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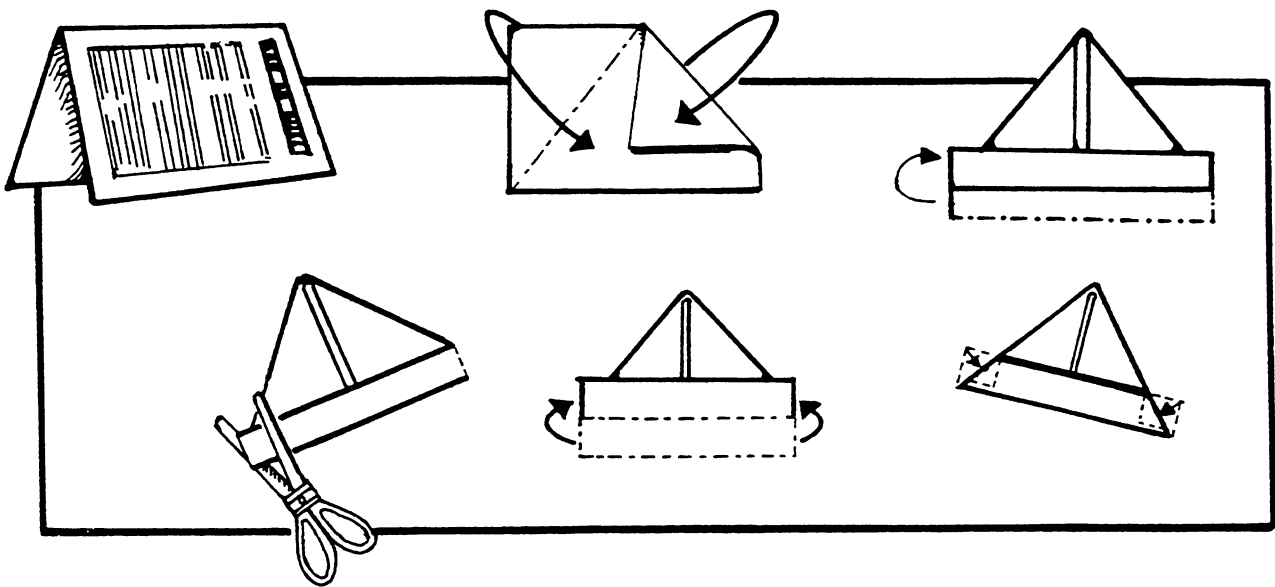


Introduction

After photocopying hat patterns, ask children to color and decorate the pattern pieces before cutting and assembling them. Specific directions for individual hats are given with each pattern.

Directions for newspaper-based hats:

1. Fold a newspaper page in half on the fold already provided.
2. With the fold at the top, pull the top corners down to the middle. They will form two triangles, ending about 5 cm from the bottom.
3. Fold the bottom edge up on each side of the hat.
4. To make the hat sturdier and better sized for a child, cut the ends of the bottom band off and turn the band up one more time.
5. Depending on the hat, tuck in the ends of the band and secure with staples, tape or glue.
6. Attach pattern pieces to the newspaper base according to specific directions for individual hats.



If staples are used to assemble hats, make sure the smooth side of the staple is on the inside so that children's hair doesn't get caught on them. If other fasteners are used, tape over them for the same reason.

