

# MAKE YOUR OWN MORTARBOARD!

Parent/carer/teacher and child activity



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- > Ask your parent/carer/teacher for help with this one if you need it!  
It can be a bit fiddly.
- > Resources required: black card or paper, string or wool and sticky tape.
- > Activity time: 10 minutes

## What is a mortarboard and how does it relate to university?

When students graduate from university they wear a special outfit to celebrate. There is a robe, a coloured hood and a mortarboard. You can read more about what each of these mean in the dictionary section of the website [www.studentsofthefuture.co.uk](http://www.studentsofthefuture.co.uk)

The mortarboard is a black hat with a tassel attached that graduates wear and at the end of the ceremony they can throw their hat into the air!





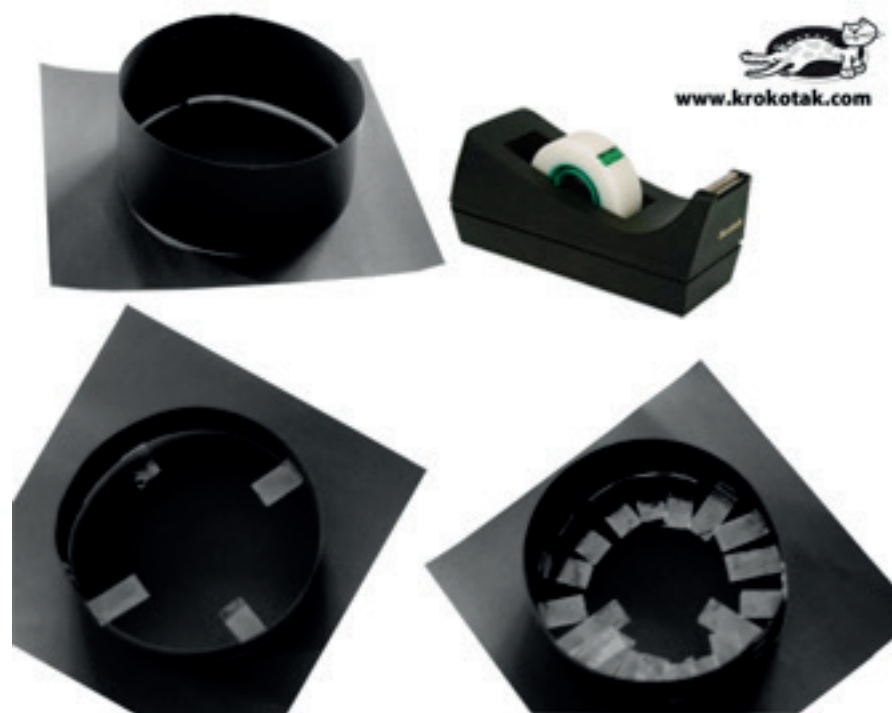
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For the activity below, you can make your very own mortarboard hat!



Use a piece of black card or paper and cut into a square which is 26cm on all sides. Then cut a strip 52cm long and 7cm deep. The square piece will act as the top of the mortarboard and the strip will help it sit on your child's head.

Lay the square piece down and tape the strip so it forms a circle. Tape the circle to the square piece attaching it with Sellotape on the inside (so it is not visible from the outside).



To make the tassel cut a piece of string or wool 90cm long then layer the wool back and forth on top of itself, it should be about 10cm long in total.. Then tie in the middle with a piece of string or wool. Use a separate length of string or wool around 15cm long to tie the tassel around 1cm from the top. Finish by cutting the bottom edges of the tassel so they are loose rather than joined together.

Make a small hole in the middle of the square and attach the tassel using sticky tape



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### Extra activity:

Why not make a degree scroll too? You can use the prospectus section of the website to help you think about what course you'd like on it. This should spark conversations about university, your child's future goals and what they will need to get there.

