

Make a Pressman's Hat: Step by Step Instructions

Freedom of the press is one of the five freedoms protected by the First Amendment. Paper pressman's hats were used by newspaper printers as early as the 1700s to keep ink out of their hair when operating the printing press. **Materials Needed: Newspaper, Tape**

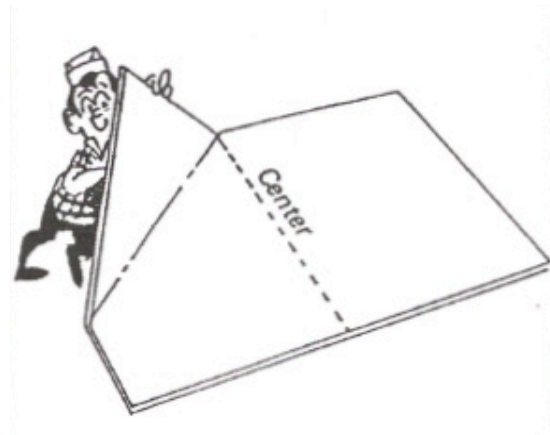


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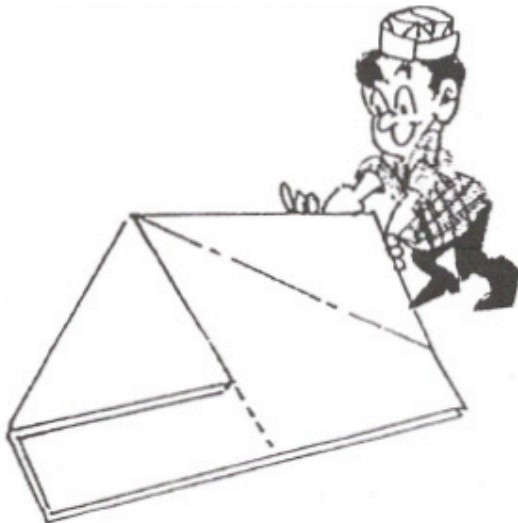
1. Open 2 four-page sections of a newspaper and stack them one on top of the other. Tape them together across the top edge of the pages.



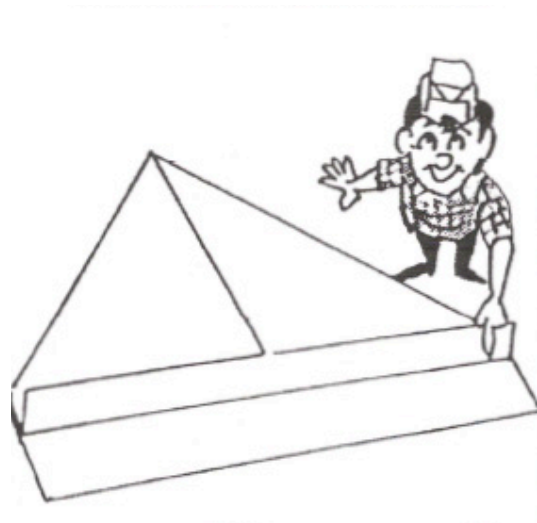
2. Locate the center foldline and fold top left corner down to it.



