

Habeeb

the flat Omani

Omani men and boys are very proud of their traditional costumes which are still worn today on a daily basis for work, school and casually. Traditionally, a *dishdasha* (a long dress) is white and worn under it is a *wazaar* (loin cloth). Upon their heads they wear one of two types of head coverings; either the Omani turbin, called *mussar*, tied the traditional Omani way, or the *kuma* (cap) which has its roots in Zanzibar. On their feet you will find men and boys wearing leather *nahls* (sandals).

The Kit contains:

- An instruction sheet
- Flat Omani sheet
- Paper *dishdasha* (dress)
- Paper *kuma* (white cap)
- Paper *mussar* (colored hat)
- Trim and tassel
- Glitter glue and sequins

You will need:

- A pair of scissors
- Craft/PVC glue (clear dry)
- Pens, markers and any other art supplies you wish to use.

STEP

1

Choose a hat. Apply either the *kuma* or the *mussar* (applied here) and the *dishdasha* with glue as shown.

STEP

3

Attach the tassel to the centre of the neckline. Now you can start using your own imagination and the art supplies to finish creating your Flat Omani!

STEP

2

Measure the trim for the neckline, cut, then apply with glue around the neckline as shown. Repeat the process for the sleeves.

STEP

4

And don't forget to draw in the *nahls* (sandals) and create a face for your Flat Omani!



Share your finished Flat Omani with us!

e-mail your artwork to: flatomani@omanidress.com

Tips for assembling your Flat Omani:

- Adult supervision is recommended.
- Read the directions in full before you begin.
- Try the clothes on the Flat Omani before you glue. Sometimes you will find using the reverse side gives a better fit.
- Refer to the finished sample in the instructions as you proceed.
- If you have trouble getting the laces to stick it may simply require more glue. Using white craft glue means you can apply a generous amount but do not wipe off the excess as the glue should dry clear. Also, if you hold the lace down for a moment, you will find that it stays in position.
- Before decorating the clothes with glitter glue, sequins and other art supplies of your choosing, finish off the face of your Flat Omani.
- Once your Flat Omani has completely dried, use the bag the kit came in to protect your finished art work.





