

Make your own Peelers hat.

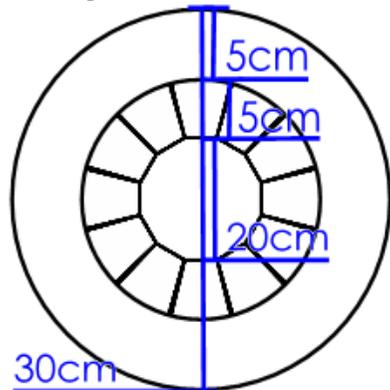
What do I need?

3 sheets of black card, glue and scissors.

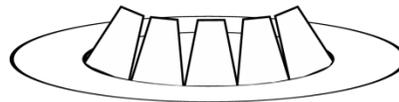
A Peeler is the early name for a police officer and is named after Sir Robert Peel. The lack of organisation and efficiency of early law enforcement was often a source of public controversy. Because of this, a parliamentary committee was appointed to investigate the current system of policing. Upon Sir Robert Peel being appointed as Home Secretary in 1822, he established a second and more effective committee, and acted upon its findings. Robert Peel, believed that the way to standardise the police was to make it an official paid profession, to organise it in a civilian fashion, and to make it answerable to the public. After he presented his ideas to Parliament, they were approved and made official with the Metropolitan Police Act of 1829.

A Peelers uniform would have consisted of a navy blue swallow-tailed coat with a raised leather collar to protect the officer from garrotting, blue trousers and a stovepipe hat. Each officer carried a truncheon for protection and a rattle for calling assistance. The stovepipe hat was recognisable as popular civilian attire and was believed to give the officer suitable protection from a blow to the head. Some even believe that the stovepipe hat (top hat) was also used to allow officers to stand on so they could see more in a crowd or over a wall. Myth or Fact? have a look and see if you can find this out...

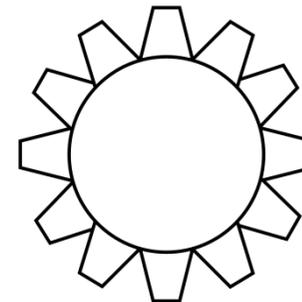
1. Cut a large disk out of card 30cm across, draw a smaller disk in the middle 5cm in from the outer disk and then cut small tabs again at 5cm on the inner disk, completely removing the inner hole.



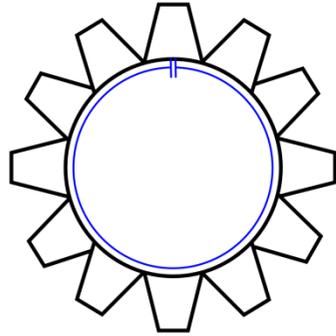
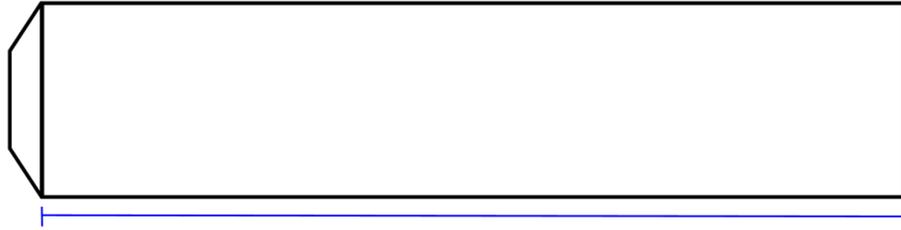
2. On the inside of the disk allow for the small tabs to be cut around the inner of the hat to attach it all together later. Fold the inner tabs up. The outer rim of the hat should be 5cm deep.



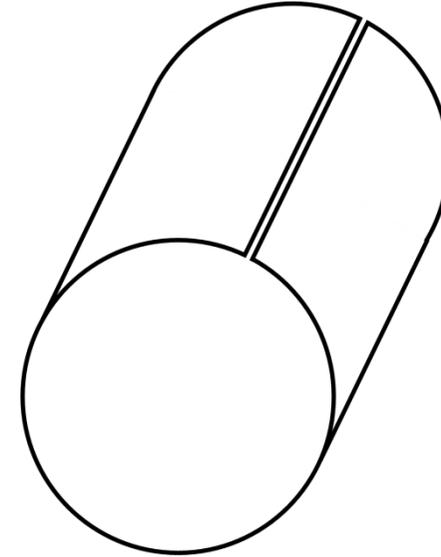
3. Cut another disk out of card making sure that this disk is the same size as the inner hole of the rim of the hat. Again cut tabs on the outside of this disk and fold up.



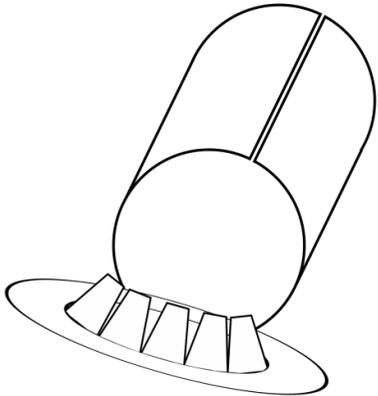
4. Cut a rectangle out of card making sure that the overall length of the rectangle is the same circumference as the inner disk from the hat, making sure to add a small tab to one side. The height of this rectangle should be at least 20cm high.



5. Fold the large rectangle, sticking the tab to the inside of itself to make a large tube.



6. Using the folded tabs, attach the top and rim of the hat to the insides of the tube.



7. After cutting and gluing all the tabs you should be left with a simple stovepipe hat.

