Redesign The Queen's Hat

A fun activity to raise awareness of colour-blindness while celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Colour-blind children's author and illustrator, **Steve Antony**, has teamed up with **Colour Blind Awareness** to invite schools to redesign **The Queen's Hat** from his bestselling picture book.

Not only is this a fun way to celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee,** but it's been created to raise awareness of colour-blindness and help schools support their colour-blind learners. *Did you know that 1 in 12 boys and 1 in 200 girls are colour-blind?*

By downloading the **Chromatic Vision Simulator app** (instructions below), teachers and pupils can view their colourful hats through the eyes of a colour-blind person.

This fun activity was ultimately created to raise awareness of colour-blindness and help schools to support their colour-blind pupils by doing at least **Just One Thing** to make their classrooms more colour-blind friendly (examples below).

Instructions

- Print and colour-in the downloadable **Redesign The Queen's Hat** A4 activity sheet (below). Alternatively, your pupils can use a blank sheet to draw and colour in their own designs, or they can even make 3D hats – just have fun! The goal is to make your royal hats as colourful as possible!

- Display all of your pupils' colourful hats in your classroom or hall.

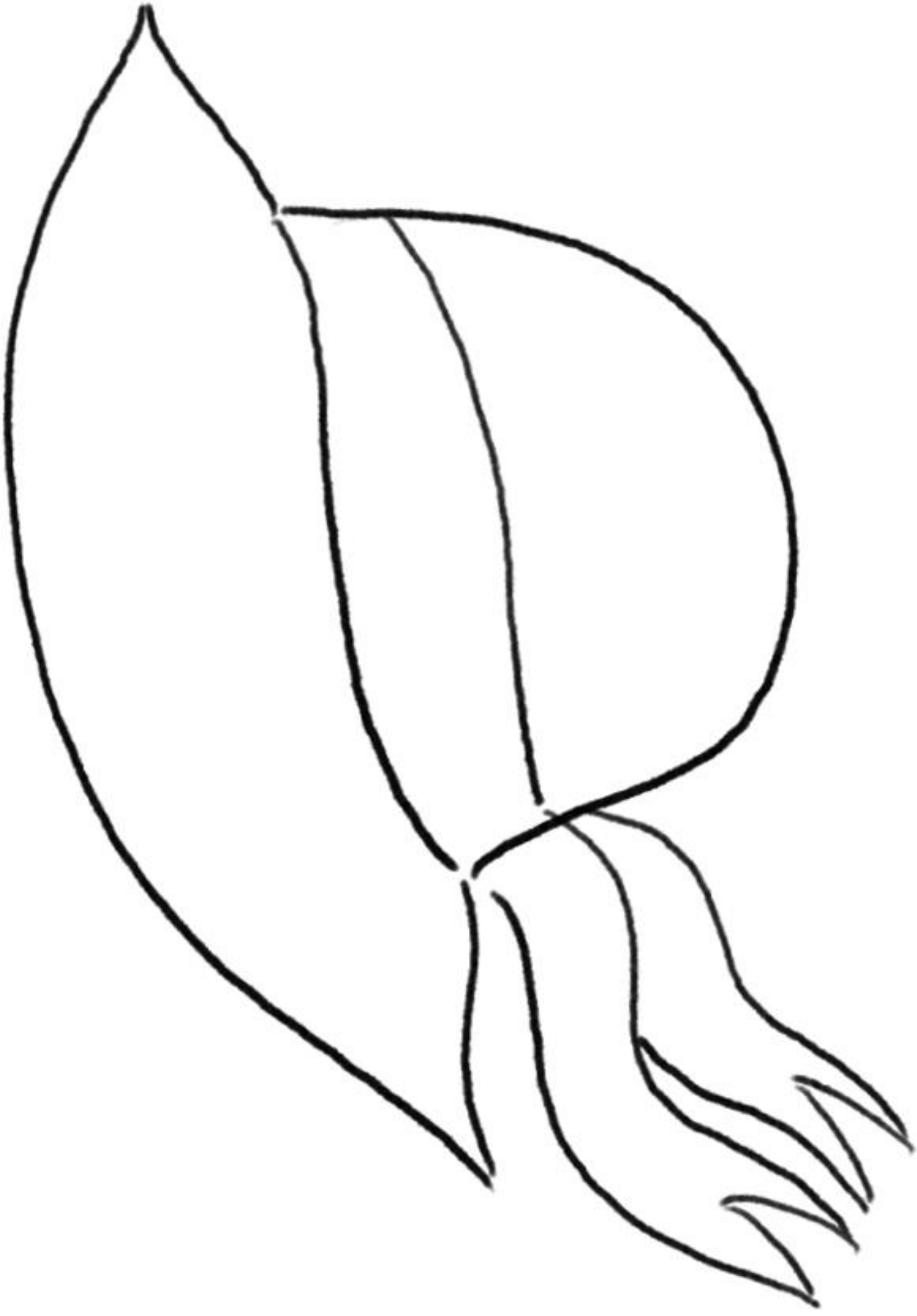
- Download* the **Chromatic Vision Simulator** app. This free app can be downloaded to any smart device from either the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Simply search for **Chromatic Vision Simulator**.

