

FIRST AID TO A GOOD MILLINER

1. **Use Your Nippers to Cut Wire.**
Never use scissors. Cutting wire with scissors ruins them.
2. **Use Your Scissors to Cut Threads.**
Do not bite threads. It injures your teeth.
3. **Use Short Threads.**
From shoulder to shoulder is the correct length. Long threads get tangled and take more time to pull through.
4. **Use Thread to Match the Hat or the Material on Which You Are Working.**
If you do not, your stitches are much more apt to show.
5. **Use Your Thimble.**
It saves time and prevents sore fingers.
6. **Use Your Tape Measure.**
Guessing does not lead to accuracy.
7. **Use a Fine Needle for Fine Materials.**
Coarse needles make large holes that cannot be hidden.
8. **Use a Coarse Needle for Stiff or Heavy Materials.**
Fine needles will not go through easily and may break.
9. **Use Fine Pins, Particularly for Silks.**
Holes in silks from pins are difficult to hide.
10. **Use Pins in Hats, Not in Your Mouth.**
You might swallow them.
11. **Use Irons Carefully.**
Burning yourself is painful. Burning materials ruins them.
12. **Use an Iron Stand.**
Burning the ironing board shows a lack of efficiency.
13. **Use Steam with Great Care.**
Steam burns are serious.
14. **Use a Pencil to Mark Frames.**
Pencil marks on frames will not show in the finished hat.
15. **Use Tailor's Chalk to Mark All Parts of a Hat That Will Show When Finished.**
Chalk will rub off.
16. **Use the Usual Milliner's Tools:**
They will help you to do your work neatly, accurately, and quickly.
 - a. Scissors.
 - b. Thimble.
 - c. Nippers.
 - d. Needles.
 - e. Pins.
 - f. Tape measure.
 - g. Pencil.
 - h. Tailor's chalk.
17. **Use This Equipment:**
Without this equipment, you cannot work efficiently.
 - a. A stove.
 - b. A steam tank or water kettle.
 - c. An ironing board.
 - d. An iron.
 - e. An iron stand.
 - f. Iron holders.
 - g. Pressing cloths.
 - h. Crown blocks.
 - i. Brim blocks.
 - j. A fireproof container for gasoline.
 - k. Cans for sizing, glue, alcohol, shellac.
 - l. Brushes for sizing, glue and shellac.
 - m. A sewing machine.
 - n. Hat stands.
 - o. A soft brush.
 - p. A whisk broom.
 - q. Millinery fashion magazines and trade papers.
18. **Use Care in Handling All Hats.**
Hats get out of shape easily, if you handle them roughly.
19. **Use All the Instructions and Information in Each Section of Every Job Sheet.**
If you desire to do the work successfully, reading the main headings is not sufficient. All the instructions given in the text are necessary; always read them *before* beginning your work. Read all references to other jobs. When in doubt, *reread* the directions. If still in doubt, ask your teacher how to proceed.
20. **Use Your Job Sheet and Keep It Clean.**
Cleanliness is important in millinery.