3. Do the same with the right top corner.

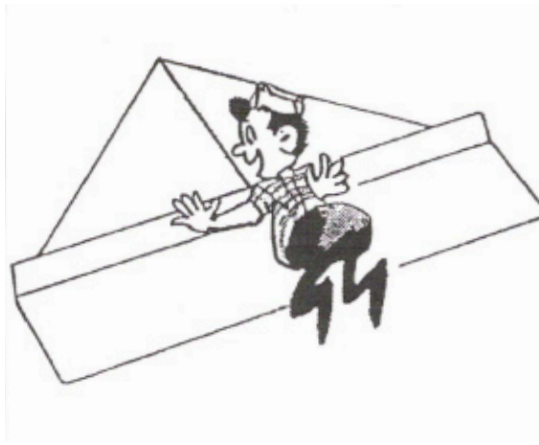


4. Fold up edge of top sheet to base of triangle and crease.

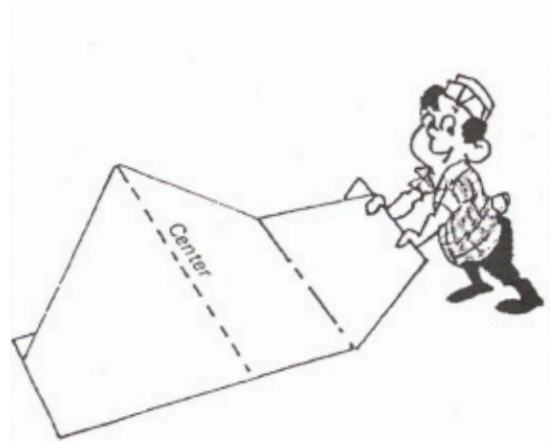


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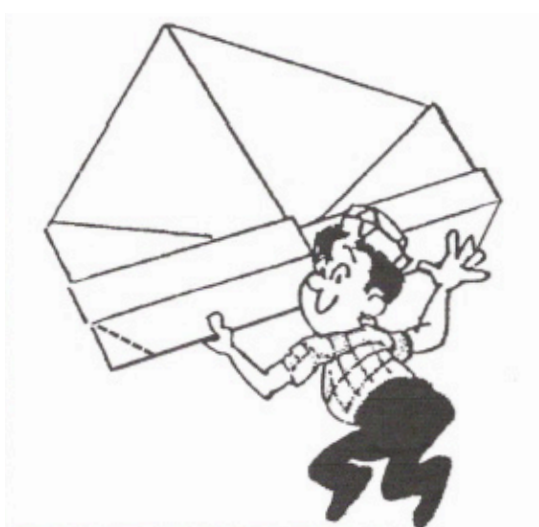
5. Now fold up again to form the hat band and flip entire hat over.



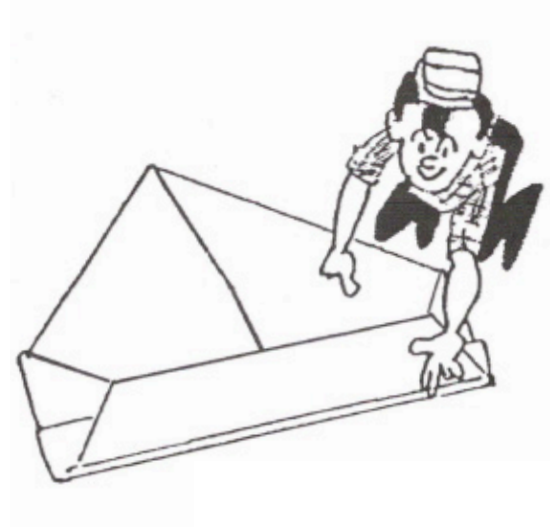
6. Fold right edge to the center foldline. Fold the left side in the same manner to the right edge.



7. Fold lower right and left corners to the bottom of your hat band.

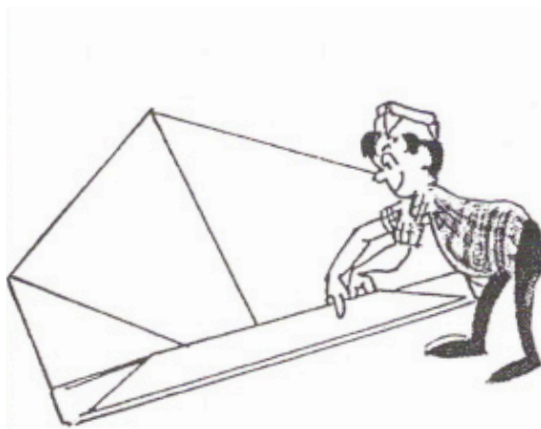


8. Fold entire lower flap above the hat band.

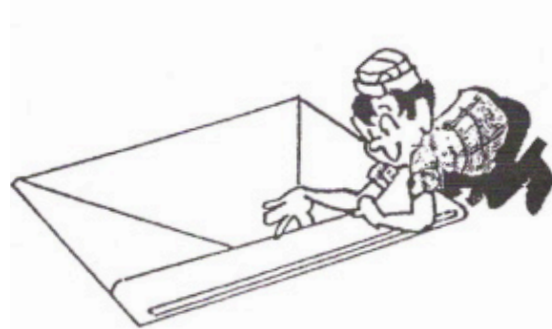


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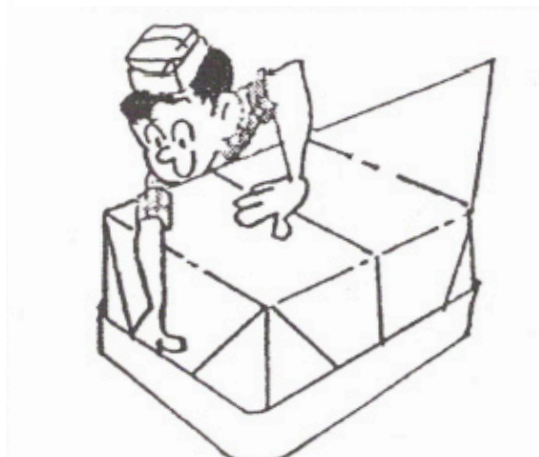
9. Now fold top of flap down and tuck into the hat band.



10. Fold the peak down to the bottom of the hat band and tuck under the band. Crease all folds.



11. Pick up the hat. Open wide and flatten out the top, fold the peaks down to the bottom of the hat, crease the top edge, and tuck ends into the band.



And there you have a genuine pressman's hat!

