



## "Straw Hat" Making

*Abby's Arts and Crafts*

### Things You'll Need:

Hat that resembles the shape of a straw hat  
Paper  
Scissors  
Glue

### Directions:

Cut the paper into long, thin strands. You'll need lots of them, enough to cover the entire circumference of the hat you're going off of. It might be necessary to glue some of the strands together to make them longer.

Weave the strands of paper together. Do this by crossing the edge of one paper under the edge of another strand and pulling gently until they hatch together. Do this with all the edges of the paper until you have a single, braided strand long enough to fit the bottom brim of your hat.

Glue the strand to the hat at this point. You'll probably need to glue the ends of the strands together, because it's going to be hard to weave them.

Repeat these steps until your hat is completely covered with strands and braids of paper. You may choose to accent the hat by adding extra strands of paper here and there.

Decorate the hat to give it a more realistic look. Paint it to the color of straw, if you wish. Add some grass or leaves to it to make it look natural. If you wish, purchase some strands of straw and attach them to the hat.