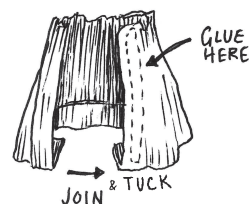
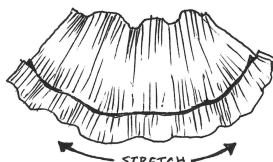
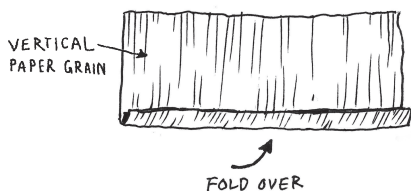


how to Make Crepe Paper Mushrooms

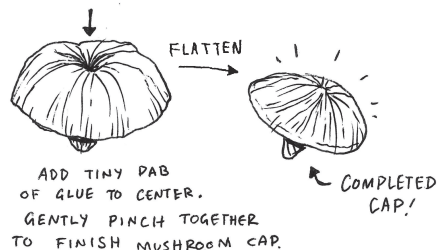
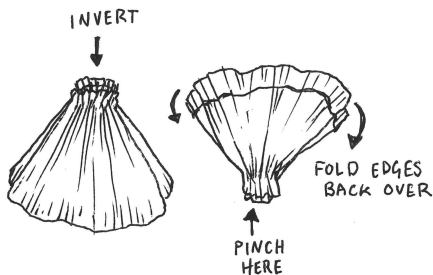
MATERIALS NEEDED

crepe paper, honeycomb paper, floral or craft wire, drinking straws (for stems), scissors, glue, pencil

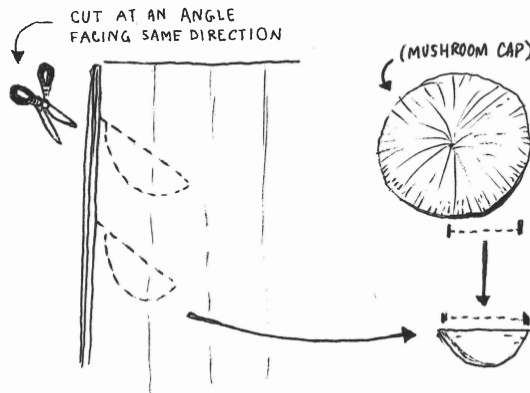
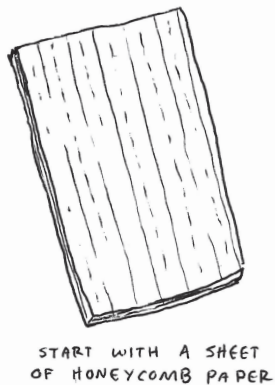
OPTIONAL: chalk pastel and a fluffy brush (like a powder brush for blushing)



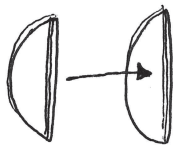
1.) CUT a small rectangular piece of crepe paper. This will be the cap of your mushroom! **FOLD** the bottom of your rectangle up about 1 cm. Gently stretch the crepe at the bottom of your rectangle while you fold. **JOIN** the short ends together and glue, making a tube shape. The folded "hem" should be on the inside.



2.) This part takes a bit of practice to make perfect. **PINCH** the top of your the tube together (the side without the folded edge) and glue. Now, **TURN** your cap **INSIDE-OUT**, twisting and molding as you go. Holding the gathered point, **FOLD** the top over to make an umbrella shape. **ADD** a bit of glue to the hole in the center and pinch together. **SHAPE** the crepe with your hands until you are happy with the look of your cap.



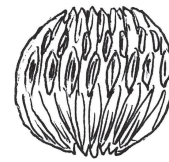
3.) GRAB a sheet of honeycomb paper. **CUT** two small wedge shapes from the paper, making sure to cut at an angle and in the same direction. It may be helpful to use the first shape as a template and trace it. The length of the longest side of the wedge shape should be approximately the radius (from center to outside edge) of your mushroom cap.



GLUE TOGETHER



OPEN HONEYCOMB PAPER. GLUE REMAINING SIDES TOGETHER.



YOU SHOULD NOW HAVE A PAPER BALL!

4.) GLUE one side of your wedge-shapes together. When you open these individual pieces up, you will notice that they have a “diamond” shape towards one end. Make sure that these are lined up accordingly before gluing. When you pull them apart, they should fan out like an accordion. Bring the remaining sides together and glue them to form a paper ball.



OPEN FROM THE TOP

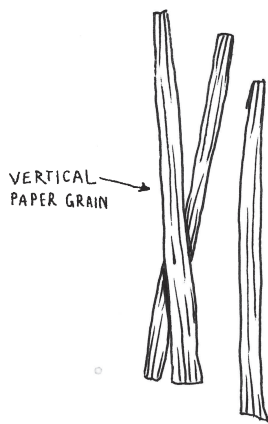


COMPLETED GILLS!

GLUE TO UNDERSIDE OF CAP,

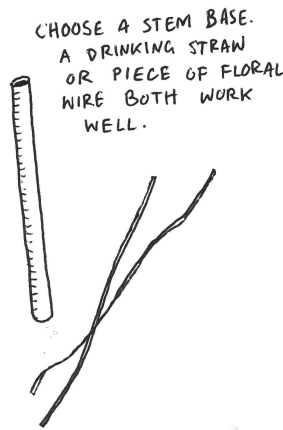


5.) OPEN your honeycomb paper ball gently from the top. These are your completed mushroom gills! **GLUE** them to the underside of your cap.

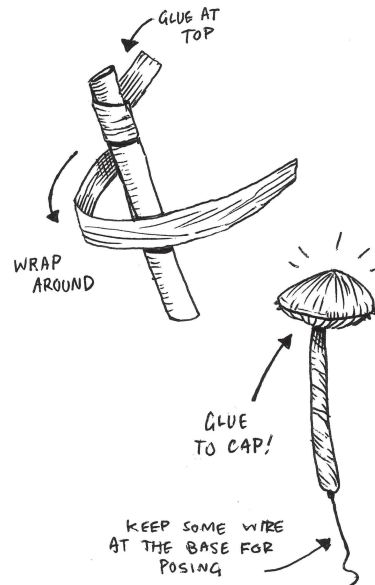


VERTICAL PAPER GRAIN

CUT A FEW LONG, NARROW STRIPS OF CREPE PAPER.



CHOOSE A STEM BASE. A DRINKING STRAW OR PIECE OF FLORAL WIRE BOTH WORK WELL.



6.) Time for the stem! **CUT** a few long, narrow strips of crepe. **CHOOSE** your stem base -- drinking straws work well for a thicker, sturdier stem, while wire works well for a more delicate and poseable stem. **GLUE** the end of the strip to the top of your stem base and wrap to cover completely.

