

Making An Elizabethan Pleated Hat

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History of Style



Crowd scene from contemporary wood cut 1560 - England

Queen Elizabeth



Philip of Spain



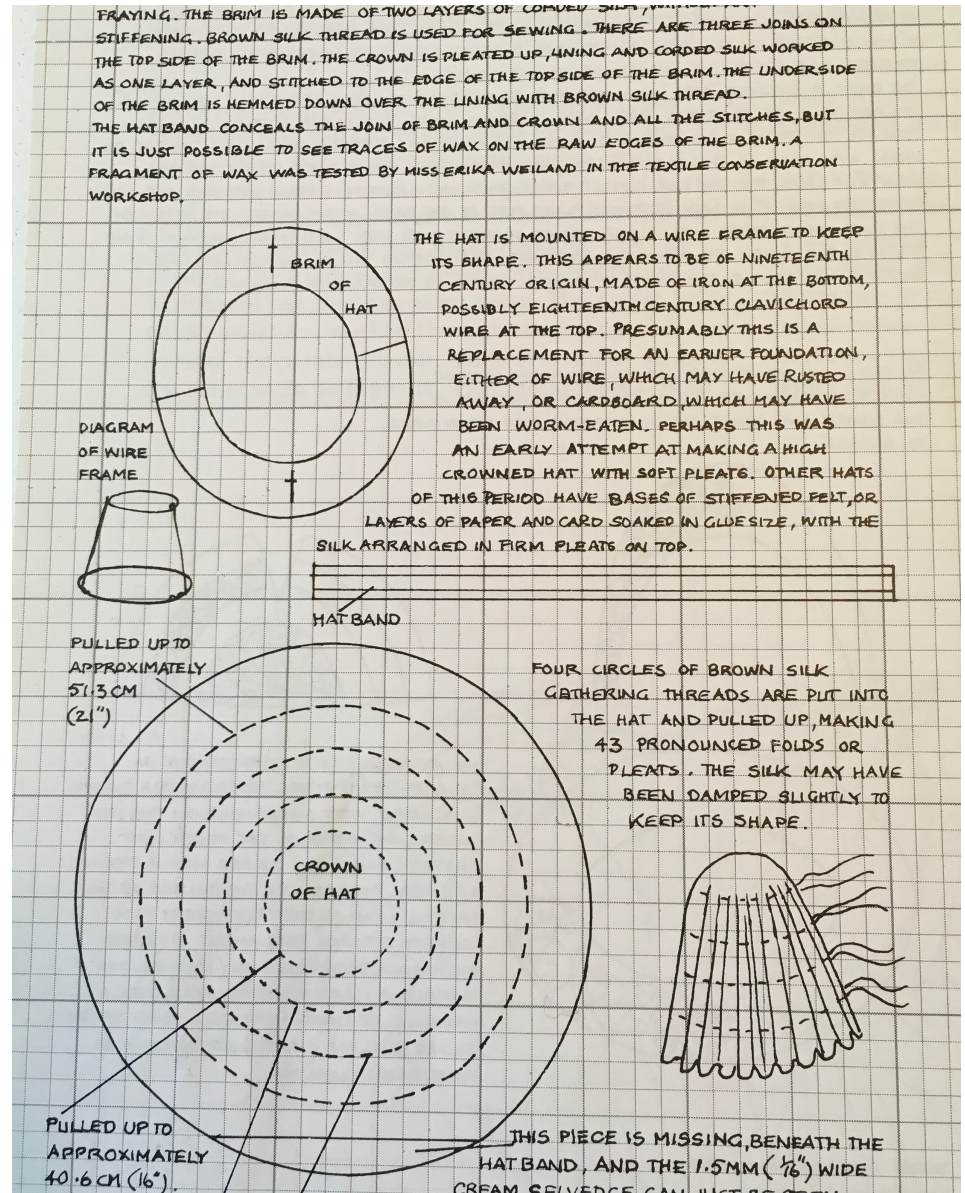
Most popular hat colors

- blue, green, grey, and brown were most common
- scarlet and black were hard to achieve and so these were another indication of wealth and status.

