

# DIY Mickey Ears Graduation Cap



## SUPPLIES

- Black Craft Paper, 22 inch x 28 inch
- Yellow Yarn
- Paper Fastener / Brad
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Glue
- Flexible Tape Measure

## DIRECTIONS • CAP

**STEP 1** Cut a 12 inch x 12 inch square out of black craft paper.

**STEP 2** Mark the middle of the square and poke the paper fastener through and fold the fastener tabs on the underside of the square.

**STEP 3** Take a measurement of the circumference of your graduate's head.

**STEP 4** Cut a strip out of the black craft paper that measures 6.5 inches wide by the length of the circumference of your graduate's head plus an additional 3 inches for overlap.

**STEP 5** On the strip, measure 2 inches down the 6.5 inch side, fold to create a crease the length of the strip. Unfold and measure along the "circumference" length of the strip and cut in 2 inch segments, cutting only to the folded crease line that you just created.

**STEP 6** Join both ends of the strip to make a circle with 3 inches of overlap.

**STEP 7** Check to be sure the strip fits snugly on your graduate's head. Adjust as needed and staple the overlapped area to secure the strip. On the stapled strip, fold the 2 inch cut segments inward. Apply glue the top side of the segments. Press onto the center of the 12 inch x 12 inch square making sure the stapled part of the strip faces a corner of the square. This will be the "back" of your cap. Allow the glue to dry.

**STEP 8** On the stapled strip, fold the 2 inch cut segments inward. Apply glue the top side of the segments. Press onto the center of the 12 inch x 12 inch square making sure the stapled part of the strip faces a corner of the square. This will be the "back" of your cap. Allow the glue to dry.

**STEP 9** Print out the "Mickey Ears Template" on an 8.5 inch x 11 inch piece of copy paper. Trace and cut out on black craft paper.

**STEP 10** Fold the two flaps in opposite directions on the bottom of each ear. Apply glue to the bottom of the flaps and press on top of hat, roughly 4 inches from the outermost corners.

## DIRECTIONS • TASSEL

**STEP 1** Cut yarn into fifteen 14 inch strips and two 18 inch strips.

**STEP 2** Use one of the 18 inch strips to tie all of the 14 inch strips tightly together in the middle. Double knot to secure it.

**STEP 3** Pick up the bundled 14 inch pieces of yarn from where they are tied together so that both sides are dangling. The pieces should be approximately 7 inches long.

**STEP 4** Fold the other 18 inch piece of yarn in half and use it to tie around the top of the yarn bundle about 1 inch from top. Double knot and trim any excess string from the 18 inch piece.

**STEP 5** Trim the bottom of the bundled 14 inch pieces to that your tassel has a clean edge.

**STEP 6** Attach tassel to the completed cap by using the first 18 inch string (used to tie the bundle together) and tying it around the paper fastener on top of the cap. Make sure your paper fastener has the button side on the top.



## MICKEY EARS TEMPLATE

