

## DIY Pirate Eye Patch

Ahoy matey! Weigh anchor!

Let's make your very own pirate eye patch!



### What you need

- A pencil
- A pair of scissors
- Flexible measuring tape
- Elastic band (e.g., ¼ inch wide / the length around your head with an additional 2 inches; note, any narrow elastic band will do)
- A hole puncher (note, you can use a craft knife to cut slits if you do not have a hole puncher)
- Hole reinforcement stickers (note, you can make your own reinforcement by adding some extra cardboard (or other material you used) to the area where you'll attach the elastic band)
- Choose one of the following materials for your patch:
  - ◇ Card stock (if you want to color one of the pirate eye patch pictures, print them on strong paper)
  - ◇ Small piece of cardboard (e.g., from an old cereal box) – draw your own design or trace one of the templates
  - ◇ Foam sheet (any color you like) – draw your own design or trace one of the templates
  - ◇ Any fabric including cotton, leather, fleece, etc. – draw your own design or trace one of the templates
- Choose any of the following materials to decorate your patch:
  - ◇ Permanent markers, crayons, paint
  - ◇ Foam sheet, card stock, colored paper
  - ◇ Any fabric including cotton, leather, fleece, etc.
  - ◇ Glue (if you need to attach anything)

## Directions

### Step 1 - design the eye patch

- First, draw the shape of a pirate eye patch on a piece of paper. If you're not sure how or need some ideas, you can download and print a template from the website.
- If you want to use one of the templates and just color it in, print the template on card stock.



### Step 2 - cut out the eye patch

- Using a pair of scissors, cut out your shape.
- If you want your eye patch to be made of cardboard, thick paper, foam, leather or other materials, use your paper template to trace the shape onto that material. Once you've traced your shape, cut it out from that material.



- Use a hole puncher (if you have one) to make a hole on each side of the eye patch. Use the template to see exactly where the holes should go.  
WARNING: If you don't have a hole puncher and instead want to cut slits with a craft knife, be VERY careful to not tear the eye patch and to not cut yourself. Have an older sibling or friend or adult help you with this.

- Reinforce the holes with eyelets or apply hole reinforcement stickers. You can also make your own reinforcement by gluing an extra layer of material (like thick paper) over the area where the holes or slits will be before punching the holes or cutting the slits.



### Step 3 - decorate your eye patch

- Be creative! You can use any color, pattern or fabric to decorate your eye patch.
- When you're done decorating, let everything dry completely.

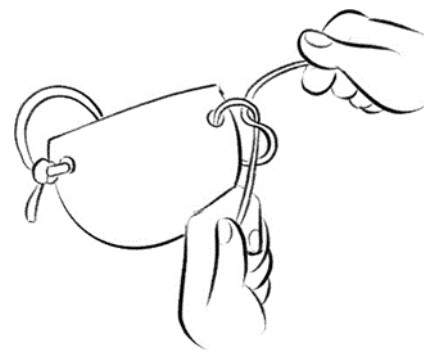
### Step 4 - prepare the elastic band

- Measure around your head with a flexible measuring tape (a string or piece of yarn also works if you don't have a tape measure).
- Cut an elastic band that is 2 inches longer than the measurement around your head.



### Step 5 - put your eye patch together

- If you used liquid paint or glue, wait until everything is completely dry before moving on to this step!
- Attach the elastic band by threading one end through the hole (or slit) on each side and tying a knot. Make sure the elastic doesn't get twisted.



### Step 6 - put your eye patch on

- You are ready to test your eye patch!
- Make any necessary adjustments so it fits perfectly. The eye patch should stay on securely but not feel too tight.

Aye, Aye, matey!

Your very own pirate eye patch is finished!

