

Chapter Six

HALF-HATS

A foundation "half-hat" may be made out of buckram and blocked on your hat block.

Take a BIAS strip of buckram — $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches x 12 inches.

Wet the buckram strip and shape it onto the block, running side-to-side.

Let foundation dry thoroughly, take it off the block. Try it on and trim out to get the size you desire. Round off the corners of the ends of the buckram.

Wire the edges of buckram strip, all around, starting wire at center back. Finish wire by covering with a bias strip of material.

Cut a piece of material the same size as the rectangle, adding $\frac{3}{4}$ inches allowance all around. (Cut on the BIAS.)

Pin and block the material to block (steam-press), having material run across block, in same direction as you blocked buckram.

Cover foundation with material, follow-

ing directions previously given. Trim with a bow, flowers, sequins, felt trims, etc.

TO MAKE AN "EAR-MUFF" HAT

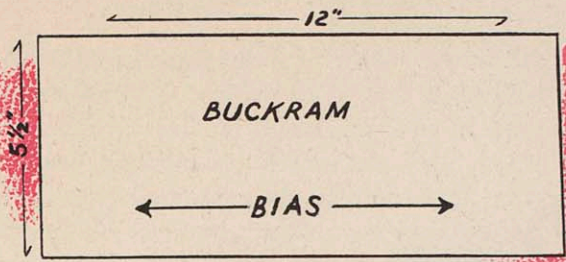
Make a half-hat and add earmuffs to the ends. Cover foundation with velvet or velveteen. Cut out two circles ($6\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter) out of same material. Run a gathering thread around edge. Insert a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch powder puff in each circle and draw thread tightly. Secure. Attach these to side of hat.

TO MAKE A DUTCH HALF BONNET OR CURVETTE

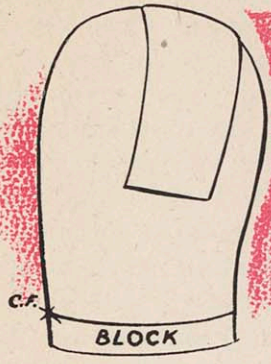
Take bias strip $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches x 16 inches. Wet buckram and shape to block.

After it is dry, take it off the block and cut the ends into points. Wire the whole thing, including points.

Bend the wire at the ends of the cap, up and out. Cover with blocked material. (To make cloth fit ends of hat you will

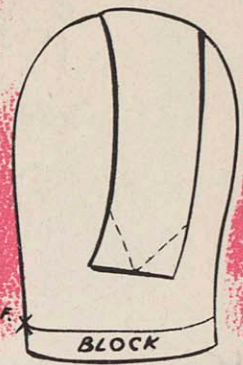
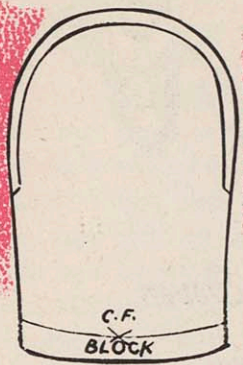


Wet a piece of BIAS buckram which measures $5\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ ".

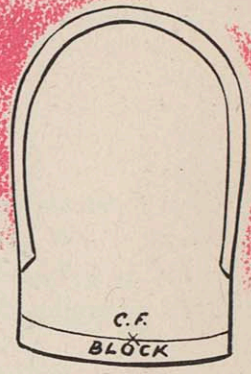


(b) front view.

Mold it over block (a) side view



Block longer piece of buckram. Cut points at ends when dry. Wire edge and turn points out. Cover and trim.



When dry, remove from block, round corners. Wire edge of half-hat. Cover with bias material and trim ends with flowers, feathers, etc.

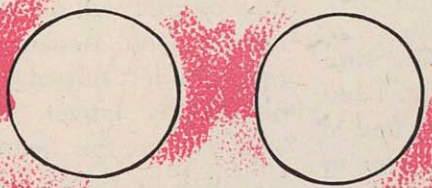
need to do some blind-stitching. Also the ends will need a facing of the same material.)

Trim this foundation with large flowers at each side; run a strip of fur across the

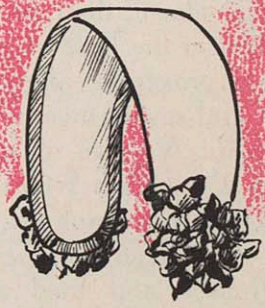
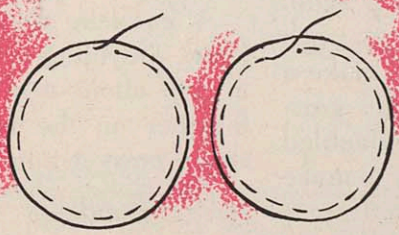
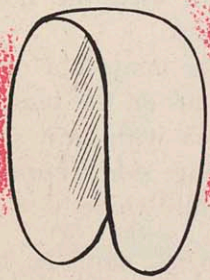
front or work out an all-over sequin design.

Note: Secure these hats to the head with a pin on either side or at center front or a plastic band sewn across the center of the hat. They should be lined, and finished with ribbon.

Cut two circle of material, gather edges and insert two powder puffs.



They may be trimmed with appliqued flowers.



Attach covered powder puffs to covered half-hat ends.