

Program Guide: DIY Steampunk Costume Pieces

Take an everyday object like safety goggles and punk it up to create your own steampunk accessory for a cosplay or just for fun.

Included in the bin:

Plastic party top hats and cowboy hats
Welding goggles
Duct tape
Hot glue guns and glue sticks
Foam brushes
Acrylic paint
Colored acetate discs
Various embellishments
Scissors
Pliers (for the metal chain)
Paper plates (for paint)
Paper towels
Sample hat and goggles

Instructions for Steampunk Goggles

1. Start on the goggles first to give them time to dry while you work on your hat. Take apart your goggles by unscrewing the eye pieces and removing the lenses and stretchy strap. Use sandpaper to scratch up the surfaces so that the paint will adhere better.



2. Paint goggles and round eye pieces and set aside to dry while you begin working on the hat.



3. Once dry, choose embellishments and hot glue onto the goggles.



4. If you'd like colored lenses, replace the originals with colored acetate discs and screw on. Replace the strap.
5. Goggles can be placed over the hat or kept separate.

Instructions for Decorated Hats

1. Choose either a top hat or a cowboy hat. Cover your hat in duct tape using long strips to cover every part, including under the brim. If you cut a piece too short, don't worry. Patch over with a smaller piece of duct tape.



1. Paint over the duct tape with a paint color of your choice using the foam brush. You don't need to add water, but be careful not to glob the paint on too thick. Use light, quick brush strokes. Make sure to cover just under the brim. The paint dries quickly, so paint another layer if the coverage looks thin.
2. Use the hot glue to make lines (seams) and rivets/buttons wherever desired. Any strings from the hot glue can be pulled off before painting the accents.



3. Paint seams and rivets/buttons with your accent paint, a metallic color works best. Once dry, paint light brushstrokes of accent color all over the hat. If it looks too streaky or thick, thin it out with quick brush strokes before it dries to spread the paint.



4. Add embellishments to your hat and attach with hot glue. Be creative! Use ribbon or chain, flowers, gears, etc to make your hat look interesting. Use hot glue generously to secure decorations.



5. Voila! You now have two steampunk costume pieces to wear individually or together. Wear them to Koelbel Con or for a costume party!