

Alakapouf!

A Spectacular Magic Show



Classroom Skit and Activity

A Scruffy Plume Mini Script

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Teacher Notes



This selection can be used as a reading exercise, performance piece or as a sample script for students to follow when creating their own magic show.



This Script

The character names can be either male or female to avoid having the roles stereotyped. Mart could be Martin or Marta, while Aggie could be Agatha or... Agamemnon!

The solution to putting the rabbit in the hat during the play can be quite obvious to the audience since the view of the hat on the table is actually blocked for a short time. The students may wish to search on the internet to find the video showing how magicians actually do it. It is fairly simple to do and a student could practise to be able to accomplish the trick without blocking the view of the audience.

Student Scripts

Part of the fun of creating a magic act script is in finding ways to give the appearance of accomplishing a feat without actually being a trained magician. Students could select their own illusions but should be reminded of the need for safety. (No real saws or severed bodies!)

Props and costumes can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. A single black cape could be used by each team if necessary. Stuffed toys or cut-outs could be used for animals. Most other items needed would be easily found in the classroom or at home.



The pattern for the Magician's Hat makes a smaller than full-size hat, but is large enough to work in most skits.



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Aggie

Hello! Welcome to our spectacular show. You will be amazed and astonished by the incredible feat of magic you are about to see. Please welcome the marvellous Mart the Magnificent.

Mart

Thank you. Give a hand to my able assistant, Aggie. May I have my hat please? *(Aggie hands Mart the hat)* Ladies and gentlemen, please look carefully into the hat. Notice that it is completely empty. There's nothing inside. *(Holds his open hand out to Aggie)*

Aggie

Your magic wand. *(Places the wand in his hand)*

Mart

Just to be sure, I'll give a little swish around inside the hat. There we go, completely empty. *(Places the hat brim down near the back edge of the table)* Next, I need my magical ruby cloth please, Aggie.

Aggie

(Holds up the cloth and turns it in all directions to show that there is nothing attached to it and hands it to Mart)

Mart

(Picks up the hat and turns it over with the opening facing up) Watch carefully while I place the ruby cloth over the hat. Now, I need some help from everyone. While I wave my magic wand over the cloth, you need to say the magic words Pouf Pouf Alakapouf three times. Ready? Go!

Audience

Pouf Pouf Alakapouf, Pouf Pouf Alakapouf, Pouf Pouf Alakapouf. *(If Mart is not satisfied the audience must repeat the words.)*



Mart

That's enough. Let's see... *(Puts hand in the hat and feels around and gets embarrassed because there is nothing there,*

Aggie

Those were the wrong magic words! Say them backwards.

Mart

Backwards? Oh, yes, that's the problem! Can someone say the magic backwards? *(Invites some from the audience to try)*

Aggie

(Stands in front of table so that Mart can put the rabbit in the hat unseen) I think we had better practise. Say after me...
Foupakala Foup Foup, Foupakala Foup Foup, Foupakala Foup Foup.

Mart

Marvellous! Let's try again. Say the words three more times while I wave my wand over the hat.

Audience

Foupakala Foup Foup, Foupakala Foup Foup, Foupakala Foup Foup.

Mart

(Pulls a rabbit triumphantly from the hat) Voila!

Aggie

(Leading the clapping) Ladies and gentlemen, give a round of applause for Mart the Magnificent!

Both Exit

*A special thank you to Stephanie and Melinda for the magic word
"Alakapouf".*



Make a Magician's Top Hat

This pattern will make a hat large enough to fit a small head. The measurements can be easily adjusted to make a larger or smaller size hat.

