

Billie B. Brown's Guide to

Making a FANCY Hat



In *The Hat Parade*, Billie gets very busy making a very special hat for the hat parade at school. Billie thinks hats should be fancy. Being fancy is FUN!

Things you might need:

- A hat base – this could be an ice cream container (make sure there is no more ice cream in it!), a tissue box, a Tupperware container – anything that fits on your head, really. We used a cereal box!
- Glue
- Scissors (get a grown-up to help)
- Fancy things to stick on your hat!
- An audience to parade your hat to! You could do a hat parade for your family, or you could take your hat on a parade of the neighborhood!



Find a hat base!



We're painting ours!



You could cut out shapes from paper!



Stick your hat decorations to the hat base!



You can use ANYTHING to decorate your fancy hat! Stickers, ribbons, feathers, fabric or yarn!

HOW TO MAKE:

Ask your family if it's OK to do some gluing and painting. Then work out where you're going to do your fancy hat making, and cover that area with newspaper. This is REALLY important. Billie once forgot this step and accidentally glued a googly eye to the counter. Her mom and dad were NOT pleased!

Then, it's pretty simple really... Take your hat base and stick fancy things all over it!

Here are some shapes you might like to trace and cut out!



You can make super-duper flowers by cutting out different shapes and layering them.

MAKE SURE YOU ASK A GROWN-UP BEFORE YOU START SNIPPING AND GLUEING!

We ran out of ribbon, but maybe there is some spare material lying around that you could cut into strips. Ribbon looks great because it flows in the breeze as you walk - very theatrical!

