

# Hats Off!



## Are you ready to take off that hat?

Perfect for spring and summer, hats are wonderful! If you have some that you still love, but are ready to take out of circulation from your wardrobe, why not give them new life by getting them out of the closet and displaying them! Reusing your hats for this purpose not only helps to upcycle, which reduces waste, but can also result in wonderful conversation pieces. Here, we present some playful and beautiful decorating ideas that are sure to stir up some talk!

### Sun Hat

Store all your beach essentials in a colorful hat.



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### Siesta Time

These two Chihuahua puppies are celebrating Cinco de Mayo! If you have a small dog, it just might find your Mexican sombrero the perfect resting spot. To make your pet even more comfortable, line the hat with something soft and cuddly.

### Spring Elegance

To make an exquisite decorating statement, simply place a beautiful hat next to a basket of fresh flowers.

### Hat Full of Cherries

At your next gathering, present the fruits of summer in a very special way by inserting a bowl filled with fruit inside a hat that has never been worn.







### Blueberry Cake Hat

Take a vintage hat, tie a bow around it, and set it on a cake stand. Place flowers on top of the hat and line the brim with flowers.

### Garden Hat

Turn a straw hat into a flower pot!



### Beach Memories

Showcase your collected shells by gluing them, using a strong glue that can withstand high temperatures, to a straw hat. Display it on your front door, in your guest entry or on your lanai.

### Wherever I Lay My Hat, It's Home

Place a hat on the arm of a chair or sofa for that added touch of personality.



### ARTISTS' CORNER



## VAC Uncorked

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Venice Art Center (VAC) offers an artistic, tasty experience each month, encouraging adults to participate in an evening of camaraderie and creativity. Appropriately named "Uncorked," these evening sessions are structured for evolving artists to participate in a laidback atmosphere to create the instructor-chosen masterpiece. So, gather your friends, sip your favorite beverage and delight in step-by-step art instruction with the talented VAC instructors.

On May 9, 6:30-9 p.m., Diane Chencharick will provide her students with easy-to-follow instruction for creating abstract work on canvas. Those who struggle with drawing will find this session to be an upbeat, fun addition to Uncorked. This abstract representation is part landscape and part cityscape, providing a great opportunity to create something colorful and dynamic using texture, shape and color. Cost is \$40 for nonmembers and \$35 for members, which includes all art supplies.

For more information, call 941.485.7136 or email [info@veniceartcenter.com](mailto:info@veniceartcenter.com). To view the project in advance of the session, log on to [VeniceArtCenter.com](http://VeniceArtCenter.com). Located at 390 South Nokomis Avenue on Venice Island, Venice Art Center is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

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