

FLAT CAP – Sewing Instructions

Beginner Friendly

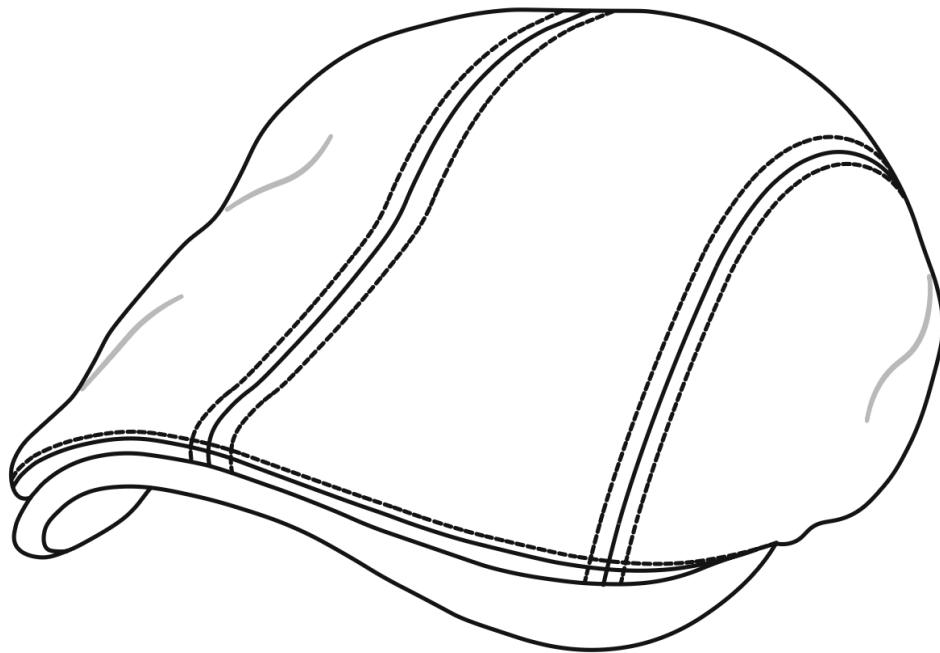
Introduction

Thank you for choosing this Flat Cap sewing pattern.

This pattern is designed to create a classic, modern flat cap with a structured brim and a clean, tailored silhouette.

The construction is beginner-friendly but also satisfying for intermediate sewists.

Take your time, follow each step carefully, and press your seams as you go for the best results.



Pattern Pieces Overview

Before starting, make sure you have cut all required pieces.

Main Fabric

- **Piece 1 – Top**
Cut 2 mirrored
- **Piece 2 – Side Band**
Cut 1 on fold
- **Piece 3 – Brim Bottom**
Cut 1 on fold
- **Piece 4 – Brim Top**
Cut 1

Interfacing

- **Piece 5 – Brim Interfacing**
Cut 1 (rigid interfacing recommended)

Lining (Optional but Recommended)

- **Piece 1 – Top**
Cut 2 mirrored
- **Piece 2 – Side Band**
Cut 1 on fold

Materials Needed

- Main fabric (medium-weight recommended)
- Lining fabric
- Rigid interfacing for brim
- Matching thread
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Pins or clips

CONSTRUCTION STEPS

STEP 1 — SEW THE BRIM

You need:

- Brim Top
- Brim Bottom
- Brim Interfacing

1. Apply interfacing to the wrong side of the Brim Top.

2. Place Brim Top and Brim Bottom right sides together.

3. Pin along the curved outer edge.

4. Sew along the curved edge only. Do NOT sew the straight edge.

5. Trim seam allowance.

6. Clip small notches into the curve.

7. Turn right side out.

8. Press carefully.

Optional:

Topstitch close to the edge for a cleaner finish.

STEP 01 – Sew the Brim

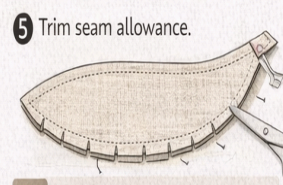
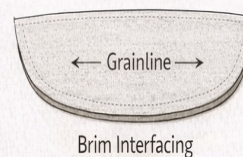
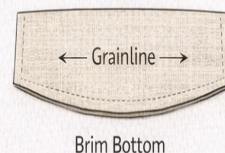
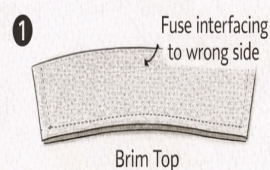
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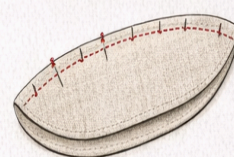
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2. Place Brim Top and Bottom right sides together.
3. Pin along the curved edge.
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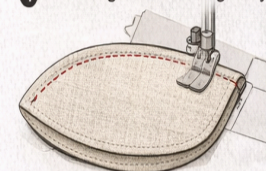


TIP Clipping the curve helps the brim lay flat without puckers.

