

# DIY Mortarboard!

## MATERIALS | MORTARBOARD

- Poster board for the mortarboard (which has a finished size of 9.25" x 9.25") and headband (one piece of 22" x 28" poster board is more than enough for it)
- Scissors, glue (liquid or stick), tape
- A sewing tape measure, a numbered ruler, some clamps or paperclips (5 or 6)

## MATERIALS | TASSEL

- 15 yards of embroidery thread or yarn
- a tapestry needle, folded piece of flexible wire or twist-tie

### Process | headband

1. Measure the circumference of your head at forehead level with the sewing tape measure. Write down this measurement
2. Go to the headband pattern and cut it out. Use it as a pattern to create as many strips of cardboard you need to go all the way around your forehead plus 1 inch. Depending on the size of your poster board you may have to cut more than one strip in order to have enough to make it around your forehead. Let's call this the "headband strip"
3. As shown in the pattern, cut tabs 1" deep at regular intervals on the headband strip. Fold these tabs out. They'll make the platform at the board will sit on.
4. Clip the headband ends together to fit the circumference of your head. Glue the overlap together and/or secure with tape

### Process | mortarboard

1. Cut out a piece of poster board that's 9.25" x 9.25" – this will be the mortarboard
2. Carefully put glue on your headband's folded-out tabs
3. Carefully place the headband on the mortarboard making sure the headband is centered in the space

### Process | tassel

1. Cut off a 20" length of your embroidery thread/yarn, fold in half and set aside. Let's call this the "cord."
2. Cut off a 12" length of your embroidery thread/yarn and set aside. Let's call this the "tassel tie."
3. Cut a piece of poster board 2" x 9" – you'll use this to wind the tassel
4. Tape down one end of the remaining embroidery thread/yarn at the edge of your 2" x 9" poster board and wrap the yarn around the board the long way until you run out of yarn
5. Slide the loop end of the cord through the tassel-in-progress and bring the two loose ends through to tighten
6. Carefully remove the cardboard and, holding back about 3" of tassel tie, wrap the tassel tie tightly around the tassel ½" down from the cord end, until you have 3" left, double-knotting the ends together
7. Cut open the loops at the bottom of the tassel, freeing the strands
8. To attach the cord and tassel, poke a small hole into the very center of your mortarboard. Thread your tapestry or improvised needle with the two free cord ends and bring the cord from the outside top of the mortarboard to the inside. Tie off the ends of the cord in a double knot and pull the cord from the top of the mortarboard so it hangs properly

### Decorate your mortarboard!

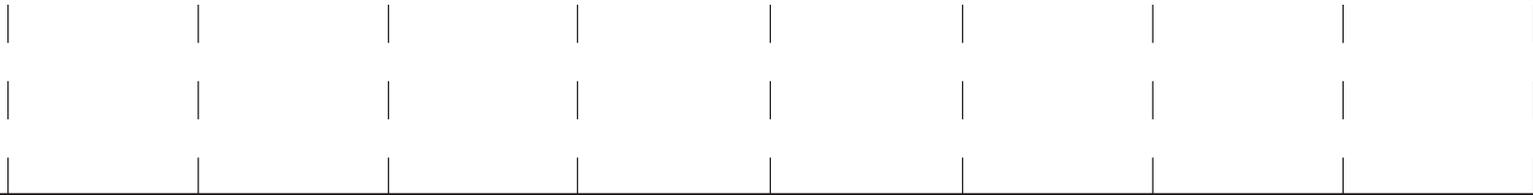
#### Add the SUNY MORRISVILLE logo!