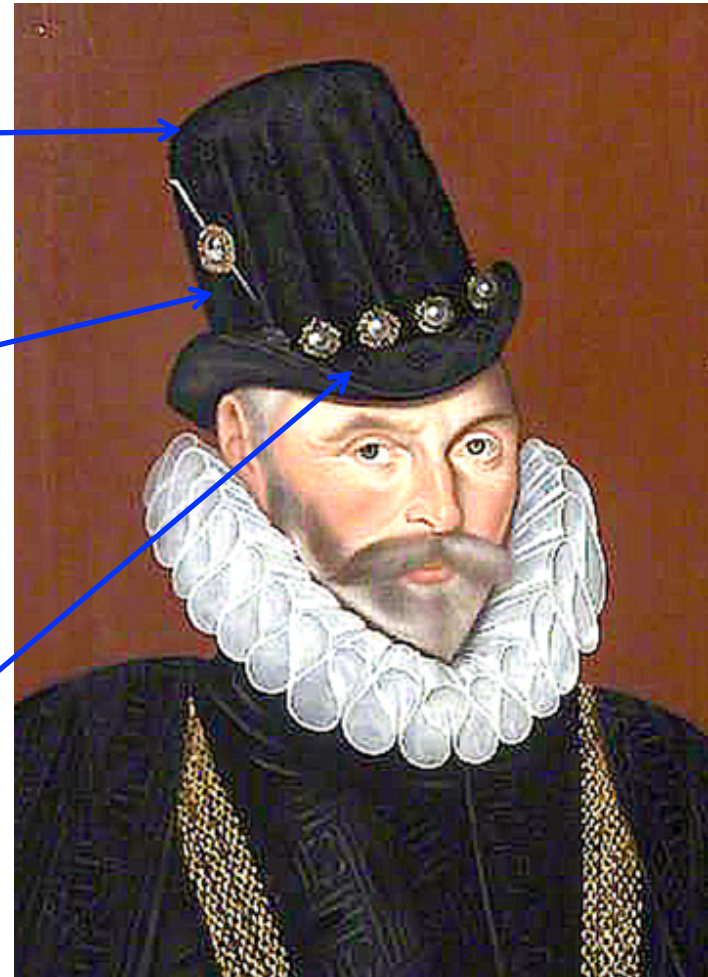
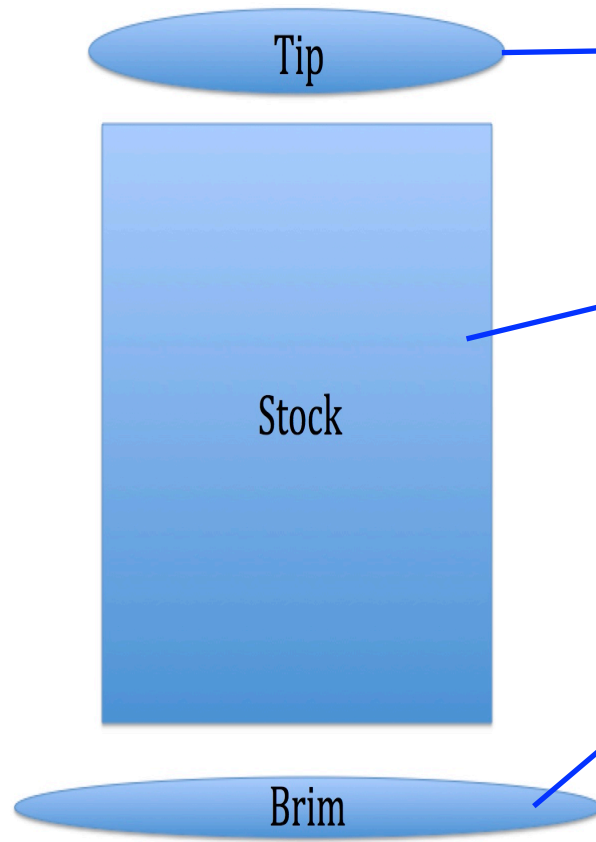