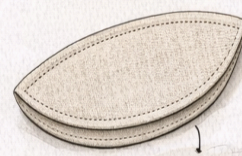
2 Pin curved edge



4 Sew along the curved edge only.



5 Turn right side out. Press carefully.



Topstitch optional

STEP 2 — SEW THE TOP

You need:

- 2 Top pieces (main fabric)
1. Place the two Top pieces right sides together. Make sure the curves are aligned evenly.
 2. Match the front and back ends of the pieces. Pin along the entire curved edge.
 3. Sew slowly along the curved seam. Keep the fabric flat while sewing.
 4. After sewing, trim any excess threads.
 5. Press the seam open with an iron. This helps the cap keep a smooth shape.

Optional:

Topstitch on both sides of the seam for a visible center seam and a more tailored finish.

STEP 02 — Sew the Top

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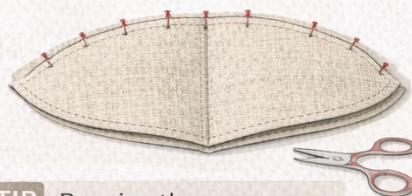


Front Back

Right sides together

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Match the front and back ends of the pieces.



TIP Pressing the seam open makes the cap keep a smooth shape.

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Sew slowly along the seam.



3

Trim slowly along the seam.



4

Press seam open.



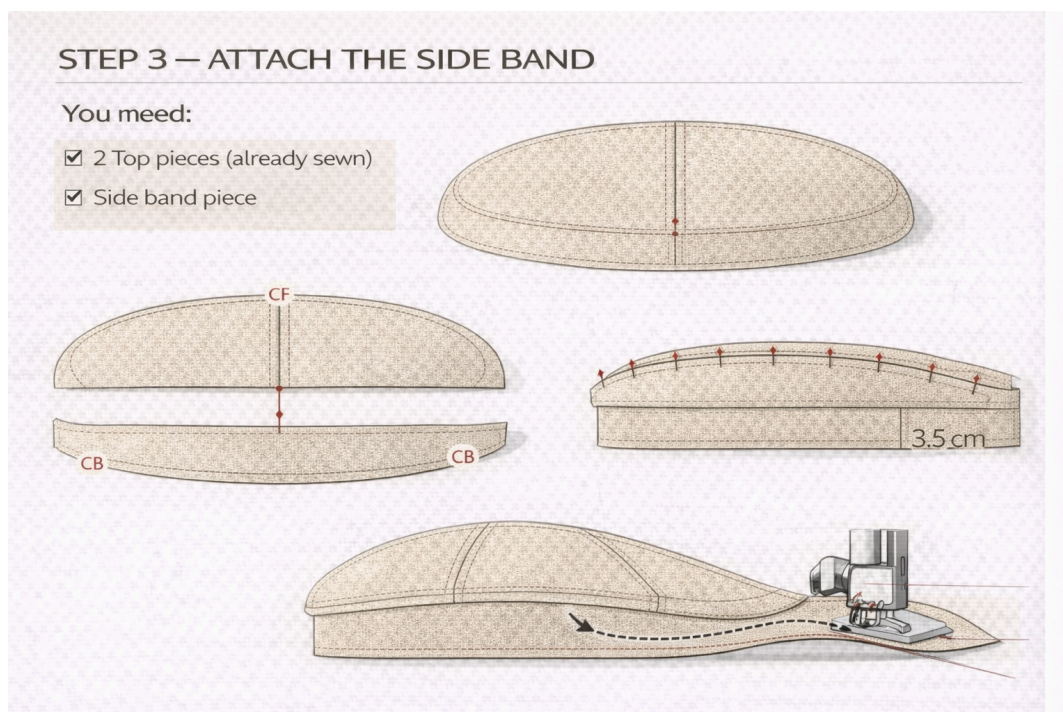
STEP 3 — ATTACH THE SIDE BAND

You need:

- Top piece (already sewn)
- Side band piece

1. Keep the Side band flat.
Do not close it into a loop yet.
2. Mark the center front and center back on the Side band.
3. Mark the center front and center back on the Top piece.
4. Place the Top and Side band right sides together.
5. Match the center front points first.
Then match the center back points.
6. Pin gradually around the entire curved edge.
Distribute the fabric evenly.
7. Sew all around the curved seam slowly.
Make sure there are no folds or pleats.
8. Press the seam toward the Side band.

