Paper Officer’s Hat

Materials (per hat):
- Black Construction Paper (18” x 12”) – 3 pieces
- Yellow Paper, 8 ½” x 11”
- Hat Template
- Pen/Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Tape

Directions:
1. Cut out the hat template.
2. Line up the template’s bottom corner with the bottom corner of your black construction paper.
3. Trace the top and bottom of the template onto your 18” x 12” construction paper and then flip the template to the other side and trace the top and bottom again. Once both sides are traced, it should resemble the shape of the picture above.
4. Cut out two hats sides from two pieces of black construction paper.
5. Staple your hat together, as indicated on the picture above.
6. To make a fitted headpiece
   a) Cut one sheet of black construction paper in half so that you have two 18” strips.
   b) Tape the two strips together to make a 36” strip.
   c) Measure the strip around your head and tape it closed to fit comfortably.
   d) Staple or tape the insides of the hat to the round headpiece.
7. Cut a long thin strip of yellow paper and fold it into the shape of a “v.” Glue the folded yellow paper down with the point in the center of the hat.
8. To make a cockade to decorate the hat
   a) Pleat an 8” x 3” piece of black or yellow paper folding it one way then the other, every ¼ inch until it looks like an accordion.
   b) Staple the pleats together in the middle and then fan out the pleats in both directions to form two half circles.
   c) Glue the edges to form a full circle of pleated paper.
   d) Secure the finished cockade in the middle of your yellow “v” using tape or glue.