THE ADORNED COLLECTION

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Follow April's method, then make it your own.



One example of how the layers can come together.

THE EXAMPLE

These cards show how I build a hat, one layer at a time. Follow the order for a similar look, or use the techniques with your own combination of materials.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Try each placement before adding glue. Measure lace, trim, rhinestones, and suede against your own hat before cutting from the shared spools.

YOUR FINISHING DETAILS

Choose from feathers, loose charms, playing cards, and ticket stubs. Use the pieces you love and leave out the rest. Let hot glue set before moving to the next layer.

MAKE IT YOURS

The method is a starting point. Your colors, layers, accents, and placement are yours to choose.

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Plan your design

Practice tracing on your test square before starting on the hat.



01 Arrange the paper designs

Lay the designs around the brim where you want them. I recommend the brim rather than the crown. Trim the paper with scissors if needed.

02 Add the carbon paper

Place carbon paper underneath the design with the darker black side facing down against the hat. Put the design on top. Tape it in place if you want to prevent shifting.

03 Transfer the lines

Use the stylus with pressure and short back-and-forth strokes, like scratching a scratch-off ticket. This transfers the design more effectively than a single light trace. Lift a corner to check, then continue until the design is transferred.

MAKE IT YOURS

You can also draw a design, name, or initials with a pencil or pen, or work freehand.

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Burn your design

Practice on your test square before burning your hat.



01 Begin on 2

Start the burner on 2 and test a few lines. If it burns well, stay on 2. If the mark is too light, increase in small increments, testing on the square each time.

02 Keep the tip moving

This is a burner, not a pencil. Keep it moving whenever it touches the material. Resting in one spot can burn a hole straight through the hat. Lift the tip between sections.

03 Work with your hat's color

Dark caramel hats burn near black. Cream hats burn tan or light brown. Repeatedly going over a line may burn through the material rather than make it darker.

REMEMBER

Adult use. Follow the burner manual. Never leave a hot tool unattended. Turn it off and let it cool in its holder before packing.

MAKE IT YOURS

Follow the transferred lines or add freehand details. I recommend working on the brim.

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Build your base

I begin with the widest banding layer, around the base of the crown.



01 Measure before cutting

Hold the lace against the hat where the crown meets the brim. Bring it all the way around, keeping it flat and untwisted. Leave a little overlap before cutting from the shared spool.

02 Check the placement

Hold the starting end and arrange the lace around the crown. Turn the hat to check its height and position at the front, sides, and back.

03 Secure the band

Once you like the position, use small amounts of hot glue to secure the lace. Keep fingers away from fresh glue and let it set before adding another layer.

MAKE IT YOURS

Use lace, ribbon, or your preferred banding. Leave it simple or build more layers over it.

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Choose your accents

I position flat accents over the base band before adding the narrower layers.



01 Try a few positions

Hold a playing card, ticket stub, or both against the crown. Move the pieces until the part you want to show is visible. Check the look from the front and side.

02 Follow the curve

Gently curve the paper to follow the crown. Hold the next banding layer across it to see how much will be covered before deciding on the height.

03 Secure the pieces

Use small amounts of hot glue to hold each piece in position. Avoid touching fresh glue. Let it set before adding more banding.

MAKE IT YOURS

Use one accent, combine a few, or skip them. The photo shows one possible arrangement.

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Layer your banding

I add braided trim along the lower edge of the lace, leaving lace visible above it.



01 Measure the trim

Hold the trim around the crown along the line you want it to follow. Check where it crosses your paper accents. Allow the ends to meet before cutting to length.

02 Arrange the layer

Bring the trim around the hat, keeping it flat. Turn the hat to check the spacing and make any adjustments before gluing.

03 Secure the placement

Use small amounts of hot glue to secure the trim. Keep fingers clear of fresh glue and let it set before adding another layer.

MAKE IT YOURS

Change the height, choose another trim, or leave a layer out. This is how I build the example.

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Layer your banding

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Add some sparkle

I place my rhinestone chain just above the braided trim.



01 Measure against the hat

Hold the chain along the line you want it to follow. Bring it around the crown and check where the ends will meet before cutting from the shared spool.

02 Keep the stones visible

Arrange the chain flat against the banding with the stones facing outward. Check its position around the whole hat before adding glue.

03 Attach the chain

Use small amounts of hot glue to secure the chain along your chosen line. Keep fingers away from the glue and nozzle. Let it set before adding the suede.

MAKE IT YOURS

Try another position, use a shorter accent, or skip the sparkle. The photo shows my usual placement.

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Wrap your suede

I wrap suede around the layered band and bring the ends together at the side.



01 Leave room to tie

Choose where the knot and tails will sit. Leave one loose end there, then wrap the suede around the crown. Measure on the hat before cutting from the shared spool.

02 Make your wraps

For my example, I make two wraps. Leave enough length at both ends for a knot and tails. Keep the suede flat and adjust the spacing so the earlier layers still show.

03 Bring the ends together

Bring both ends to your chosen knot position. Check the whole hat and adjust the wraps before tying.

MAKE IT YOURS

Use one wrap or several, change the spacing, and choose where your knot will sit. Keep the ends long for now.

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Tie the finishing knot

Tie the suede once you are happy with the wraps and placement.



01 Cross the ends

Bring the loose ends together at your chosen spot. Cross one end over the other while keeping the wraps against the banding.



02 Pull the knot snug

Pass one end through the crossed loop and pull the ends snug. Tie a second knot if needed to keep the suede from slipping. Check that the wraps have stayed in place.

03 Trim a little at a time

Let the tails hang and check their length against the brim. Trim with scissors only after the knot is secure. Cut a little at a time so you can check the look.

MAKE IT YOURS

Leave long tails, trim them short, or move the knot to suit your arrangement.

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Style your feathers

Use the multipack to build a combination before attaching it to the hat.



01 Begin with a larger feather

Choose a larger feather for the back. Add a thin line of hot glue along the central shaft where the next feather will overlap.



02 Build the layers

Place another feather over the glued area, lining up the lower stems. Hold the dry parts while the glue sets. Keep fingers away from fresh glue.



03 Add a front accent

Try a smaller feather in front. Adjust it while the arrangement is still loose, then glue where the shafts overlap. Keep the bare stems together for attaching.

MAKE IT YOURS

These photos show an example in progress. Add more feathers, mix colors and textures, or rearrange the layers until you like the look.

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Place your feathers

I tuck the feather stems behind the banding at the side of the crown.



01 Try the position

Slide the bare stems behind the band. Hold the banding while you position the feathers, keeping the layered feathers visible above it.

02 Adjust the angle

Check the height and angle from the front and side. See how the feathers look beside your other accents. Make adjustments before securing them.

03 Secure the stems

Use hot glue to secure the stems behind the banding. Hold the dry parts while the glue sets and keep fingers clear of fresh glue.

MAKE IT YOURS

Change the position, add more feathers from the multipack, or keep the arrangement simple. Let all glue set before wearing your hat.

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Add a charm

Thread a loose charm onto cord, then tie it around the hat band.



Materials shown are an example.

01 Choose and measure

Choose a charm with an opening that fits the cord. Hold a separate length of cord around your hat band and leave enough for tying before you cut.

02 Thread the charm

Pass the end of the cord through the charm's loop or opening. Slide the charm along the cord and hold it against the hat to check where you want it to hang.

03 Tie it in place

Bring the cord around the hat over the band and tie the ends securely. Adjust the charm's position before tightening. Trim the tails only after checking the length.

MAKE IT YOURS

Choose from the loose charms, change the hanging position, or leave this detail off.

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