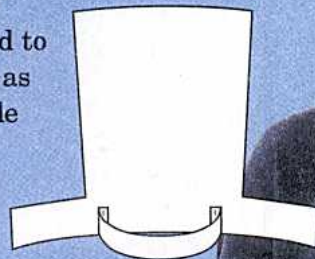


Crafts

Patriotic Hat

By Sheila M. Hausbeck

1. Cut a large hat shape from **poster board**.
2. Cut a strip of poster board that will fit around your head.
3. Staple one end of the strip to the back of the hat. Wrap the strip around your head to make the hat fit. Hold the strip in place as you remove it from your head, then staple the strip to the hat.
4. Cut stars and stripes from **colored paper**. Glue them on the hat.



"Shut the Box" Travel Game

By Cheryl M. Reifsnnyder

1. Trace the top and bottom of an empty **mint tin** onto **craft foam** twice. Cut out the pieces. Glue them to the inside and outside of the tin, trimming them if necessary.
2. Trace a **penny** onto craft foam nine times. Cut out the circles. Use a **marker** to number them 1-9. Glue them inside the lid.
3. Place nine pennies and two **dice** inside the tin. Decorate the tin with designs cut from craft foam.



Shut the Box originated more than 200 years ago, possibly in northern France. Sailors and travelers would take the game with them on voyages.

To Play:

1. Roll two dice and add up the dots. Use pennies to cover the circle with that total or the circles with numbers that add up to that total. For example, if you roll a 6, you could cover 6; 1 and 5; 2 and 4; or 1, 2, and 3.
2. Continue to roll the dice and cover circles until the number you roll doesn't let you cover any more circles. Once a number is covered, it can't be used again.
3. Add up the uncovered numbers. For example, if 1, 4, and 7 are not covered, your score is 12.
4. After you determine your score, pass the game to the next player. Whoever gets the lowest score wins. If all nine numbers are covered, then you've "shut the box" and your score is 0.