

# DIY Fascinators

## Step-by-Step Instructions

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For this activity, you will need:

- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick and/or Tape
- Any other craft materials you might have at home and want to add to your fascinator, like ribbons or pipe-cleaners

Click [here](#) to visit the *Our Voices, Our Journeys Black Communities* in Peel online exhibition. The exhibit is a celebration of one of many Black communities in Peel Region. It highlights the personal journeys of leaders and mentors from the North Peel Community Church congregation. Their photos and objects illustrate stories of immigration and family life, and how they established a community of faith in Caledon.

In almost every photo from the North Peel Community Church congregation, you will see women wearing beautiful hats at worship services and formal events. Ranging from colourful wide-brimmed hats to smaller ‘fascinators’, this centuries-old custom of wearing stylish hats to Church continues to flourish throughout Black communities across Canada and the United States.

These hats have a long history with both spiritual and cultural significance and have evolved into an art form.

Visit the online exhibition for more information about the hats and follow along with the step-by-step instructions to create a fascinator inspired by the exhibition.

## Version 1 – Accordion Fascinator

### 1. Fold your paper

Accordion fold one sheet of paper length wise by folding it back and forth. Once complete, fold it in half and glue or tape it to create a fan shape. With fresh paper, repeat this two more times. Once you have three paper fans, glue them all together.



### 2. Add embellishments

Now that you have created the base of your fascinator, you can add decorations to it. In this example, there are smaller fans made using paper that was cut in half. There is also a flower that was made using paper cut up in strips. Finish it off by taping/gluing it onto a headband or adding a string to make it wearable.



## Version 2 – Simplified Fascinator

### 1. Create your base

Take a strip of paper and glue it into a circle.



### 2. Add embellishments

Glue on additions to your fascinator. In this example, paper was curled and glued on. To curl paper, you can wrap it around a pencil so that it holds the shape. You can also make paper flowers by gluing strips of paper together. You can add on any other materials you might have at home such as ribbons, pipe cleaners, stickers or tissue paper. Finish off your fascinator by attaching it to a string or a headband so that you can wear it.

