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Sewn Woolly Hat

How to make a Sewn Woolly Hat

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My Woolly Hat Design by R&B

“R&B have designed a simple make your own perfect fit warm woolly hat. Choose your fabric, dress it up or down, it’s up to you.”



You will need:

Wool Fabric
Greaseproof paper
Pencil
Pair of compasses
Ruler
Pins, needles
Thread
Corsage
Tape Measure

Step By Steps

Measure the circumference of your head. Use this measurement to calculate the radius of the hat opening. First divide the circumference by 3.14 (pi), then halve that figure to give you the radius.

Use the radius to draw a circle with the pair of compasses. Then add a seam allowance by reducing the radius by 1cm and drawing another circle inside the first one.

For the brim of the hat add 7cm to the radius of the hat opening, draw the circle with the compasses then add a seam allowance by drawing another circle 1cm larger. Cut out the paper pattern, then fold the paper in quarters mark quarters on the outer edge and on the hat opening. This is your pattern for the top and brim of the hat.

Fold the fabric double, pin on the pattern and cut out, you will have two hat pieces. Mark the fabric pieces with quarter marks from the pattern.

To make the brim of the hat take one of the fabric pieces and cut the circle out in the middle making the hat opening.

For the hatband add 2cm to your original head measurement. Cut a strip of fabric 10cm wide and the calculated length. Mark the 1 cm seam allowance at both ends, then within the seam allowance fold the band into quarters and mark the quarters, the seam will be one of the quarter marks.

With right sides facing, pin the top and brim of the hat together, use a sewing machine to stitch, then trim the seam and neaten with zigzag stitching. Sew stay stitching along the curved line of the head opening. Turn the hat right sides out and press the seam open.

Sew the ends of the hatband together, trim and press seam open. Right sides together match the hatband seam with one of the quarter markings on the hat opening, match the other quarter marks, pin then sew the hatband in place. Turn right sides out and press the seam. Turn the edge of the hatband in by 1cm, fold and pin, then hand sew down to cover the seam.

Pin the corsage to the side of hat.

How to Pimp a Woolly Hat

If you don’t have time to knit or sew a hat then embellish one. We used woolen berets purchased from M&S but you can buy them from almost anywhere.

A few ideas

Make a woollen pom-pom, sew it onto the center of the hat.

Raid your button box and sew buttons in a starfish shape radiating from the middle of the hat. Start with the largest button at the center and move outwards with smaller and smaller buttons.

Sew a patterned bias strip round the brim of the hat and then finish with a home made decorative corsage.

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