

How to make your own The Cat in the Hat costume

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Hat

Materials

Cardboard
White Felt
Red Felt
Glue/Stapler

Step 1. With the cardboard, cut out a circle with a 23cm diameter (cut a circle with an 18cm diameter out of the centre) and a 30cm long tube to fit on child's head (approx. 55cm circumference).

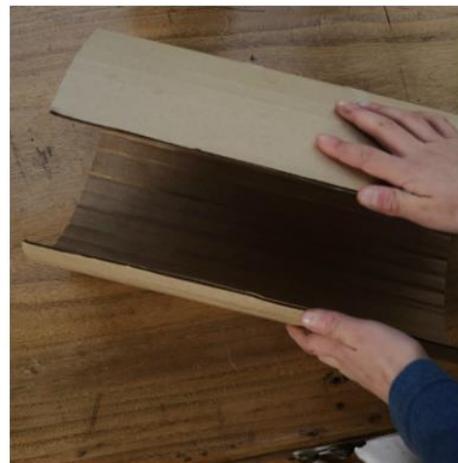
Step 2. Cover tube in white felt using glue to stick together.

Step 3. Cut three strips of 55cm x 6cm and one circle of 18cm from red felt.

Step 4. Start at the bottom and wrap two strips around the hat 6cm apart and glue in place. Carefully, glue the circle on the top of the hat and stick the last strip over the edge of the circle.

Step 5. Cover the cardboard ring with white felt.

Step 6. Glue the two pieces together.



Bowtie

Materials

Red Felt

Glue

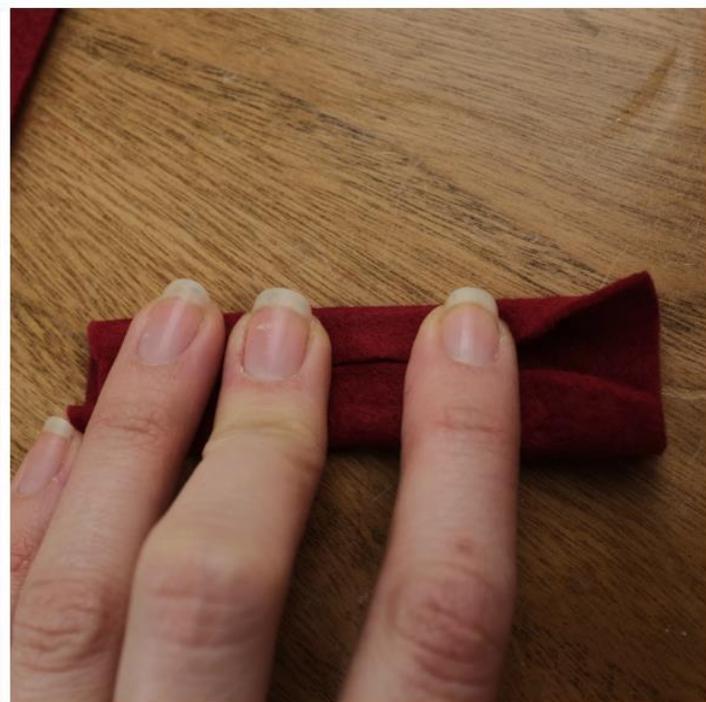
Needle and red thread *(or safety pins or stapler)*

Step 1. Cut the following shapes out of red felt: 21cm x 7cm, with curved ends, 14cm x 5cm tapered, 4cm x 8cm.

Step 2. Pinch the bow together.

Step 3. Wrap the smaller piece around and stick at the back. Stick on the the longer piece.

Step 4. Sew (or pin or staple) on to top.



Body and Tail

Materials

Black t-shirt/longsleeve

Fluffy white fabric (we used an old cushion cover from the charity shop)

Black felt

Sewing needle and Thread (black, white) (or safety pins or stapler)

Elastic

Step 1. Cut out bib-like shape from paper and use as a template to cut out white fabric.

Step 2. Pin to shirt.

Step 3. Use sewing needle and white thread to sew in place. Or pin / tack in place with safety pin or stapler.

Step 4. For tail, roll up a 1m x 25cm length of black fabric and sew or along the long edge with black thread, then sew or pin elastic on one end.