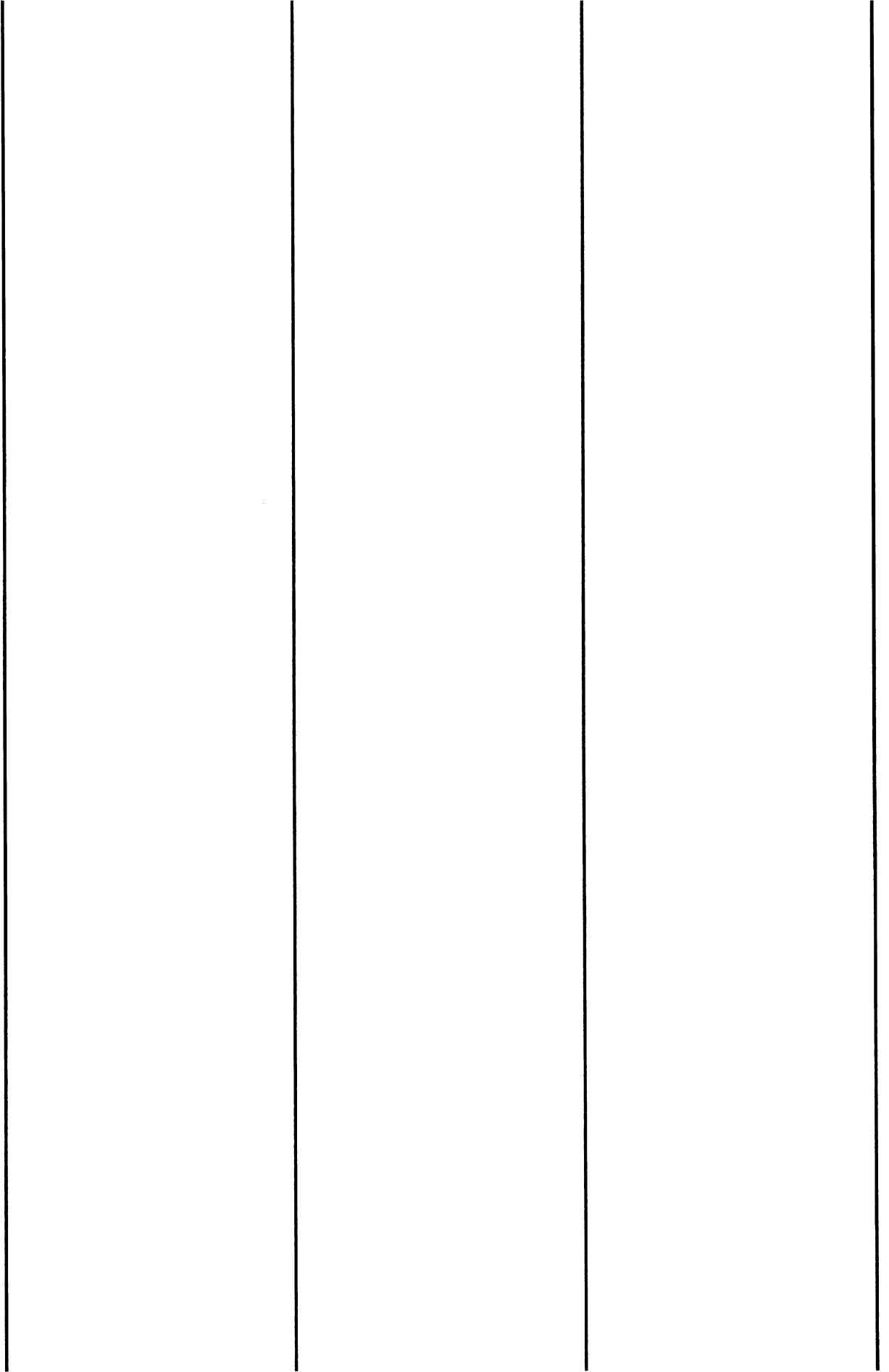
Headbands can be made by photocopying the pattern on page 4. Adjust and secure headbands with glue, tape or staples.

Materials commonly used include:

Light card or heavy paper	Crayons and/or textas	Scissors
Glue or paste	Tape	Stapler
Brass fasteners	Hole punch	String
Optional: glitter, pipe cleaners, buttons, ribbons, fabric scraps, etc.		

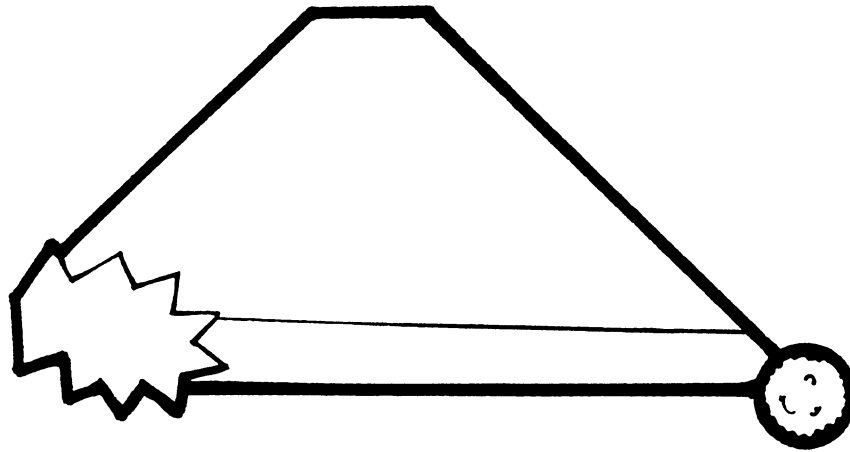
Headband Pattern

Connect strips to make a 5-cm headband long enough to fit around the child's head.



Elf

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Directions:

1. Make a newspaper hat. Fold the top point down about 2.5 cm and secure to the side. Fold one corner up and in about 10 cm. Secure.
2. Using tempera paint, paint bold stripes on the hat or cover with brightly colored paper.
3. Copy, color and cut out all pattern pieces.
4. Glue the fur to the front of the hat, overlapping both sides.
5. Glue the two pom-poms to the bottom tip of the hat (one on each side), gluing them together.

