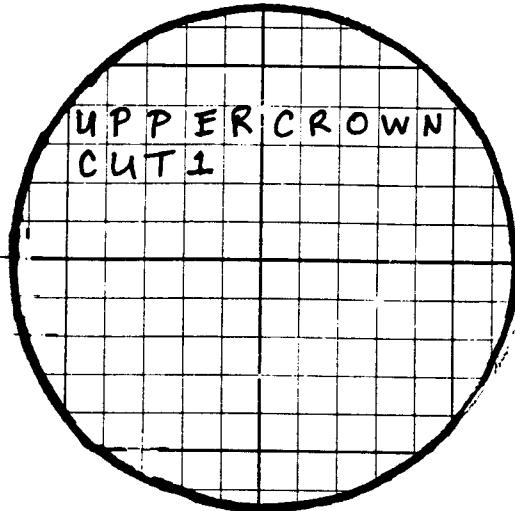
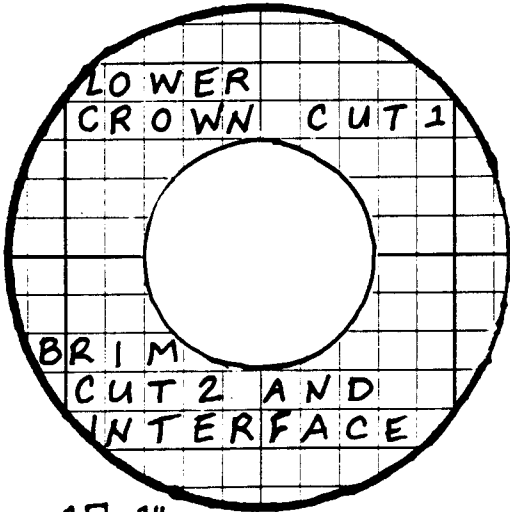


# English Flat Cap

Variations in fabric, size and trim makes this hat suitable for men, women and children. Peasants, farmers and middle class could use homespun cotton, linen or leather: (If using leather, cut only 1 brim.) Upper middle class or nobility could use velvet or brocade. This hat looks ever more opulent with a stiff brim and a decorative pin or feather.



This pattern has a 1/2" seam allowance. Always stitch with the right sides of the fabric together unless otherwise instructed. Stitch upper crown to lower crown. Clip seam allowances and turn right sides out. Press under 1/2" on the inner circle of one of the brim pieces. Interface the other brim piece. Stitch the two pieces of the brim together. Clip seam allowances and turn right side out. Stitch interfaced side of brim to the crown of one of the brim pieces. Interface the other brim piece. Stitch the two pieces of the brim together. Clip seam allowance and turn right side out. Stitch interfaced side of brim to the crown. Hand stitch the turned under edge of the brim to the seam at the crown and brim. Once you've mastered this basic flat cap, you can play around with details. Try adding a band between the crown and brim (a), enlarging the brim (b), or patterning a scalloped edge on the brim (c).



10 = 1"



You will need: 2/3 yard of 45" wide fabric  
1/3 yard of interfacing

The look of this hat varies greatly with size and stiffness of the brim. A small hat may be more becoming. A larger hat is more dramatic. This pattern fits hat size 6 3/4. Cut a paper pattern of the brim piece to test the head size and adjust to fit.