- Allow your pupils to look through the app to see how colour-blind people will see their colourful hats.

- Finally, and most importantly, think of at least *just one thing* you can do to make your classroom more colour-blind friendly (see the ***Just One Thing*** examples below).

- And please do share photos with us using #JustOneThing #TheQueensRedesignedHat on Twitter at @colourblindorg and/or @mrsteveantony

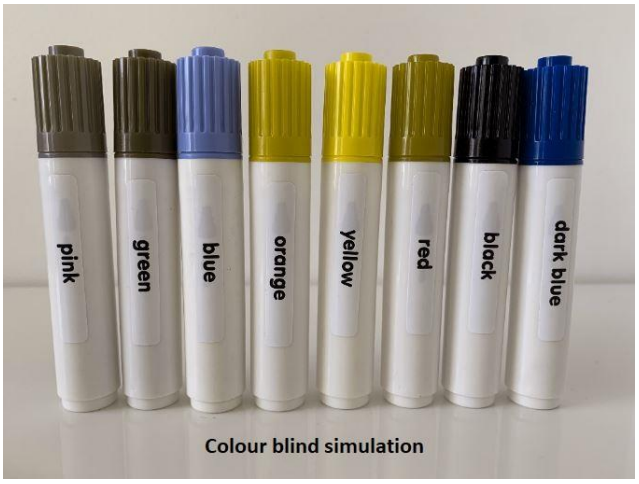
*Download at your own risk.



Just One Thing

What can you do to make your classroom colour-blind friendly?

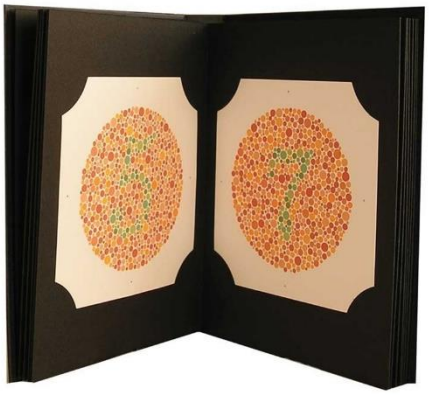
If you don't have much time, the most effective first step to improve the lives of colour-blind children, in school or at home, is to label, label, label!



