Age: 9-12th Grade

Materials: fabric (denim or canvas recommended), scissor, sewing needle, sewing thread (recommended: color of thread should match the color of your fabric), sewing pins/pin cushion, white color pencil/crayon, print templates

Introduction: Bucket hats were all the rage in the ‘90s, but this trendy accessory is back and here to stay. Why purchase these hats in stores when you can make your own at home? With just a few simple materials, you can have your own customized bucket hat.

- Print templates:
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Activity:
We will be using a basic running stitch to make the bucket hat. Weave the threaded needle in and out of the fabric in a straight line. Knot the thread twice when you want to end the stitch, and then cut off the excess.
Step 1: Trace and cut out the parts

Fold the fabric in half. Line the **brim** on top, making sure that the part that says “on the fold” is against the fold of the fabric. Use the white color pencil to trace an outline around the cutout. Repeat **three** more times.

Next, place the **headband** on against the fold of the fabric. Trace the outline with the white color pencil. Repeat **once** more.

Third, place the **circle top** on the fabric, and trace the outline **once**.

Finally, cut out the outlines. You should end up with four brims and two headbands that were cut at the fold. And you will have one circle top.
Step 2: The Headband

Unfold the two headband parts. Place one of the pieces onto the other so that it lines up. Pin the two short ends of the headband together. Do a running stitch half a centimeter from the edge alongside the short ends.

Step 3: Attaching the Circle Top

Align one of the sewed creases of the headband against the circle top. Pin the two pieces together. Continue pinning until you end up back where you started. Do a running stitch along the circumference of the circle, half a centimeter from the edge. Flip inside out, and you have the top of your bucket hat.
Step 4: The Brim

Place two of the brim pieces on top of the other two so that it lines up.

Pin the pieces together alongside the longest edge. You should end up with two pinned parts.

Do a running stitch alongside the longest edge. Repeat on the other pinned brim piece.

Open up the sewed pieces so that the longest edge is now in the center. You will have a “good” side and a “bad” side. The “bad” side is the side with the half centimeter of fabric sticking out. You can see the stitches on that side. The “good” side is the flipped part, and you can’t see any of the stitches.

Align the two “good” sides, and pin both of the short ends together.

Sew a running stitch along the short side, leaving a half centimeter of fabric.

Flip inside out so that only the “good” side shows. The longest edge should now be the border and a full circle.
Step 5: Attaching the Brim

Lift one of the creases from the brim, and align to one of the creases from the top of the hat. Make sure that the creases are lined up, and pin the pieces together.

Pin along the entire inner circle. The frayed parts of the brim and the top should be facing the direction.

Sew along the pinned edge, leaving a half centimeter of fabric.

Flip inside out, and you have a bucket hat!