1578, Oliver St John, 1st Baron St James

Today, we will
be trying to
recreate a
pleated tipped
hat in the
Elizabethan
style



Hat parts



Admiral Sir John Hawkins 1591

Needed Materials

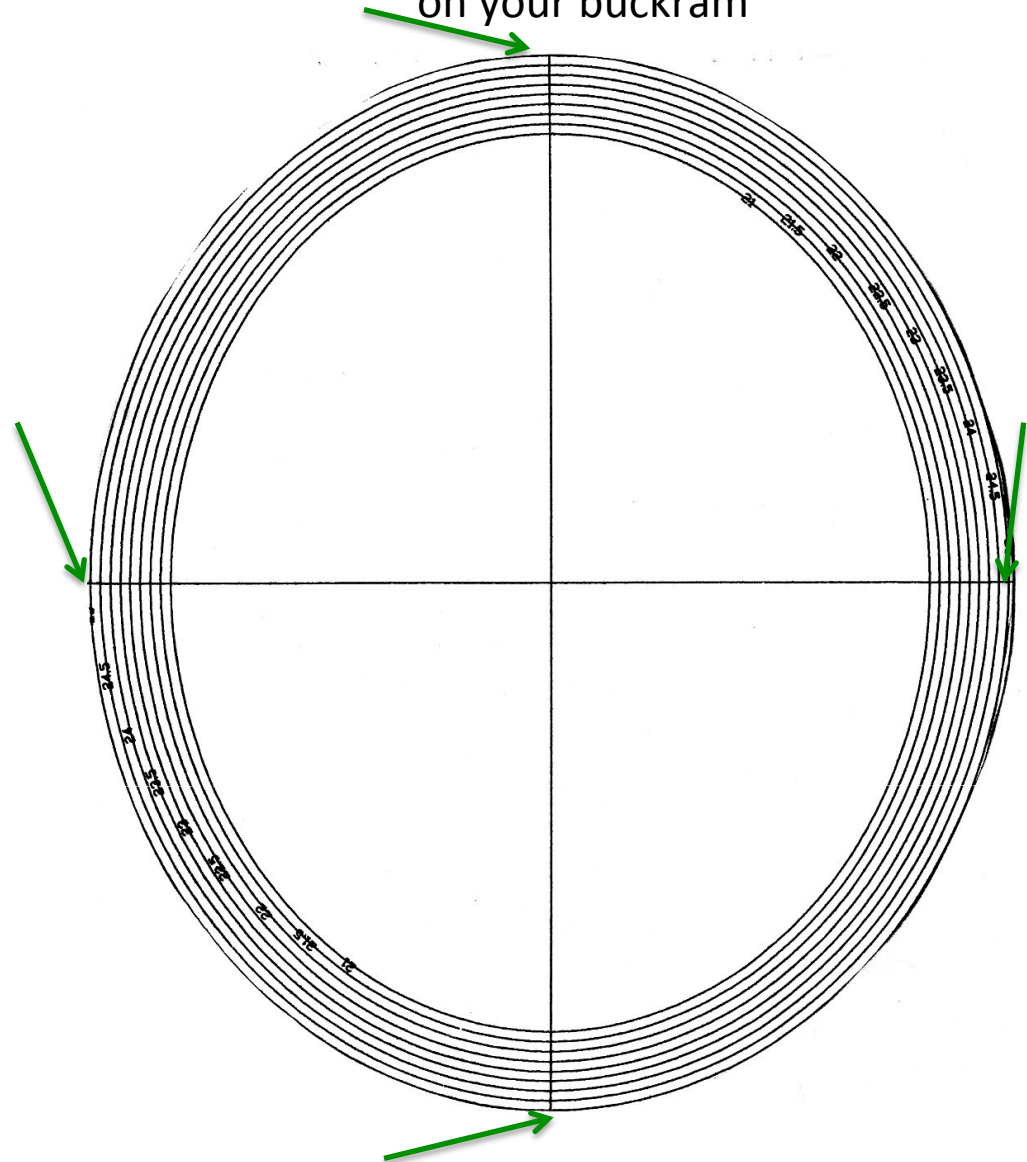
- Blocked hat tip
- 1/2 yard wool or silk
- ¼ yard 2 ply buckram
- Millinery needles
- Heavy thread
- Thimble
- Straight pins
- Head plate
- Marker/pencil
- Chalk
- Long ruler
- Manila paper
- Large compass (optional)
- Architects Curve (optional)



