## Count By Tens Christmas Tree Hat

## To prepare:

Cut the following construction paper. Each child needs:

Ornaments: 10 1.5" squares in ten different bright colors (any)

Strap:  $1.5 \times 12$ " green rectangles

Tree: 1 12 x 18" green rectangle, folded in half and pretraced with tree shape

Use the provided template to make a tracer out of a file folder or cardstock. Using a hole puncher, make some holes in the tracer where the circles are indicated. This is where the children will need to place the ornaments on the hat so that they are spaced out properly in a way that makes sense so that they can put the numbers in order on the hat. Pre-fold the large green rectangle for the tree hat in half and then pretrace the tree shape on the fold, making a dot in each little punched out circle on the template. (You may be able to use a xerox or old "ditto" machine to copy the tree if your machine will copy on folded paper. Ours will not!)

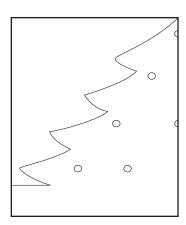
## To construct the hat:

Day One: Have children write the numbers on the colored squares with a black marker and then cut the corners off of the squares to form circular ornaments. Have the children practice putting them in order. Then give each child an envelope with his or her name on it to store the ornaments until the next day.

## Day Two:

Have the children cut out the hat and lay down the ornaments in order. When a child thinks he has it, he should ask an adult to check it. If the adult agrees that they have the numbers in order correctly, then the child may glue the numbered ornaments down. Then an adult may measure the hat to fit and staple the strap onto the back.





Tree Hat Template

