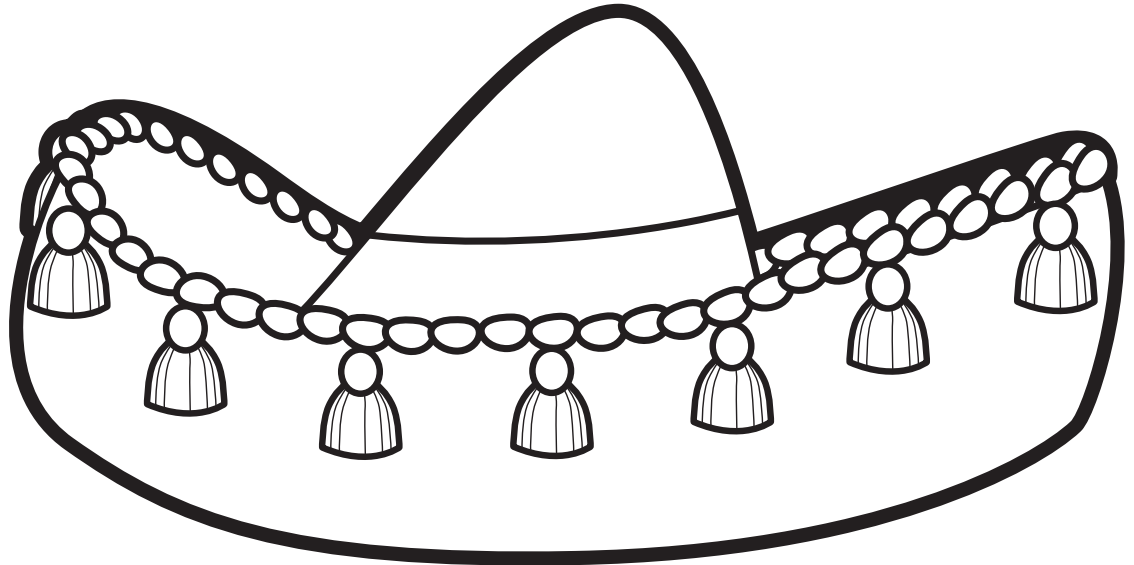


## Sombrero Glyphs

In Mexico Cinco de Mayo means it's fiesta (or party) time! Young and old alike listen to bands, fill piñatas with candy and small toys, and enjoy fireworks. Share how you celebrate a favorite holiday by making a *glyph* (a symbol whose features are decorated to give specific information) from a sombrero pattern.

**Materials:** 1 sombrero pattern, scissors, glue, crayons or markers, colorful scraps of construction paper or fabric

**Directions:** Cut out the sombrero pattern. Decorate the sombrero according to the directions in the key below.



### Sombrero Glyph Key

- Color of hat = favorite holiday
  - brown = Halloween
  - orange = Thanksgiving
  - red = Christmas
  - pink = Valentine's Day
  - green = Easter
  - blue = Other
- Color of edging around brim of the hat = the time you go to bed or get up on this holiday
  - gold = stay up late
  - silver = get up early
  - black = both
  - purple = neither
- Color of tassels on hat = the most important part of this holiday to you
  - gold = the meaning
  - silver = what I eat
  - black = the decorations and fun
- Decorations on hat (any color) = the kind of weather you prefer for this holiday
  - crown = snowy
  - square = rainy
  - flower = windy
  - triangle = cloudy
  - sunburst = sunny
- Number of decorations on hat = how much you look forward to this holiday
  - two = a lot
  - three = more than a lot
  - four = more than I can say
- Band around top of hat = favorite food to eat during this holiday
  - wavy = meat, poultry, or fish
  - diagonal = vegetables
  - circular = fruits
  - diamond shaped = breads
  - zigzag = desserts/candy

