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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Hat Making

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Requirements

- Sinamay fabric
- Clear glue
- Gloves
- Hairdryer
- Hat wire
- Marker
- Milliner hat Stiffener
- Needle and thread
- Paint container & roller brush with bristles
- Scissors
- Bucket
- Elastic
- Glue gun & glue Sticks
- Hat block brim & crown
- Kettle
- Measuring tape & ruler
- Milliners pins (Long)
- Palette knife
- Plastic bag
- Sewing Machine and Iron

Instructions

Step 1 - Cutting the Sinamay fabric

- Cut two layers for the hat brim according to the width of the hat you're making.
- Cut half a meter of Sinamay for the hat crown, so that you can fold it to get two layers.
- Cut a 5cm wide bias strip, long enough to go around the brim of the hat, including a seam allowance. The bias should be cut against the grain.
- Decorations and anything else should be cut against the grain.

Step 2 - Stiffening of the Sinamay

- Pour stiffener into the plastic container and roll the paint roller in the stiffener. Make sure the whole roller surface is covered with stiffener. Don't soak the roller in the liquid, it must just be lightly covered all around.
- Roll the brush over the Sinamay softly, making sure it is covered all over. Do a second layer pressing harder.
- Use the hair drier to open the little holes in the Sinamay fabric.
- Repeat the process so that the material is properly stiffened.

Step 3 - Blocking of the hat crown

- Soak the hat crown in boiled water.
- Once it is wet, take it out and quickly drape it over the block, rub the creases out with your fingers.
- Use elastic bands to keep the crown in position and to prevent creases.
- Place in the sun to dry.

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Step 4 - Blocking of the hat brim

- Same as step 3.

Step 5 – After it has dried in the sun

- Use a round pallet knife to take the Sinamay off the crown block.
- Measure the required height, and mark it.
- Cut along the marked line so that it is straight.
- Do the same with the hat brim. Remove it from the block and also measure it to the correct length and mark it.
- Cut it evenly on the marked line.

Step 6 – The hat brim

- Take the hat wire and cut a piece each for the crown and the brim.
- Use a sewing machine to ZigZag the hat wire on the edge of the hat crown and also on the edge of the hat brim.
- Fold the bias which was cut against the slope in half and use something heavy to keep it flat and define the fold line. Open the bias and it should have a fold line in the middle. Take the outer edge and fold it towards the middle
- Sew the bias over the wire brim, it is very important to be accurate as it will affect the outcome of your hat.

Step 7 - Assembling the hat

- Place the crown on the brim to determine the position of the crown and to determine where the hole will be cut for the crown to fit into.
- Mark the position of the crown on the brim using a marker pen and cut it out.
- Cut notches in the brim to fit into the crown. These should be folded to accommodate the crown.
- Use a glue gun or clear glue to attach the crown to the brim.

Step 8 - Decorating of the hat

- Fold the band to fit around the crown and use either the glue gun or needle and thread to attach it.
- Fold the edge of the bow twice and use an iron to get a flat seam on both sides. Arrange the ends of the bow in a wavy pattern and secure to the brim and crown using a glue gun or needle and thread.
- The curl for the decoration should be folded in half evenly and ironed flat.
- Once you have completed your bow and any other decorations, you can use a needle and thread or a glue gun to attach the bow to the hat.



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