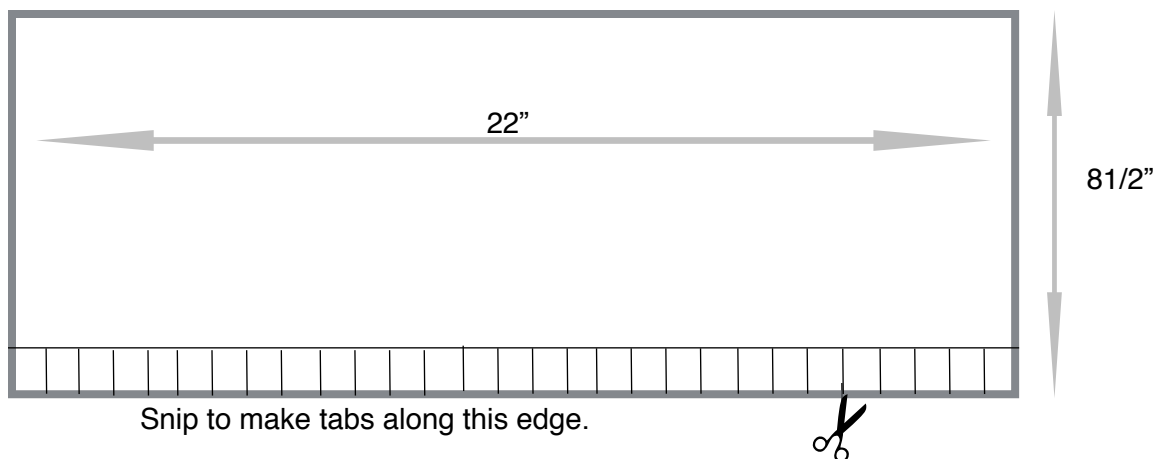
Materials

- black construction paper or cardboard (two 14" x 22" sheets per hat)
- strip of coloured paper or ribbon for the band
- scissors
- stapler
- tape or glue

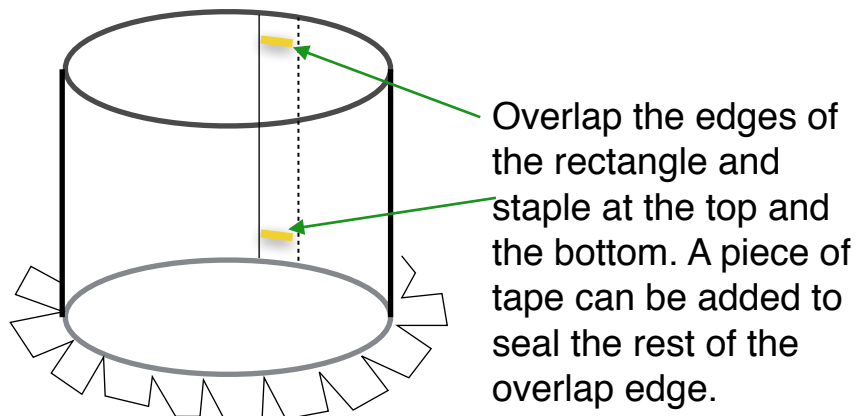
1) Body of the Hat

Cut a rectangle 8 1/2" x 22"

Draw a line about 1/2" up from one of the long edges to show the stopping point and cut up 1/2" tabs all along the edge.

