## **Christmas hat decoration**

Another fun project to do with children!

## You will need: -

Waste cardboard

A used tin or round cardboard container – I used an old hot chocolate container

Fabric, or decorative paper, or paint (acrylic paints are best, but remember to seal with PVA glue after)

PVA glue and brush

Hot glue gun

Decorative embellishments – I used old broken decorations. Charity shops are a fabulous source!

## Method: -

On the cardboard, draw around a tea plate to make the brim, cut it out, then draw a circle on the fabric about an inch wider. Repeat this process with the top of the round container. Use PVA to glue these to the wrong side of the corresponding fabric circles. Cut small 'tabs' on the overlapping edges of the fabric. These can then be glued down on the other side of the cardboard and create a neat edge.

Cut a piece of fabric big enough to cover the sides of your container, with an inch overlap at the bottom and top. Glue this on and neatly join the raw edges where the fabric meets. Cut tabs & glue top and bottom.

Use the glue gun to join the brim to the main hat & circle onto the top.

Your hat shape is ready for embellishment. I tried to put a dent in the hat to give it character, but it made it difficult to glue to the base.

The fun bit is using old decorations to embellish – use old bits of ribbon, hanging decorations – whatever you have to hand.

Enjoy!













