

# Elizabethan Attifet Pattern

**One Size**

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**Note on size:** this style of hat fits most head sizes. If you have a large head size (over 23") or a lot of long hair you might want to take the pattern to a copy place that has a large format copy machine and enlarge the pattern to 104% for 24" or 108% for 25" and so on.

**PLEASE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR HAT PROJECT.**

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# Attifet Pattern Instructions

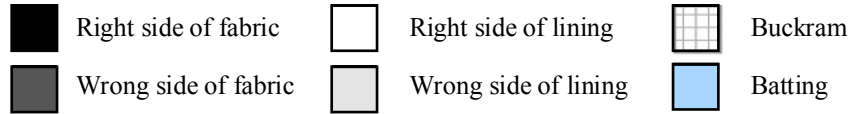
## Materials:

2' sq. piece of fashion fabric ie. cotton velvet  
 2' sq. piece of thin cotton batting  
 2 yds. of heavy millinery wire  
 2 yds. single fold bias tape, any color  
 2' by 1' piece of double weight buckram or plastic canvas

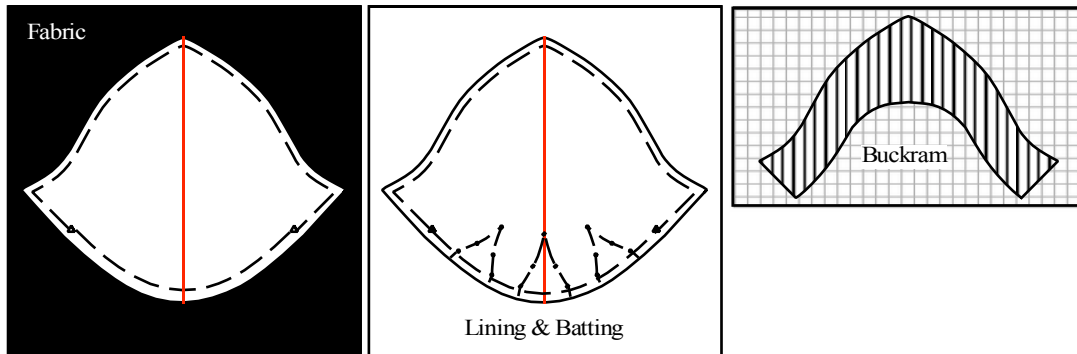
2' sq. piece of lining fabric  
 2 yds. of lace or pearls optional  
 Matching thread

## Supplies:

Glue  
 Millinery needles  
 Wire cutters



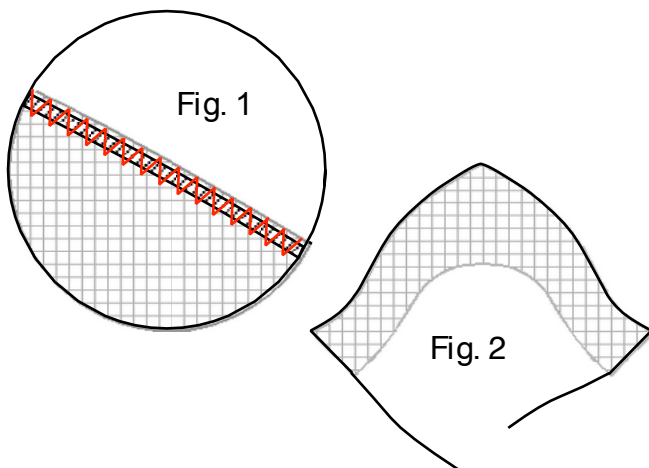
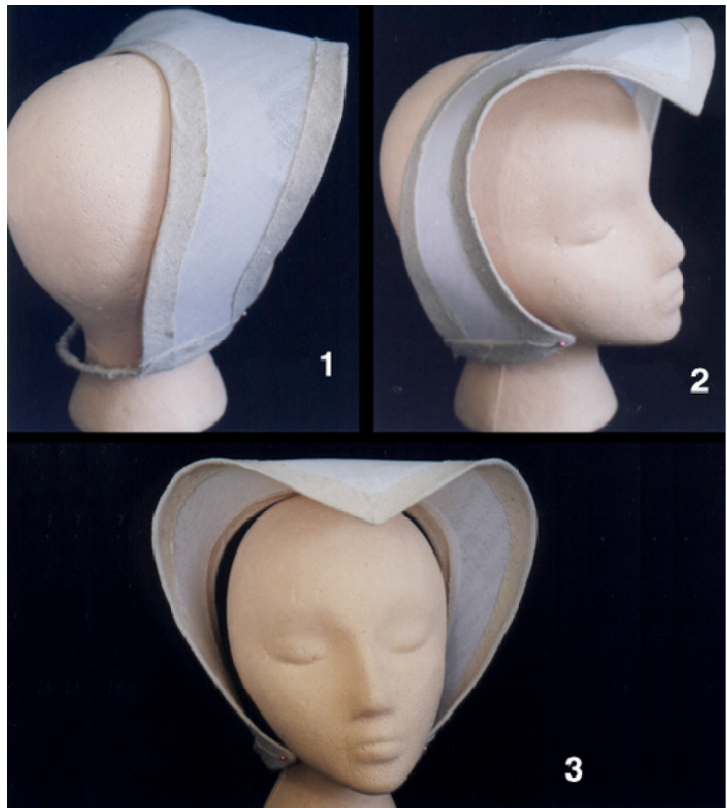
## Layout



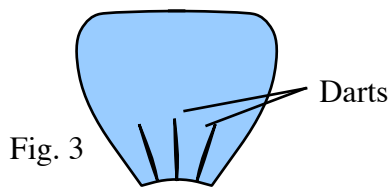
Step 1: Cut out one each of fabric, lining, batting and buckram. Transfer sewing marks.

