



Sulu Hornbill Hat

Sulu hornbills are one of the rarest birds on Earth, found only on the Sulu Islands in the southwestern Philippines. They are easily identified by their black body, white tail, and thick bill with a casque top. This dark-colored hornbill lives in forests and likes to feed on fig trees. What do you think it would feel like to have a large beak like a hornbill? Make a Sulu hornbill hat to find out!

Materials

Hornbill stencils (pages 3 & 4)
Construction paper: 3 black sheets, ½ white sheet
Glue and/or tape
Hole punchers
Elastic string
Scissors
White colored pencil or crayon



Directions

- 1. **Print** out the templates on pages 3 & 4 and cut them out with your scissors.
- 2. **Trace** the hornbill hat pieces using the stencils and **cut** them out. *Alternative:* Color the templates instead.
 - a. Cut out two body circles using the circle template on page 3 on black paper.
 - b. Cut out two wings and the double-sided head using the templates on page 4 on black paper.
 - c. Cut out one tail using the tail template on page 4 on white paper.





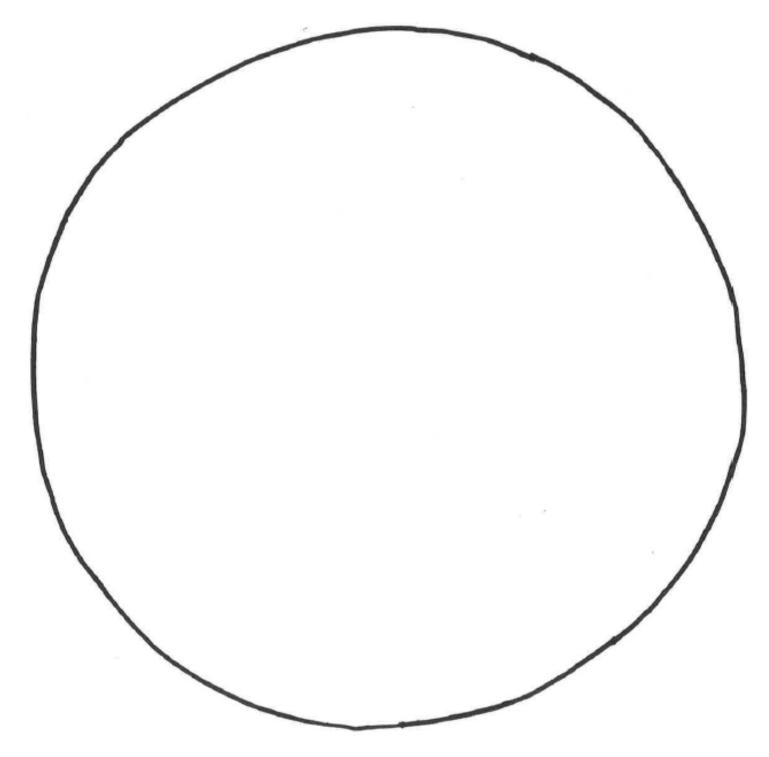
- 3. **Draw** eyes and markings, and any other decorations you like. Use the illustration of the Sulu hornbill above as inspiration!
- 4. Lightly fold the two circles in half, but do not crease.
 Position the circles as shown at right. This will be the base of the hat, so ensure it fits around your head before gluing or taping the edges of the circles together.
- 5. Fold the hornbill heads in half to form the two sides.
- 6. **Glue** or **tape** the hornbill head on the top of the hat, the two wings on the side of the hat, and the tail on the back of the hat.
- 7. **Use** a holepuncher to punch a hole on both sides of the hat and then tie a piece of yarn, string, or elastic to fit under your chin.











Body circle (cut 2)



Wings, Tail, & Double-sided Head