Step 1

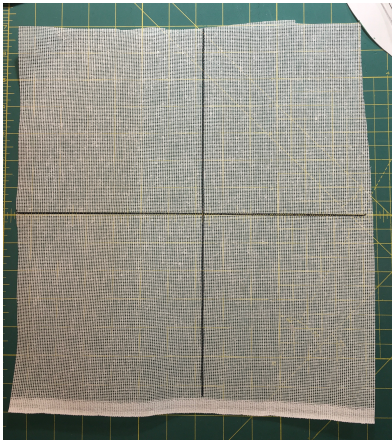
- Measure head plate
 - Measure your head 1 inch above your ear
 - add 1/2 inch. This will be your head plate size
 - Cut out the corresponding head plate oval from your handout.

Mark the points of the headplate lines on your buckram



Step 2 - Brim

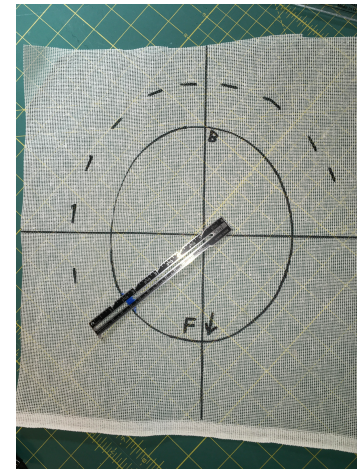
1. Make an + on your buckram



2. Draw head plate in center matching up with your +



3. Add 2-2.5 inches from the actual headplate line, this will be the brim of your hat.

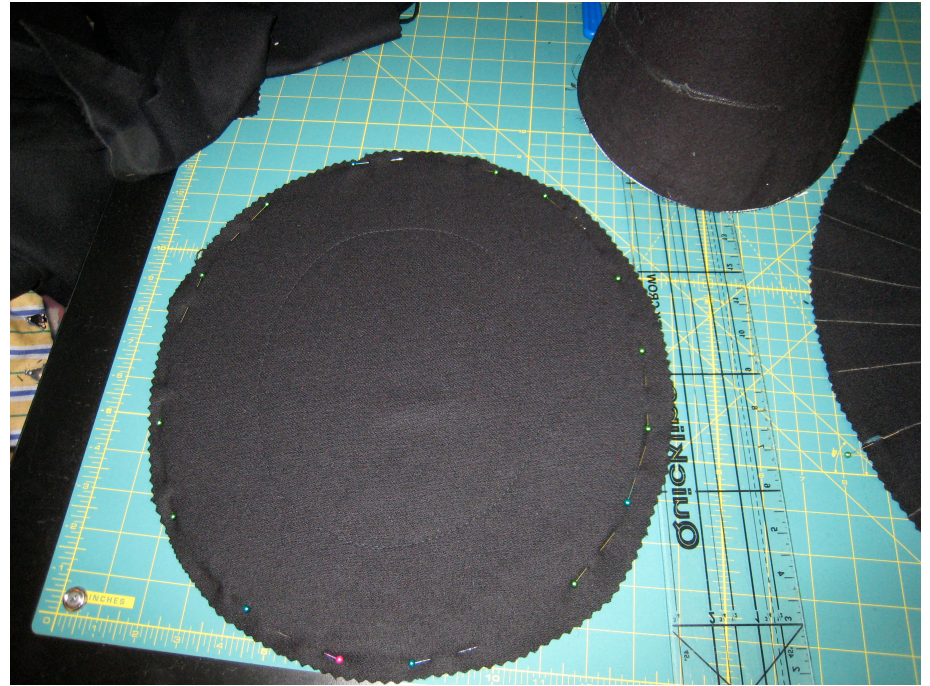


If you want a point in the front, simply add it at this time.

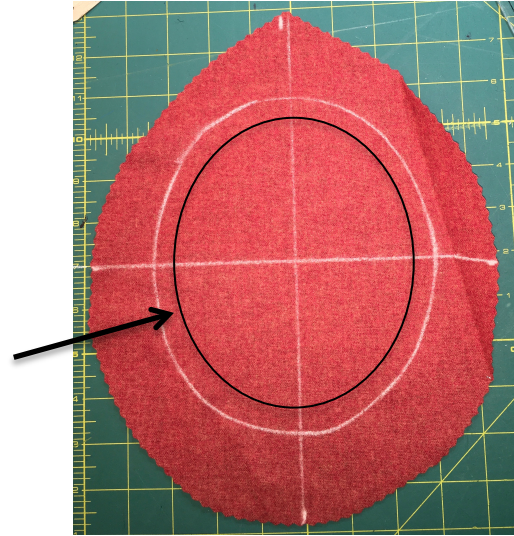
4. Cut out the outside edge of your brim

Step 3 – Brim Fabric

- **Adding fabric to your brim:**
- Use your brim to cut out 2 pieces of your fashion fabric fabric add ½ inch seam allowance.
