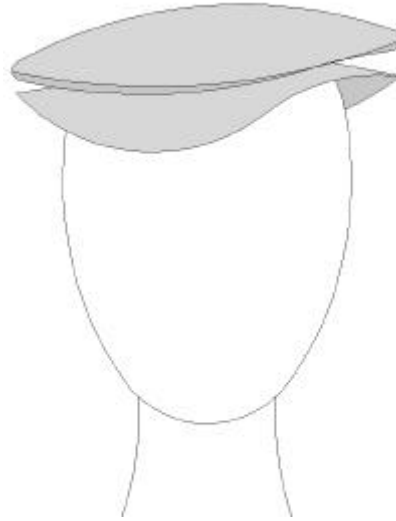


# The Flat Cap

The flat cap is a brimmed hat with a flat crown, similar in shape to a beret.. It was worn by all ages and classes, male and female.

The flat cap, like many other hat styles, was often worn over an under cap such as a caul, biggin, or coif.



## **Materials**

### **Fabric**

The flat cap can be made of wool, cotton, linen, lightweight leather, and other fabrics. We do not recommend using extremely heavy fabrics such as upholstery velvet, as they can make the brim edge very bulky. Light fabrics will need to be interfaced or flatlined with a second layer of fabric to give body.

### Trim and Embellishment

The embellishment for the flat cap was centered on the band. For the lower orders, simple trims are best. Cording makes an excellent band, as do braided strips of cloth, leather, or ribbon. An easily available feather such as a goose quill or rooster tail feather can be tucked or pinned at one side.

## Making the Flat Cap

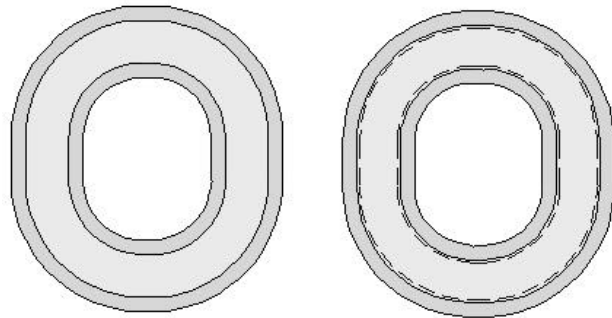
### Cutting

Cut Crown 9A in fashion fabric and in flat lining, if desired. Cut three of Brim 9B in fashion fabric, and two of heavyweight interfacing.

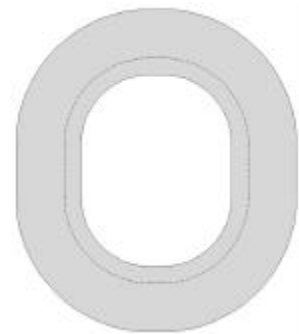
### The Brim

Apply interfacing to both Brims. For sew-in interfacing, stitch to Brim along seam lines. Trim interfacing close to stitching.

For fusible interfacing, trim 1/2" from interfacing seam allowances. Fuse according to manufacturer's instructions. .

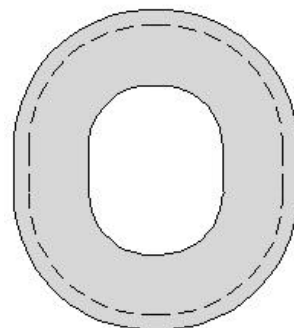


To prevent stretching, stay stitch inner edges of Brims by stitching along seam line..



Pin Brims' outer edges RIGHT sides together. Stitch.

Grade seam, notching curves as needed. Turn right side out. Press.



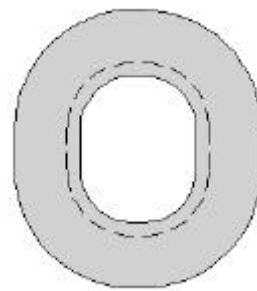
Baste inner edges of Brims together.



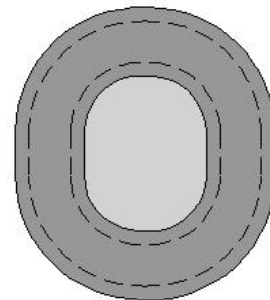
**Crown**

Flatline Lower Crown (1A) and Crown, if desired.

Stay-stitch inner edge of Lower Crown.

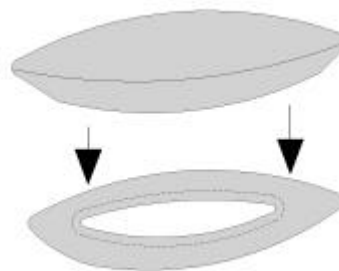


Stitch Crown to Lower Crown at outer edges. Trim and grade seam. Clean finish .

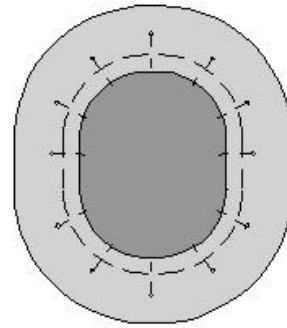


Turn Crown right side out.

Pin Crown to brim, having right sides together.



Stitch seam.



### Apply Bias Binding to Seam

Open out one edge of 1/2" bias tape (for extremely thick fabrics, you may need to use 1" bias).

Stitch bias tape to seam line on BRIM side of hat, overlapping ends.

Trim seams to under 1/4".



Fold bias to inside of hat and stitch to seam line.



### Sweatband

To protect the edges of the hat from soil and add comfort, sew a 1" band of grosgrain ribbon or light **undyed** leather inside the edge of the hat.