Colour blind simulation

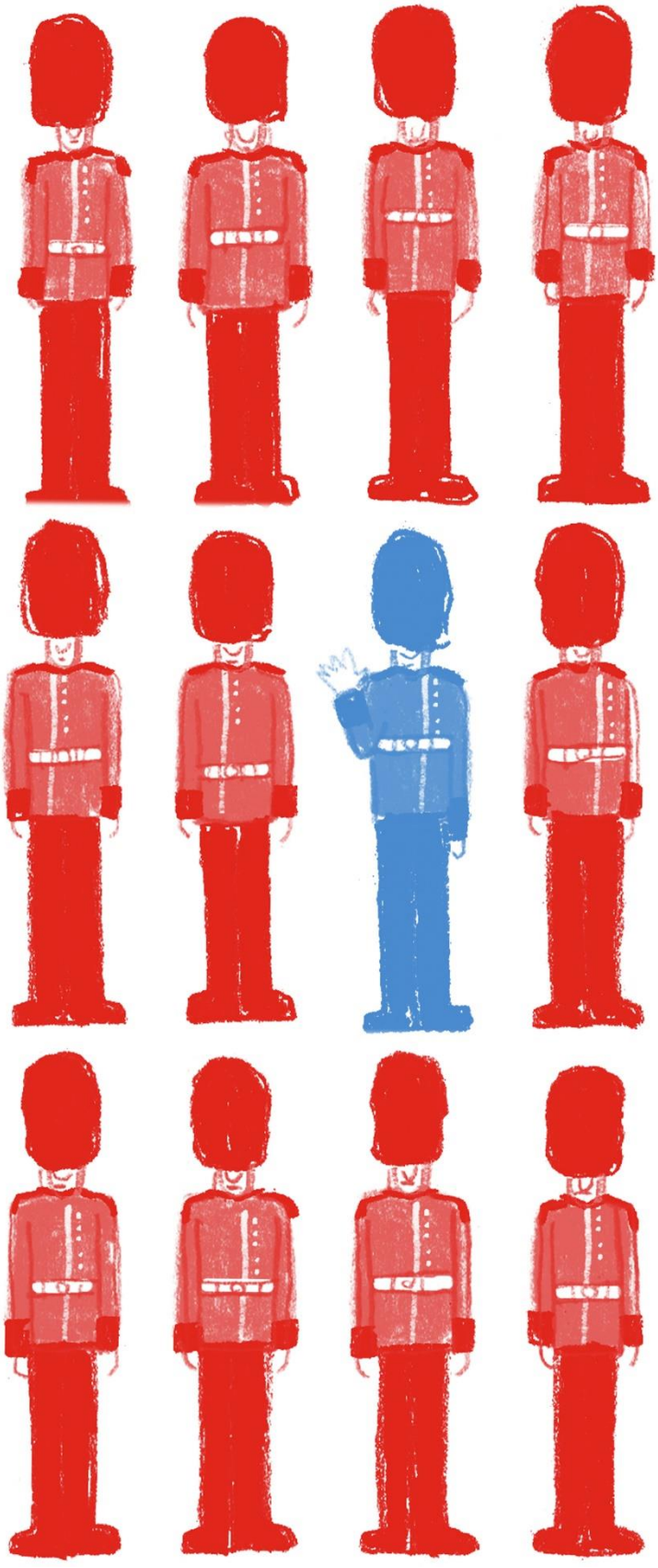
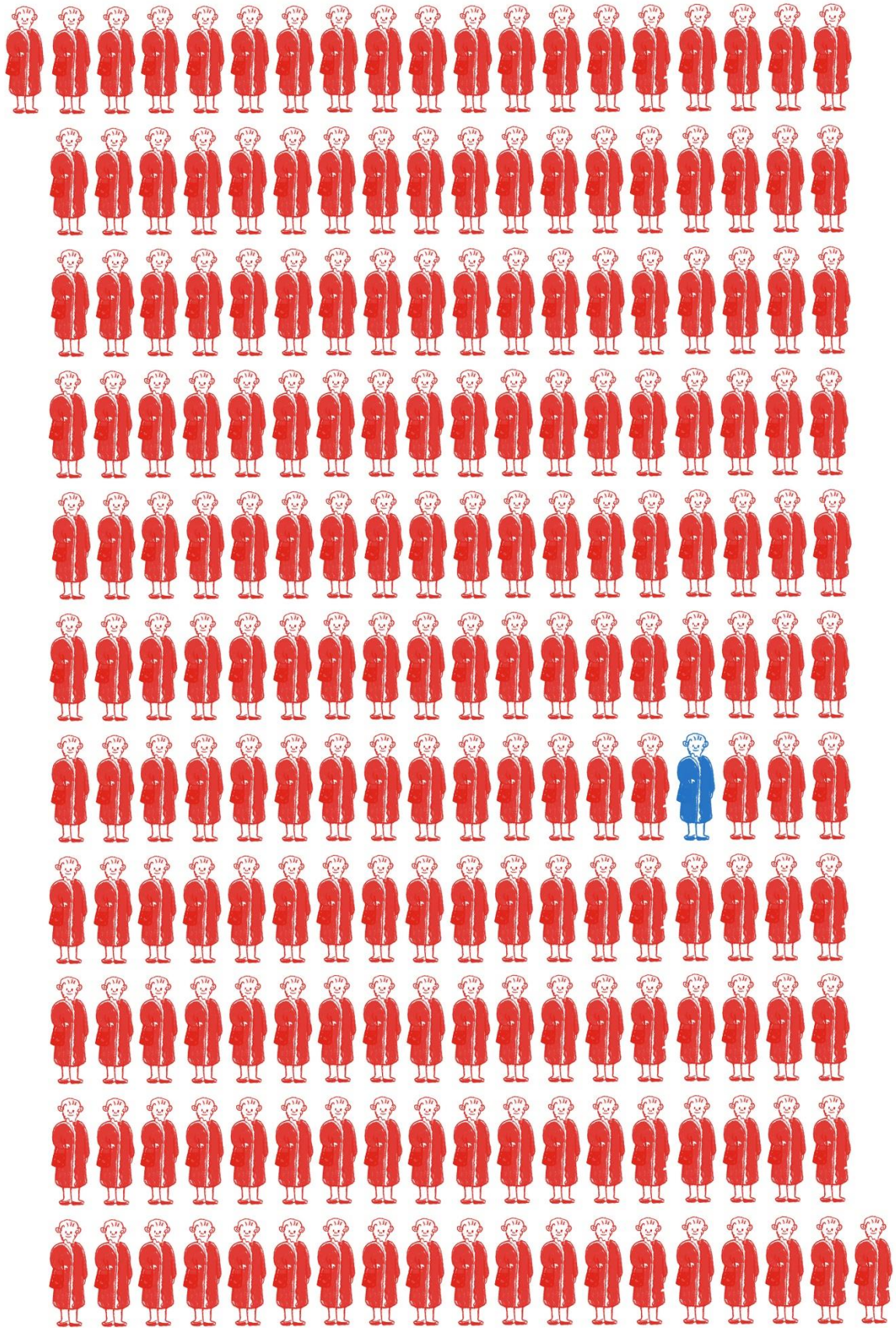
If you can, label all writing and art equipment such as pencil crayons, felt tips, etc with the name of their colour. If children are too young to read yet, label with pictures e.g. banana for yellow, frog for green.

Further steps and useful information



- Download factsheets and other info for Teachers and Parents from the Colour Blind Awareness website www.colourblindawareness.org
- Teach your class about colour blindness – see the videos in the Colour Blind Awareness **#1inEveryClassroom** YouTube playlist https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxZ599esLjhsuqHI3RhDeEliWmAq9WdFx
- Check if your school can provide the Ishihara Test (right) to screen children for colour blindness
- Print off and display in your school/classroom the infographic images below

1 in 12 Boys Are Colour-blind



1 in 200 Girls Are Colour-blind