat surface. This is the time to decorate. Make sure to only attach items to one side of both strips of cardstock.
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4. Fold the long strip of paper in half (with the decorated side facing out).

5. Attach the short sides of the decorated long strip of paper and the decorated short strip of paper together with your stapler so that you have a large triangle.

6. Place the circle you made at the start of this activity in the center of the decorated triangle and staple them together (again, with the flat side of the staples facing in).

7. Put the tricorn hat you’ve just made on your head and wear it with pride!