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Hats Off

Gaily filled hat boxes for you are perfect for springtime parties.

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These hat boxes are inspired by vintage, hand-painted items from the 1940s and '50s. Use your supplies and simple steps you can make your own hats. Hats hat hat boxes—perfect for a wedding, shower, tea party or Easter.

For more information on Easter Bells visit www.countryliving.com.

What you'll need:

- Round craft paper box with lid (2-inch diameter)
- Poster board or cardboard
- Paper glue
- Vintage wallpaper or scrapbook paper
- White ribbon
- Millinery flowers
- Capsize/baking tape
- Candles
- Stencil
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Begin by cutting out two circles—a 1½-inch diameter circle of poster board and a 4½-inch diameter circle of vintage wallpaper or scrapbook paper.
2. Using a good quality paper glue, carefully attach the vintage wallpaper directly to the poster board circle.
3. Next, cover the sides and the top of the round craft paper box with more of the vintage wallpaper or scrapbook paper. Be sure to carefully trim all the edges.
4. Glue the wallpaper-covered lid box onto the center of the poster board circle. Allow to dry completely.
5. Glue a length of white ribbon all around the base of the craft box, being careful to keep the same size and neat.
6. Add a velvet bow and some pretty millinery flowers.
7. Finally, insert a paper baking cap into the box and fill with candies.



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IF YOU HAVE AN EYE FOR STYLE AND WANT TO TRY your luck, please submit a photograph of a room that would fit pulled from the pages of *Romantic Homes*.

E-mail your room shot (photos should be 300 dpi and 3 x 3 inches big) to romantichomes@blackhat.com or send by regular mail to *Romantic Homes Contest*, Blackhat Media, 2400 E. Katella Ave., Ste. 300, Anaheim, CA 92806, attn: Meryl Schwartzman. You may win a pink 100% Belgian , queen-size linen duvet cover and Euro-shams set from French Garden House (retail for \$600).

The winner will be announced in an upcoming issue.

Good luck!