Creative Suggestions:

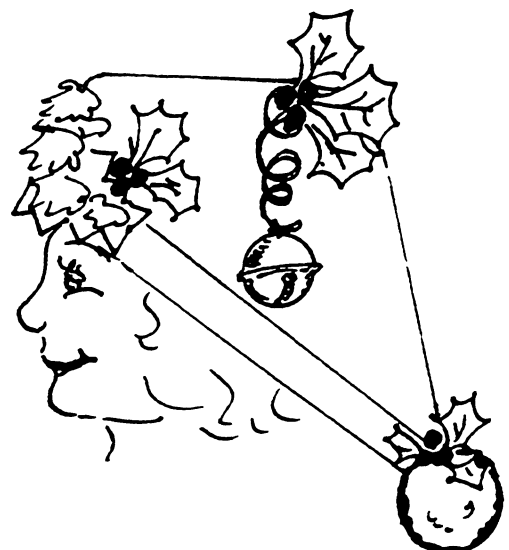
Glue cotton balls to the fur section.

If this is a Christmas elf, place the holly on the hat and hang the jingle bell from the hat with bright curling ribbon.

Add glitter and holiday stickers to the hat.

Add bright pompoms and/or tissue scraps to the hat.

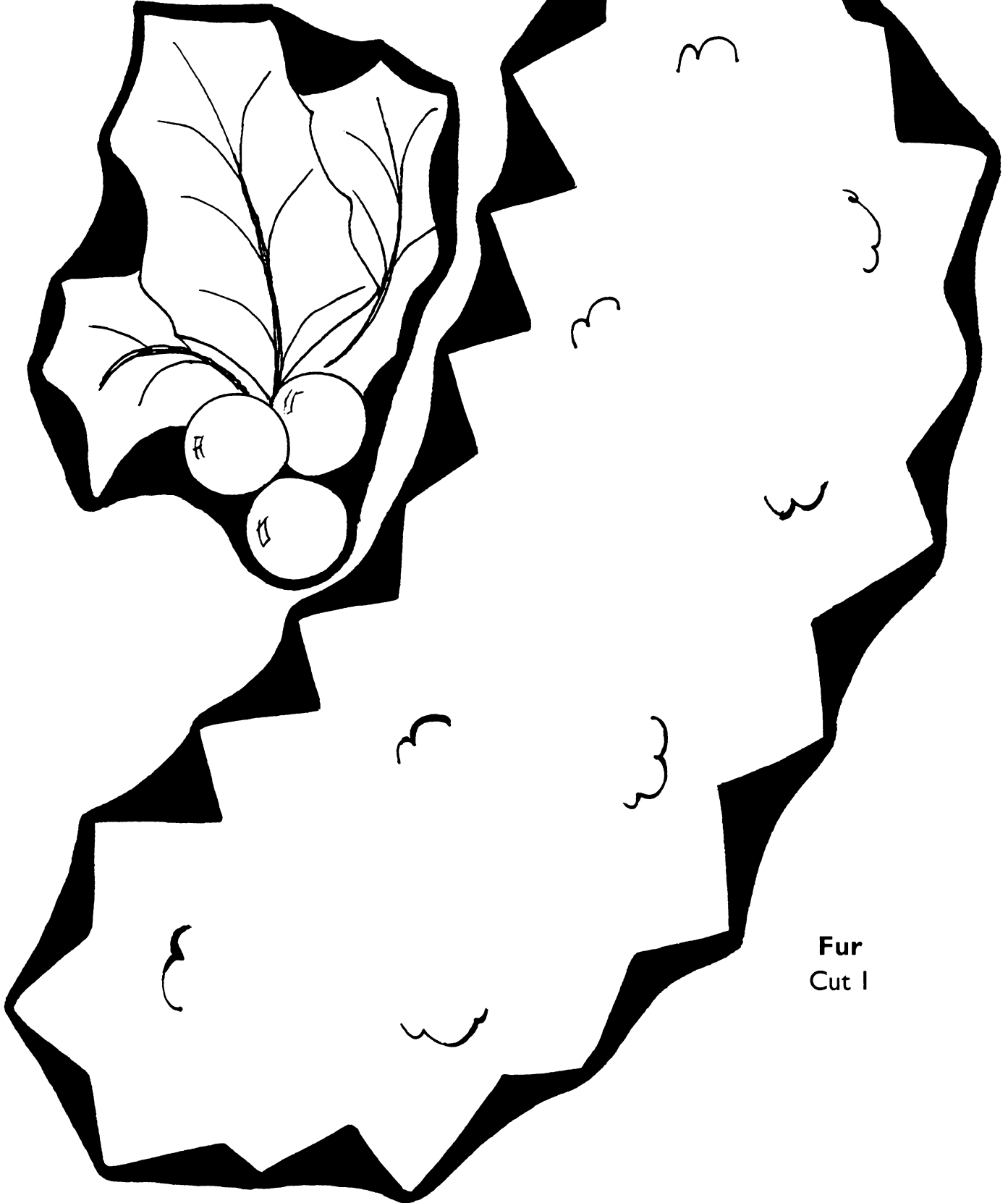
Add cut-outs from old Christmas cards.



Elf

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Holly (optional)
Cut 1



Fur
Cut 1

