

Sarah Hat

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A six paneled newsboy cap to be exact. Warm and cosy in this cold weather! This is my first tutorial, so I know the instructions are not completely safe/proof yet. I'll update them, following your comments and suggestions.

Materials

Wool

Step 1 — Copy the pattern.

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Print the pattern on an A4. Copy it on some tracing paper and cut out.

Step 2 — Cutting out the fabric.



You need:

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Piece nr 1:

6 in your main fabric. (I called it self fabric on the pattern.)

6 in your lining fabric.

Piece nr 2:

2 in your main fabric.

Piece nr 3: (This is piece nr 2 without the seam allowance.)

2 in a very very stiff interfacing. I used something that is also used for stiffening purses. I don't know what the brand/... is. I just bought it in my local fabric store. You could also use a piece of plastic or very thick cardboard. (Don't topstitch your flap if you use cardboard or plastic though!)

Piece nr 4:

1 in your main fabric. I cut out a piece of 70 cm to make sure it would be long enough. Otherwise your hat becomes too small.

Piece nr 5:

1 in your main fabric. I cut out a piece of 70 cm. (See piece nr 4) It is slightly broader than piece nr 4. This is normal.

NB You could also substitute piece 5 by a grosgrain ribbon of the same length. It doesn't have to be as wide though.

NB2 You can use any type of main fabric and/or lining. As it is winter here in Belgium (and freezing!) I favour woollen hats for the moment. I could also imagine this hat being made in a thick cotton though! That would be perfect for spring/summer.

Step 3 — Iron your interfacing to your main fabric.



Iron your interfacing (piece nr 3) to the wrong side of your main fabric (piece nr 2).

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If you're using cardboard or plastic, skip this step.

Step 4 — Sew your flap together.



Pin the two flap pieces together. Put your pins right next to the interfacing. This will make your flap look

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nice and neat.

Sew right next to the interfacing. (Seam allowance is 1.5cm or 5/8 inch).

Step 5 — Trim.



Trim your seam allowance as close to your seam as possible.

Step 6 — Topstitch.



Turn your flap inside out and topstitch. I made two parallel rows of stitching. 0.5 cm from the edge and 0.5

cm from the first row of stitching.

If you're working with cardboard/plastic: skip the topstitching. NB This is the stage where you place your piece of cardboard/plastic inside your flap.

Step 7 — Stitch the panels together.



Stitch three panels together (main fabric). Seam allowance is 1.5 cm or 5/8 inch. Stitch from the top of the

hat to the bottom. This gives a neater result. Do the same for the other three panels (main fabric).
Now stitch the two halves together. Stitch from the top to the bottom.
The more precise you stitch, the better your result will be. So be patient and do not rush!
Repeat this step with your lining.

Step 8 — Baste the head pieces.



Pin and baste the two 'head' pieces together. Do this wrong sides together.

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Seam allowance here is 1cm.

Step 9 — Gather.



Make your hat ready for gathering.

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I stitched a thick cotton thread at 1cm from the edge with a big zigzag stitch. (So the stitching goes over the cotton thread, but not through the cotton thread.)

The fabric will become quite bulky, so this is why I use this type of gathering technique.

Step 10 — Stitch the band together.



Time to make the band.

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Pin the two strips of fabric together (right sides together). Don't forget to put the flap in between, about 3 cm from the edge. (Or a bit more).

The narrow strip should be on top, the broad one is pinned underneath.

Stitch the strips together. Do not stitch the last 3 cm beside the flap.

Step 11 — Stitch the ends together.

Now this is a crucial step. Put the band around your head and measure. Mark this with pins or chalk. This is to make sure the band won't be too long or too short.

You should stitch the ends of the broad strip together (right sides together). Stitch from the bottom to the seam that holds the narrow and broad strip together.

Do not do the same for the narrow band, otherwise you won't be able to make a triangular end. (You can do this to make things easier though.)

Lay the end of the narrow strip underneath the end that is going to be triangular. You do not want to stitch both sides to the inside (as you would do for a normal seam). So you leave one side on the outside and the other one goes underneath. Baste the end of the strip that goes under to the top of the strip that stays out.

Make sure you don't baste it to the piece that is going to be folded in a triangle, but just beside it.

Cut the leftover fabric off.

I don't have a picture for this step yet, but will upload one asap.

Step 12 — Pin everything together.



Pin your band (the narrow side) to your hat, right sides together.

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The hat circumference is going to be bigger than your band. Gather the hat so it fits inside the band and pin. Leave the last 3cm of the front strip (the piece you left unstitched) out of the pinning. Not easy ;-)
Baste this construction. Stitch it.
Seam allowance is 1.5 cm or 5/8 inch.

Step 13 — Trim.



Trim the seam allowance and remove the cotton thread you used for gathering the hat.

Step 14 — Finish the band.



Finish the outside of the band. Fold the last 3cm into a triangle and handstitch the folds underneath.

This is going to be a bit sloppy and floppy but that doesn't matter as a button is going to cover that sloppy look! Hah!

NB As you can see, I tried to complete this step before stitching the band to the hat, but it proved to be very difficult. (I had to rip it apart and redo it after putting band and hat together). So I suggest that you do this when everything is stitched together already.

Step 15 — Finish the inside.



Iron 0.5 to 1 cm of the broad strip (which is going to be the inner band) under.

Step 15 — Finish the inside.

Slipstitch (by hand!!) the inner band to your lining fabric. Try do make small stitches, so that they are as invisible as possible.

Step 16 — Sew your button in place.



Sew a button on the outside. Next to the triangular ‘end’ of the band.

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NB The button covers the sloppy backside of the triangular end.

Step 17 — Finished!



This is your own Sarah Hat!

Please upload your pictures as I'm very curious how your hat turned out!

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