- Mark the front, back, and sides with of fabric with a pin
 - use the ruler to draw the + on your fabric
 - place your headplate pattern on + matching up + lines
 - Trace around pattern with chalk
 - Pin fabric together with buckram inside
 - Turn in fabrics with one side over buckram and one simply turned under.

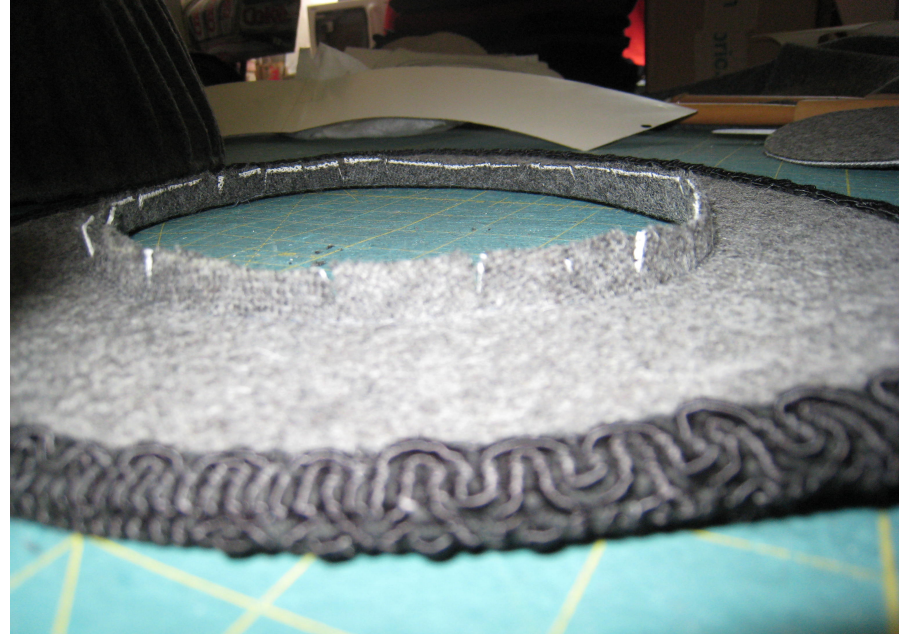


1. With the edges sewn together, give a quick steam to the brim this will stick the fabric to the buckram
2. Draw head plate in center matching up with your +
3. From the headplate line, measure 1/2 inch inside from from your head plate.
This will be used for the tabs which will attach the tip to the brim
4. Cut out the **INSIDE** oval



tabs

- Cut easing tabs out to the original head plate line fold tabs with fabric and buckram up.
- Set to one side

