

## USING HYDROLAC POWDER FOR HAT STIFFENING

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONE HAT

1. Using a plastic “throw away bowl and spoon”, while stirring, add 1/2 of the package (or 1/3 cup) of the HYDROLAC Powder to 1 cup of isopropyl alcohol (70%) and 1 tablespoon of water.
2. Stir until lumps are gone. Mixture will be thick like oatmeal or wallpaper paste.
3. Cover with plastic wrap. Allow thick slurry to stand for one hour in a safe place and away from children and open flames. Mixture will become clear and liquid.
4. Pour mixture into small spray bottle.
5. Spray the under side of the brim lightly and use a bristle or foam brush to smooth the HYDROLAC into the felt.
6. Allow the brim to dry. Re-apply if necessary
8. Set with steam. You can use an iron or pot of steaming water to steam the hat to SET the HYDROLAC.

\*\*ALWAYS TEST SOME EXTRA FELT WITH THE HYDROLAC AND LET IT SET FOR A WHILE IN A WARM PLACE. YOU CAN CHECK TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY COLOR DISTORTION WITH THE LIGHTER COLORS. IF YOU USE ALCOHOL ON HIGHLY DYED FIBER THAT HAS NOT BEEN RINSED WELL DURING THE DYEING PROCESS, COLORS MAY BLEED OR BE ALTERED SLIGHTLY.

\*\*\* IF YOU DECIDE THAT YOUR HAT IS TOO STIFF, SATURATE THE AREA WITH ALCOHOL AND SOAK UP WITH PAPER TOWELING. RESHAPE AND LET DRY. REMEMBER TO RESET THE HAT WITH STEAM.