Most people are familiar with the song **Easter Parade** by Irving Berlin that immortalized the Easter Bonnet. Many Baby Boomers experienced wearing Easter Bonnets to church on Easter Sunday, along with frilly dresses and white gloves. One Easter Bonnet wearing Baby Boomer came-up with a new way to not only wear your Easter Bonnet, she created a more practical, multi-functional purpose…**The Designer Hat Centerpiece**.

“Not only can you display it…you can … wear it” emphatically states entertainer Kathy Bee.

Financial hard times often equates to cutting back on expenses but doesn’t have to equate to eliminating opportunities to celebrate the holidays, special occasions or any other kind of gatherings. In Kathy Bee’s quest to find alternatives to the standard, traditional way of decorating, while keeping the cost down, she created a better mouse trap…a multi-purpose centerpiece, candy dish that you can wear as a hat. When you wear the Designer Hat Centerpiece the kids and grand kids will surely shut off their cell phones and IPods and immediately give you their attention. They might even begin dialoging with each other. It’s also a great way to bring excitement to you celebration or event and at accost that anyone could afford.

Imagine …

1. Spending $9.99 at a local discount store (99ȼ or Dollar Tree)
2. In 10 easy steps and in 30 minutes creating a colorful Designer Hat Centerpiece
3. 3. Adding assorted candy in the top.
4. Wearing your candy filled Designer Hat!

According to Kathy Bee, you don’t have to possess any aptitude for crafts or hat designing. Just instantly download the instructional manual and follow along with the video. You can also invite others to add to the fun!

The middle child of seven children and growing up in rural Ohio, Kathy Bee learned at an early age to make-do with what you had. She often considered her mother as the “queen of stretching the dollar.” “If you really needed something, my parents always found a way to make it happen, and for that I will always be eternally grateful” says Bee.

Throughout her early years, Bee experimented with common, everyday items that could also be used for an additional purpose. However her creativity began to blossom and shine when it came to singing and songwriting.

In 2005, Kathy Bee became a member of the Red Hat Society and wrote a song for the group called “T**he Red Hat Momma**”. Instantly she became fascinated by all of the beautiful and unique styles of hats worn by Red Hatters at various functions and through photos shared on social media sites. A seed was planted. Bee began toying with the idea of hat designing. After performing for the Red Hat Society Founder, Sue Ellen Cooper, at Hatquarters, in Fullerton, CA, Kathy met Hat Designer Josie Silva, Queen of the Victorian Red Hatters. At this time, Kathy Bee was also hosting her Southern California Cable TV Show, **Touching Lives**. Josie became a guest on the show and shared hat making and designing tips. She also disclosed that her burning desire was to create a hat making and designing DVD.

Kathy & Josie joined forces. Last fall they launched the **Secrets To Hat Making & Designing Success DVD & Instructional Manual**. The response was tremendous. Women who wanted to wear designer hats, but could not afford them, not had the means to design their own creations at a fraction of the cost.

This additional knowledge afforded Kathy Bee the courage and skills to begin designing her own hats. Now the former little girl from Ohio, who slung blankets over clothes-line in order to make a tent and who performing standing on the picnic tables (substituting as her stage), turned an Easter Hat into a beautiful, functional, light-weight, candy dish, centerpiece…The Designer Hat Centerpiece for Easter, 4th Of July, Halloween Birthdays, Weddings and Christmas. “They are especially great for fund raising events!” Bee exclaims.