Setting up a photo corner

Making the props

1. Print the prop sheets on white cardstock, 100% scale. Plain paper works if you glue it to cereal-box card before cutting.
2. Cut along the thin grey outline. Everything is one piece; there are no inside holes, so children can help with the big shapes.
3. Turn over and tape a handle to the grey "tape stick here" tab: a paper straw, a wooden skewer with the point snipped off, a chopstick or a lollipop stick.
4. Glasses and mustaches are held up to the face, not worn; hats sit above the head. Keep them away from candles.

The photo corner

- Backdrop: a plain wall, a bedsheet, a string of lights or wrapping paper taped in strips.
- Light from the front: a lamp beside the phone, never behind the people.
- Put the props in a jar or a basket at the edge of the frame so guests help themselves.
- Tape the "Countdown Crew" and "2027" signs to the wall for a group shot at midnight.
- Phone on a stack of books with the 10-second timer, or a child as the official photographer.

Colour-your-own edition

The ZIP includes the same thirty props as black outlines on white. Print them for a pre-party craft table: children colour the props, cut them out and have their own booth kit. Crayons and markers both work; thick marker lines hide the grey cut line nicely.

SVG files

Each prop is also included as an SVG file. Open one in a free vector editor or a cutting-machine app to scale it up for a giant group prop or down for cupcake toppers.

Sizes

Props print 8 to 16 cm (3 to 6½ in) wide, most of them 12 to 16 cm: adult-face sized for mustaches, glasses and lips; hats are held just above the head. Print at 80% for small children.

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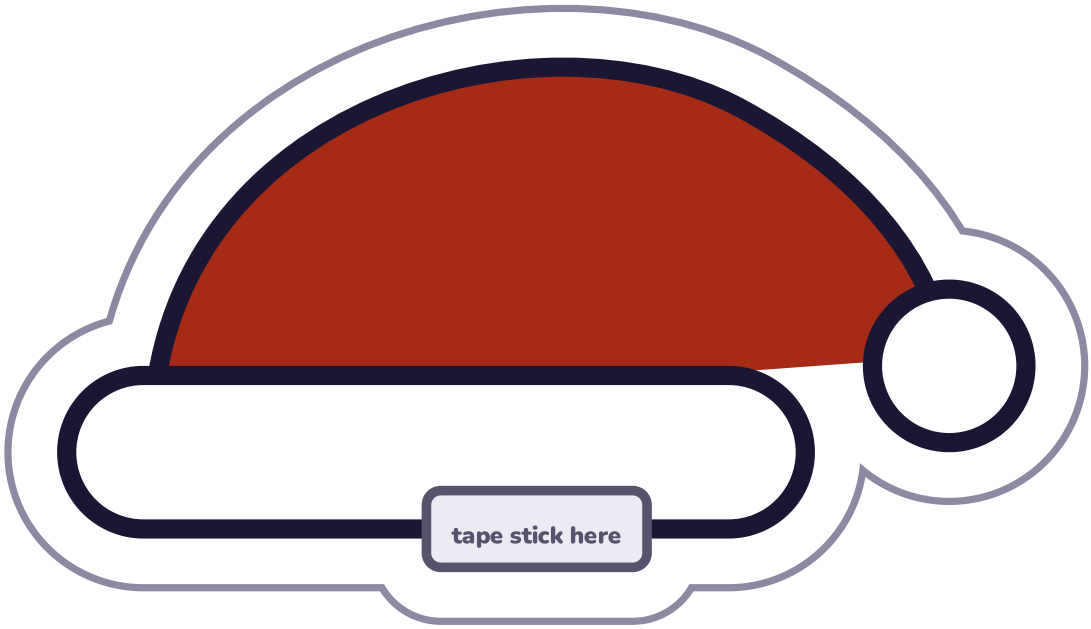

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