The cap should now start to take its shape.



STEP 4 — CLOSE THE BACK SEAM

You need:

- Cap body (Top attached to Side band)

1. Fold the cap right sides together.
2. Align the short back edges of the Side band.
3. Pin the back seam carefully.
Make sure the Top seam aligns evenly at the back.
4. Sew the short back seam.
5. Press the seam open with an iron.

The outer cap is now fully formed.

You should clearly see the final cap shape

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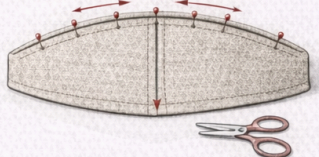
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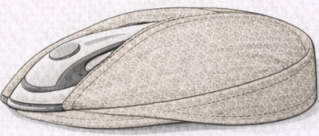
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Align the short back edges of the Side band.



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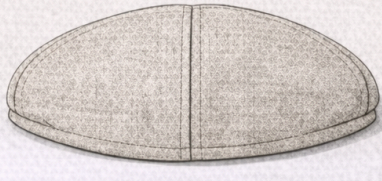


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STEP 5 — ATTACH THE BRIM

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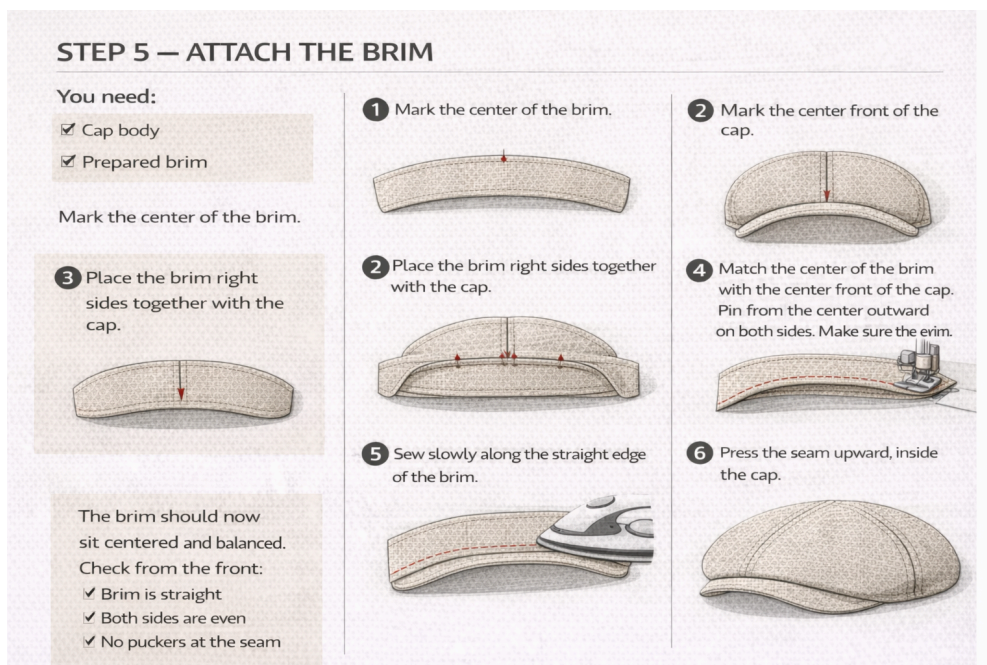
- Cap body
- Prepared brim

1. Mark the center of the brim.
2. Mark the center front of the cap.
3. Place the brim right sides together with the cap.
4. Match the center of the brim with the center front of the cap.
5. Pin from the center outward on both sides.
Make sure the brim is even.
6. Sew slowly along the straight edge of the brim.
7. Press the seam upward, inside the cap.

The brim should now sit centered and balanced.

Check from the front:

- ✓ Brim is straight
- ✓ Both sides are even
- ✓ No puckers at the seam



STEP 6 — SEW THE LINING

You need:

- 2 Top pieces (lining)
- 1 Side band (lining)

1. Place the two lining Top pieces right sides together.
2. Sew along the curved center seam.
3. Press the seam open.
4. Place the lining Top and lining Side band right sides together.
5. Match center front and center back.
6. Pin around the curved edge.
7. Sew all around.
8. Fold lining right sides together.
9. Sew the short back seam.

