

Easy Kentucky Derby Hat

Materials



One 7" [Parasial Capeline](#) (dyed or not) Dyed 7" # S P 7
One Yard # 5 [Grosgrain Ribbon](#) Order # GG Yd N5
2 yds # 21 [Millinery Wire](#) Rayon Covered Wire Order # WIRE R
Thread, Sewing Needle, Iron, [Pins](#) Order # MISC Veil Pin , Spray Bottle with water,
Wire Cutters



First determine the depth of the head size. Put the capeline on your head and have someone mark how deep you want the crown with pins. Take the hat off and then do a running stitch around where you want the crown and the brim to meet. Make sure you start the running stitch in the center front or the center back. Mark this point with a pin. Leave at least an 8" tail so you can tighten and tie off the basting thread. Put it on and tighten to your desired head size.

If you have a [Skull Block](#), use it (Order # BL Balsa Cr Lifter) with the instructions above.



Swirl the Grosgrain Ribbon. With the hat facing up, starting at the center back with the ribbon with the long arched side, pin the ribbon around the head size.



When you meet up with the other end of the ribbon, overlap around 1/2" and fold under. Stitch the 1/2" overlap. Remove the basting thread.



Take the wire and sew, by machine with a zig-zag stitch or with a buttonhole stitch by hand, around the edge of the brim.



Sew a 1" overlap of the wire. Pull one end of the wire until the brim edge turns up. Fold the edge of the brim 1/2" and iron flat. Fold over again 1/2" to 1" and iron again.

Your hat is now ready to trim...