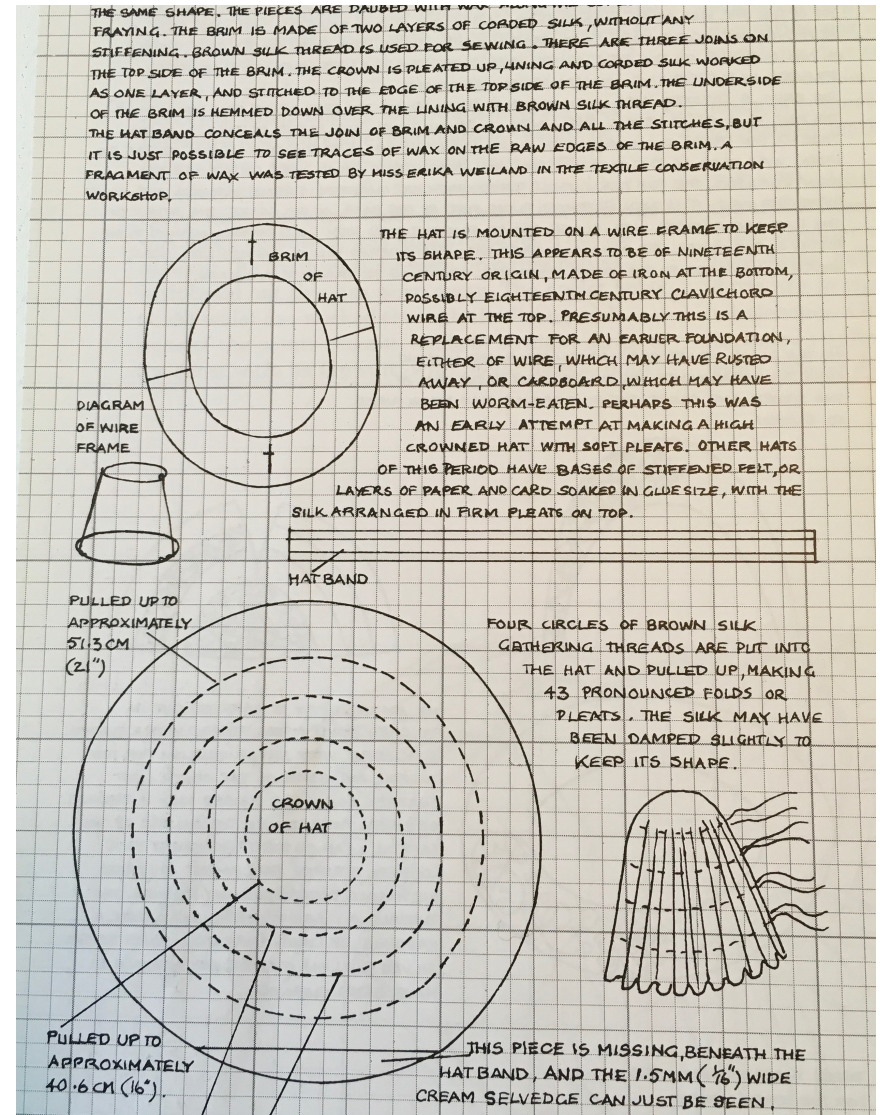


The Tip

- Measure from the center top of the tip, to the bottom of the stock. Add 1/2"
- Cut a circle of appropriate circumference
- Mark the + and draw an + mark with pins at each point
 - This will be the front/back/sides on your tip