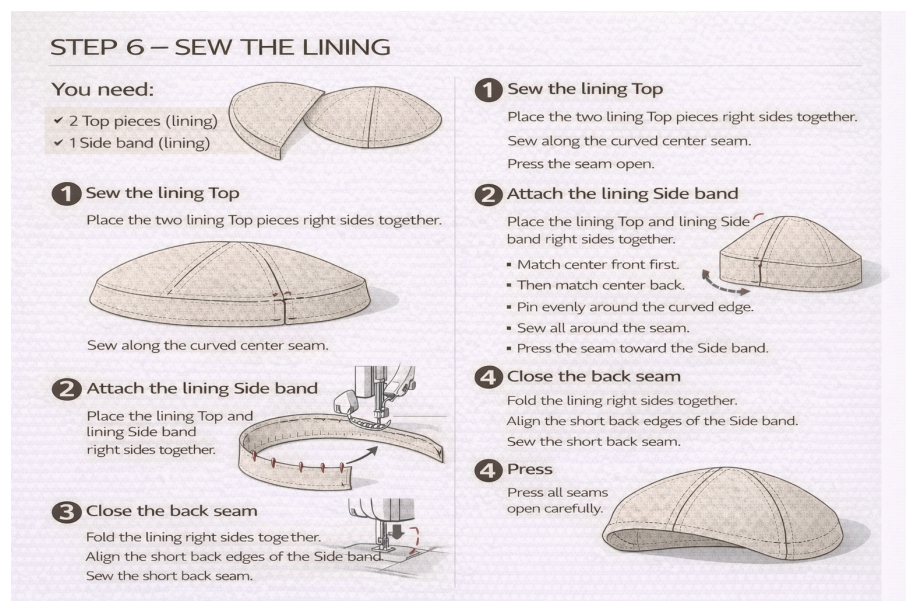
Important:

Leave a small opening (about 5 cm / 2") in the back seam.

This will be used to turn the cap right side out later.

Press seams open.

The lining is now complete.



STEP 7 — FINAL ASSEMBLY

You need:

- Outer cap
- Lining

1. Turn the outer cap right side out.
 2. Insert the lining inside the cap, right sides together.
 3. Align the center front and back seams.
 4. Pin around the entire bottom edge.
 5. Sew all around the bottom edge.
 6. Turn the cap right side out through the opening in the lining.
 7. Close the lining opening with a small hand stitch.
 8. Push the lining neatly inside the cap.
 9. Press the entire cap gently.
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- ✓ Check that the brim is centered.
 - ✓ Check that the lining sits flat inside.

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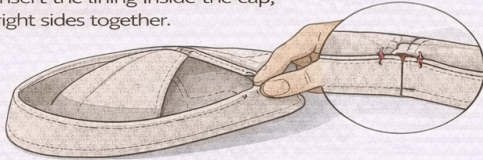
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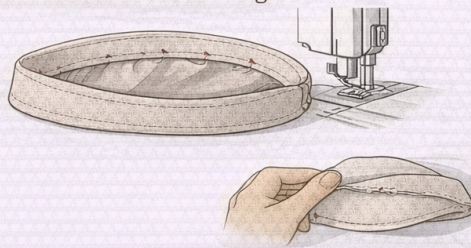
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Turn the outer cap right side out.
Insert the lining inside the cap,
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2 Sew the edges together

Pin evenly around the entire bottom edge.
Sew all around the bottom edge.

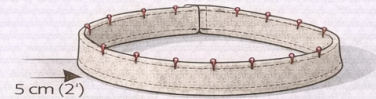


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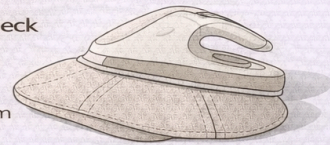


3 Turn the cap right side out

Pull the cap right side out
through the opening in the lining.
Close the lining opening with a small hand stitch.
Push the lining neatly inside the cap.

4 Press and Check

- ✓ Press the entire cap gently.
- ✓ Check: The brim sits flat inside.



FINAL CHECK

Before considering your cap finished, check the following:

- ✓ The brim is centered
- ✓ Both sides of the brim are even
- ✓ The back seam is straight
- ✓ The lining sits smoothly inside
- ✓ No visible puckers at the front

Trim any loose threads.

Steam press the entire cap gently.

Do not flatten the shape — press lightly to keep the structure.

OPTIONAL — CLEAN FINISH DETAIL

For a more tailored look:

- Sew a topstitch along the bottom edge of the cap
- Or add a small tack stitch at the center front to secure the brim

This step is optional but gives a more professional result.

Your flat cap is finished

Important Before You Start

Seam allowance: 1 cm (3/8") is included in the pattern.

All seams are sewn with: 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance unless otherwise stated.

Recommended stitch length:

2.5 mm for regular seams

3 mm for topstitching

Finish seams:

Finish raw edges with zig-zag stitch or overlock (serger) to prevent fraying, especially when using woven fabrics.

