

Generic leather hat pattern

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This is a pattern for a generic hat. It can be used to make many styles of hats.

Materials

This pattern was designed for use with leather, but can be used with many types of cloth.

Step 1 — Print and assemble the pattern pieces

You may print this pattern at 100% or scale to fit. By default, the pattern fits a 24" head.

Assemble the pattern pieces making sure that the brim and crown parts labeled “A” and “B” match their corresponding pieces.

You may wish to alter the height of the crown or the width of the brim. You should do this before continuing by copying the assembled parts on to a larger piece of paper or newspaper and drafting the new dimensions.

Step 2 — Layout and cutting the pattern pieces

Arrange the pattern pieces onto your desired material. If you are using cloth, be sure to align the crown pieces to match the grain.

If you are using leather, be sure to use a cutting pad or cutting block to protect your table surface from the cutting blade.

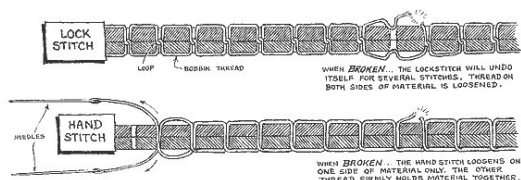
If you are using leather, you can simply transfer the pattern shapes onto the flesh side, not the grain side

(shiny side) of the leather using a pen or pencil. After the pieces are cut, you will need to dye and seal the leather. After the leather has been dyed and sealed, you will need to buff it of any remaining seal. This can be done using a scrap of denim, an old t-shirt, etc.

Next, the stitching holes will need to be marked. A stitching wheel is handy for this, as it correctly spaces each stitch hole, so you can punch the holes very quickly. The stitches will need to go around the circumference of the crown top, both top and bottom of the crown sides, and the inside of the brim. If you will be adding hat wire to the brim, you will need to punch stitching holes along the outside of the brim.

Note: If you will be using hat wire for the brim, you will need to cut a strip of leather about 1/2" longer than the circumference of the brim and punch holes on both sides of the strip.

Step 3 — Stitching



If you are using hat wire on the brim, you will need to stitch the cover strip to the brim piece while wrapping the hat wire along the edge of the brim.

Next, you will need to stitch the crown top to the crown side. I prefer to begin at the center of the crown front and work my way around one side, then go back and do the other side. This ensures the seam in the back will be centered in the back.

Once the crown is fully assembled, you may stitch the brim to the crown.

If everything has gone well, you now have a new hat!

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