.pdfs are on the headband pattern page

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- for Instagram Stories tag @sunymorrisville to be showcased from the main account

# headband pattern



## Process | headband

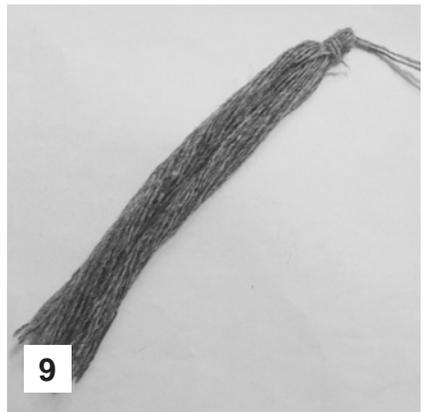
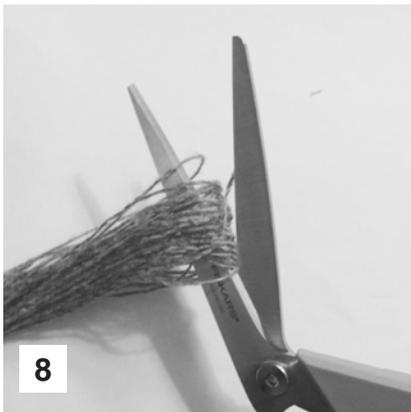
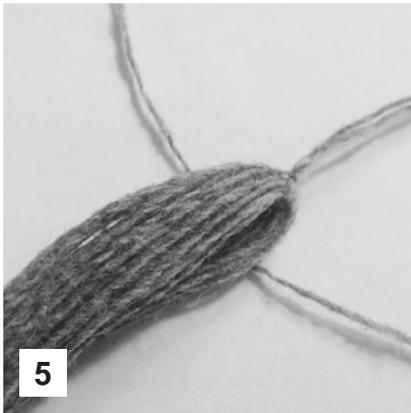
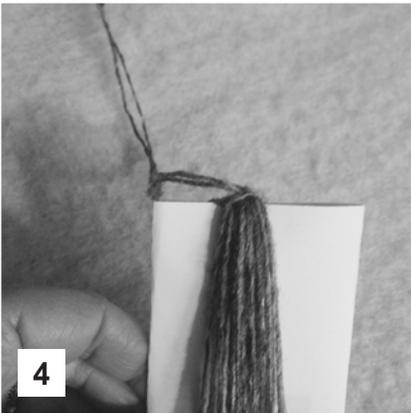
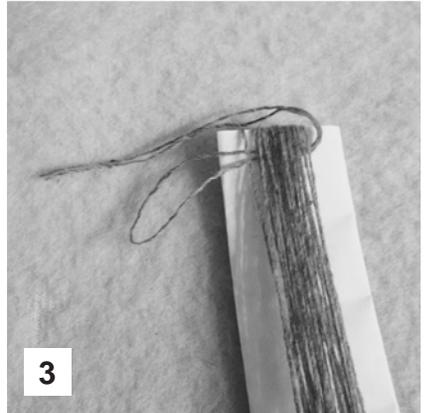
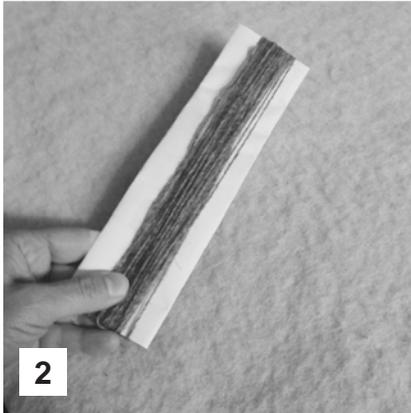
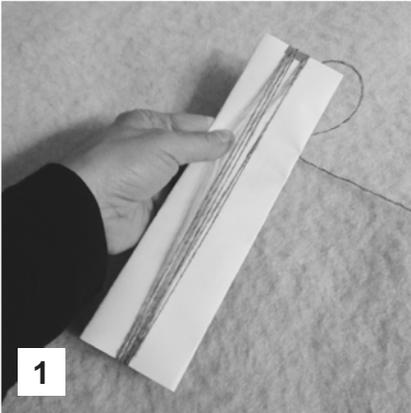
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# Reference Shots: making the tassel



# Reference Shots: making the mortarboard