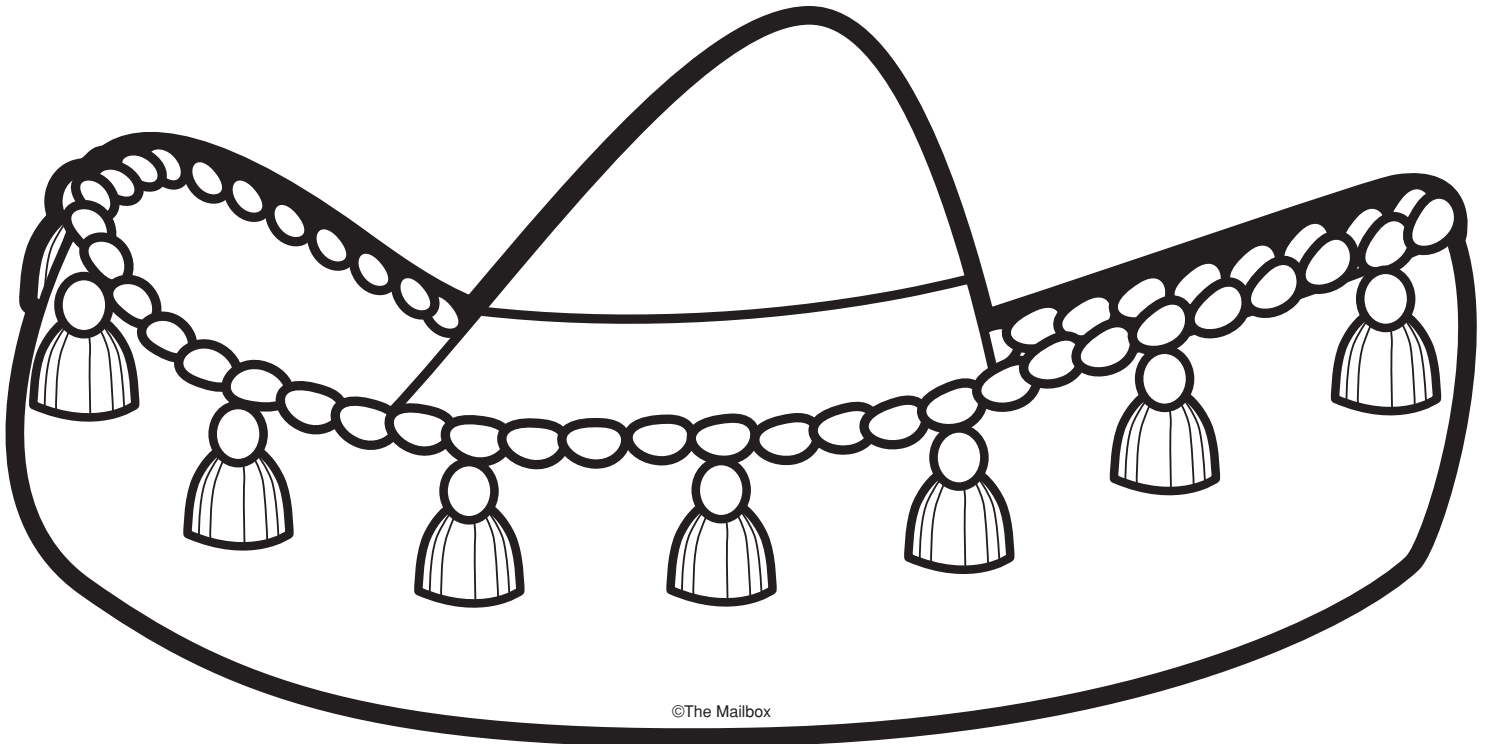
## How to Use the Reproducible

Provide each student with one copy of the reproducible, the materials listed on the reproducible, and an enlarged copy of the sombrero pattern below. Have the student decorate his hat pattern according to the key. Display students' projects on a wall or bulletin board. Extend the activity by having groups of students graph the different attributes shown by the glyphs.

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## Sombrero Pattern



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