Step 2: **Making the buckram hat form.** Sew the millinery wire to the 3 edges of the buckram (the front and the two short sides). You can do this by machine or by hand. If you think that you will be making more than one hat you might want to invest in a special foot for your machine that guides the wire so that you will not hit it with the needle. Starting at the center front of the buckram with the center of your wire. Sew it along the edge along one side then the other. Sew the wire as close to the edge as possible shaping it to fit the curve of the buckram as you go. See Fig.1.

Step 3: Your form should look something like Fig. 2. A piece of buckram with wire sewn to the edge on three sides and two loose ends. Bend the hat into shape see photo 1, 2, &3. Fold and twist the loose ends of the wire together so that there is about a four and a half inch span between the attached parts of the wire. See photo 1. Glue the single fold bias tape to the edge of the hat form to cover the wire and soften the edge.



Step 4: Tack or Glue the batting to the outside of the form. Cut away the center of the darts and trim away the extra all round the edge. Fig. 3



Step 5: **Making the fabric cover.** If you want to add lace to the edge of the hat. Baste it onto the fabric at the edge of the seam line see Fig. 4.

Step 6: With right sides together sew the fabric and lining together between the triangles. Fig. 5 Clip the seam allowances and turn it right side out. Press.

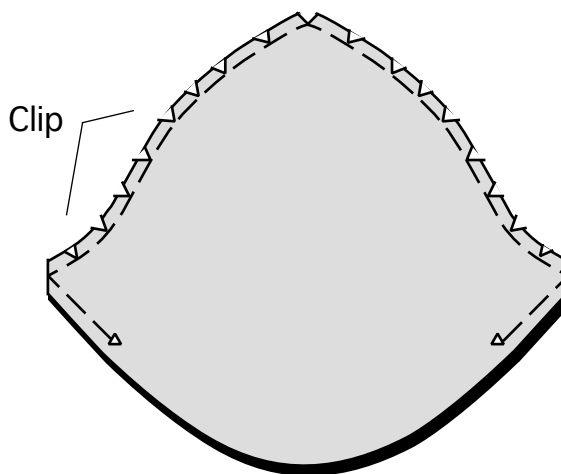
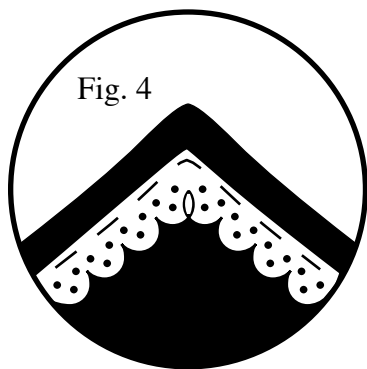


Fig. 5

Step 7: Slip the fabric over the form. Now it's time to take care of those darts in the lining. If your lining is very light weight only need to use knife pleats to gather the fabric to the length of the wire at the back of the hat. If the lining is thick and bulky you will have to sew the darts and cut away the extra fabric.

Step 8: Turn the seam allowance under on both the outer fabric and the lining along the opening and baste them. With a running stitch gather the outer fabric about 1/8" from the turned edge to the length of the wire at the back of the hat. Whip stitch the opening between the lining and outer fabric closed.

Step 9: If you want to add pearls to the edge of the hat it is best to whip stitch strung pearls to the edge. Start even with the triangles. Sew a strong thread 3-4' long into the edge. Do your best to bury the knot. Use this thread to string the pearls. With another thread (I use four strands of Coats and Clark metallic) just catch the edge of both the fabric and lining, then wrap the thread over the first pearl and then through the lining and fabric and wrap it over the second pearl, continue until the other side Fig. 5. Knot off both the threads.

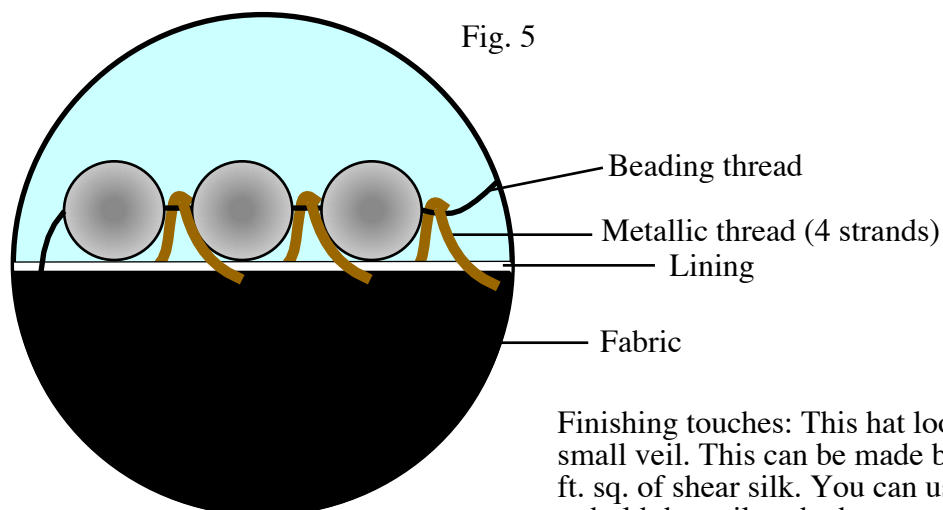


Fig. 5

Finishing touches: This hat looks fantastic with a small veil. This can be made by adding lace to a 2 ft. sq. of sheer silk. You can use a pearl headed pin to hold the veil to the hat.

If the hat does not stay in place on your head you might want to sew a hair comb into the inside of the hat, see pattern. If you wear your hair in a French twist you should be able to wedge the comb into the top of the twist as you are lowering the hat onto your head.