Janet Arnold discusses how pleats were done on an extant hat in her book, Pattern of Fashion 3



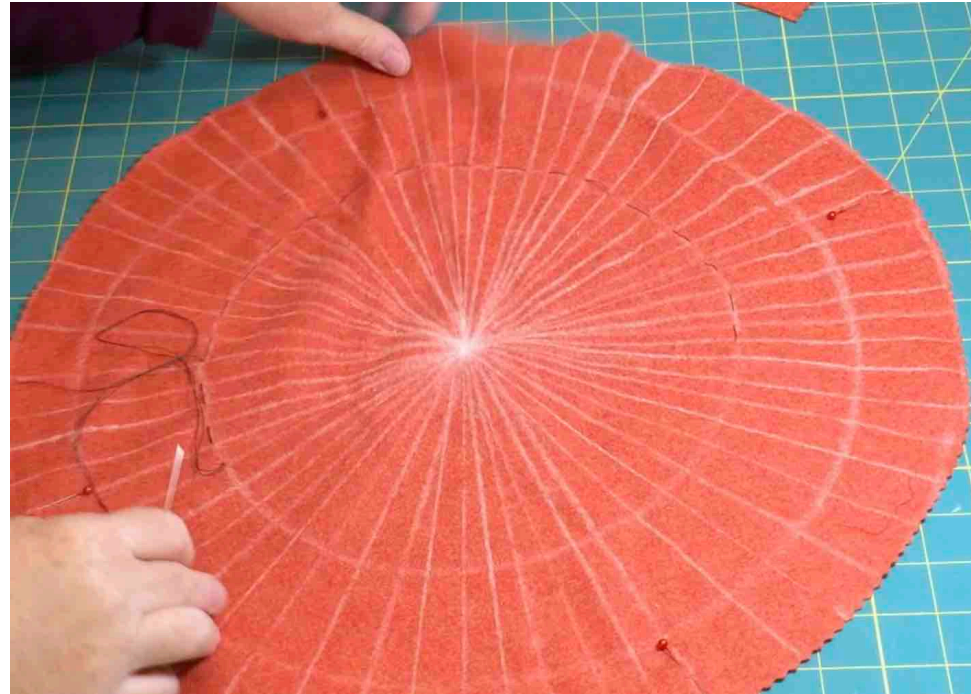
Marking lines for pleats

- Using a ruler, mark an +, then a + through the first + and so on until you have $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ " between them at the edge of the outside of the circle.
- Mark 3-4" from center of circle, mark another circle
- Mark a second circle 2" lower



Stitching thread for pleats

- Using heavy weight thread – start with tail on side of fabric with no chalk.
- Stitch using a long running stitch up and down at each chalk mark on both circles.



Pulling Pleats

- Place the center of the circle over the center top of tip, place pin in center
- Pin quarterly around the bottom of the stock
- Pull the threads to make small pleats
- Arrange pleats evenly around tip
 - Leave threads in fabric



Sewing fabric on tip

- Fold pleats inside of stock
- Using heavy duty thread, sew running stitch around edge.
 - Make sure to put a stitch though each pleat to help set it.



Attaching Tip and Brim

- With the brim
 - Cut easing tabs out to the original headplate line
 - Fold tabs (fabric and buckram) up
- Place stock on brim
- Using heavy weight thread and a stab stitch sew through stock and tabs.



Adding Lining

- Cut a circle the same size as the outside fabric, of lining fabric.
- Sew large darts from the raw edge to 3 inches from the center - you'll need about 8-10 darts
- Sew inside your hat folding under raw edges and securing with a short whip stitch.



Embellishment

- Add a hatband and feathers or just some ouches



Enjoy your new hat!

- Handouts available at
 - https://thehoodedhare.com/round_tipped_pleated_hat.pdf
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