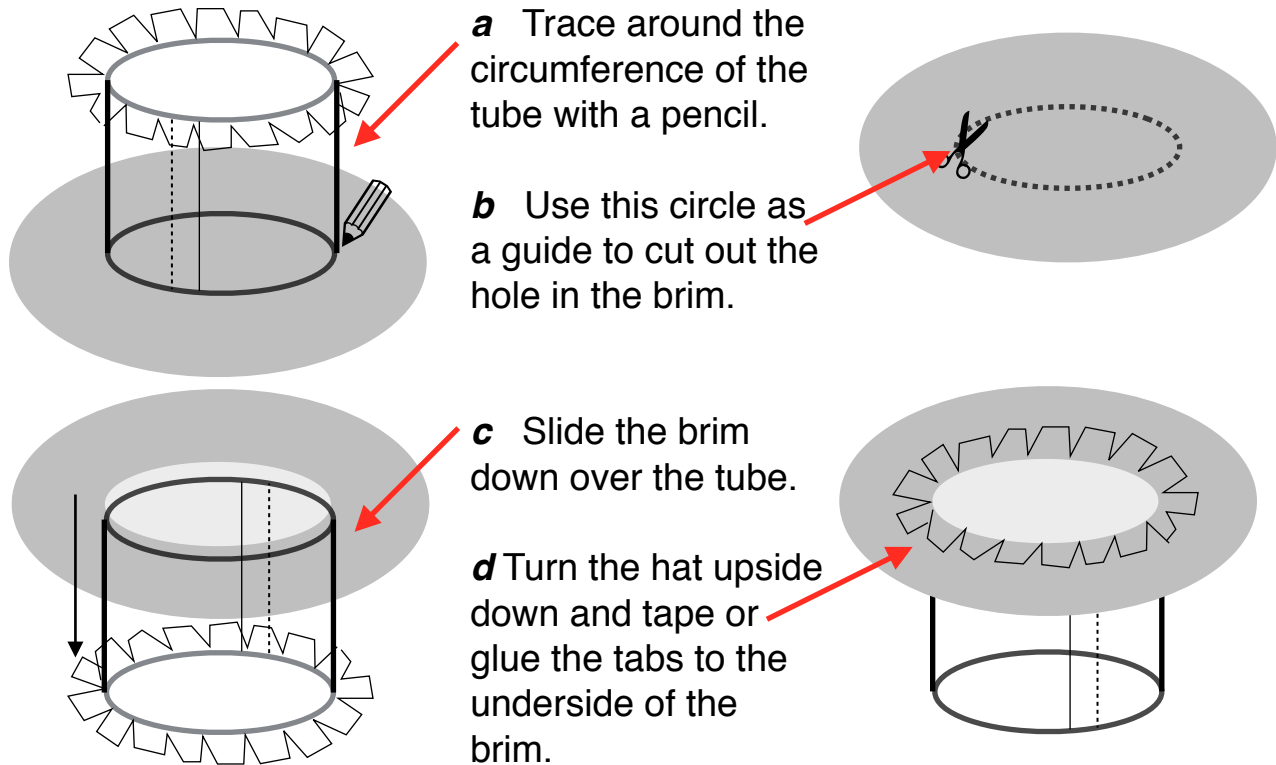


Bend the tabs up to a 90° position and roll the rectangle to make a tube with the tabs on the outside.



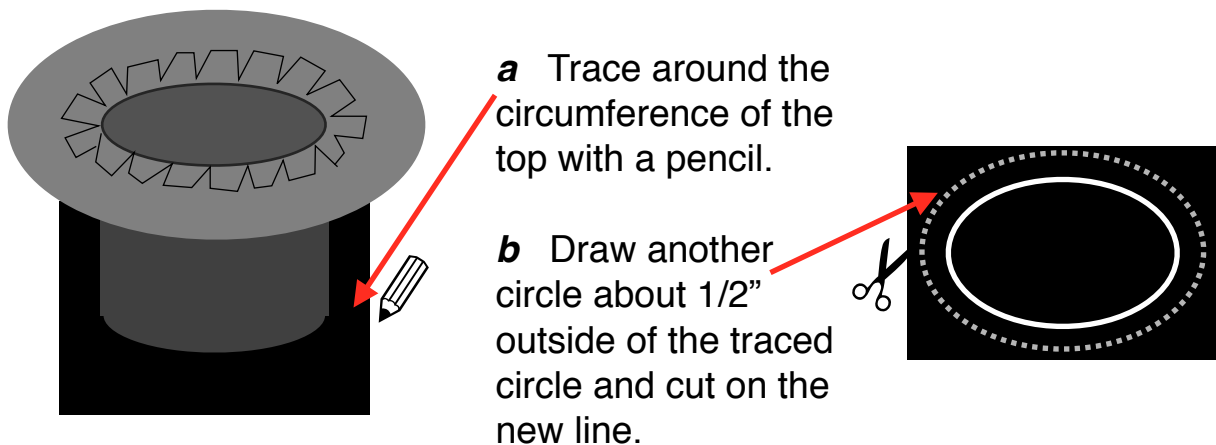
2) Brim of the Hat

Cut out a large circle 13" in diameter and turn the body of the hat upside down in the centre.

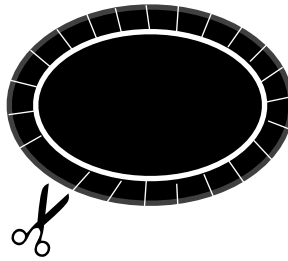


3) Top of Hat

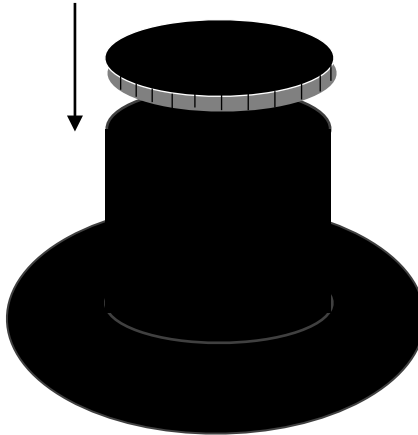
Place the hat upside down on another small piece of black paper



c Snip around the outside circle to make tabs and fold them down 90°.



d Slide the circle into the hat with the tabs on inside and glue or tape the tabs to the inside of the hat.



e Tape or glue a strip of paper or ribbon above the brim for a colourful hat band.

