

MAKING A BOY'S TUDOR HAT

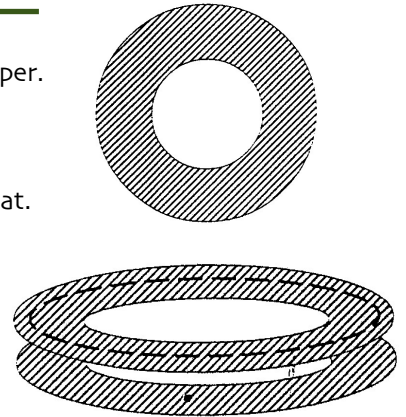
These notes are to help everyone make and understand the clothes which are worn by the adults and children who live and work at Kentwell and which visiting children, teachers and helpers should all wear too.

You will need: a dinner plate • a compass • a pencil • some card or paper • some pins • a needle • some sewing cotton • some scissors • some woollen or cotton material

Draw round your dinner plate (30cms diameter/15cm radius) onto your card or paper. Inside this circle, draw another one, 12cms diameter/6cms radius). Carefully cut round the outside of each circle so that you have a doughnut-shape.

This doughnut is a pattern for the two sections which make up the brim of your hat.

Pin these together around the outside and sew them together with running stitch, about 1cm in from the edge. When you have sewn them together, turn them inside out (this is called 'bagging out') so that your stitches are inside the material and can not be seen. This is a good point to leave the hat - if possible it could be ironed, or pressed under a heavy book. You have now made the brim of your hat.



For the top piece (or 'crown') of your hat, you need to draw a circle 38cms diameter (19cms radius) onto your card. Cut round this circle. This circle does not need a hole through the middle! This is the pattern for the crown of your hat.

Cut out this circle, using this pattern, from your woollen or cotton material.

Lay the circle flat on the desk and lay your doughnut on top of it, centrally. Now, fold the edge of the circle over the doughnut and pin then together in one place so the edge of the circle is even with the hole in the doughnut. Repeat this on the side opposite to the first pin, and then at the other two quarters. Put one pin in between each of these quarter pins.

The circumference of the circle is larger than the centre of the doughnut, so you need to pleat the fabric between the eight pins already on the hat, before you pin it down. When you have made these eight pleats and pinned them down, sew round (running stitch) where you have pinned, about an inch in.

When you have finished sewing, pull the brim through the hole, give it a shake and put it on your head! You now have a Tudor hat!

You can add a feather to it, or maybe a braided band.