

Hat Sewing Tutorial

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Two styles included!



← Cap



Newsboy →

Choose a style!

Sewing instructions are the same regardless of which hat you choose!
The pattern pieces are provided at the end of this document.



Simple Cap Style





Newsboy Style



Either style is a generous size to allow room for various hairstyles and head sizes.

Fabric Requirements

These fabric estimates are appropriate for either style of hat.



The outer fabric used for the hat examples in this tutorial were made using organic twill by Harmony Art Organic Design called *Let it Grow*

10" x WOF for the outer (a medium weight such as twill is ideal!)

1 x fat quarter (22" x 18") of cotton sateen or quilting cotton for the lining

Pellon Wonder Under (1 piece for the brim only)

The process for making the hats is identical only the pattern pieces vary.

Cut 2 strips **(Newsboy 25" x 1.75") (Cap 24.5" x 1.5")**

Cut 6 crown pieces from lining

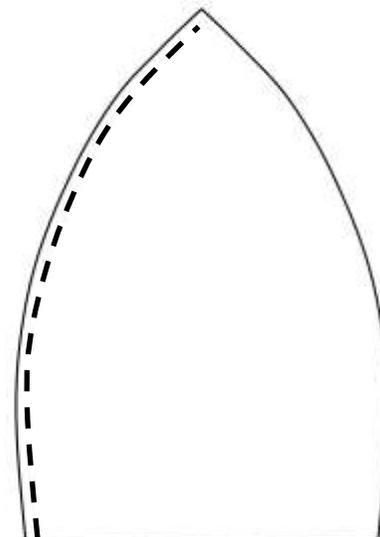
Cut 6 crown pieces from outer fabric

Cut 2 brim pieces from outer fabric

Cut 1 brim piece from Pellon Wonder Under

Crown Construction

Sew the six crown pieces of lining fabric together in pairs along the curves. Join the three sets of pairs to create a crown. Take care to stop 1/4 inch from the top point to ensure you make a neat point seam in the middle of the crown.



Repeat this process with the 6 pieces of outer crown fabric.

Snip the seam allowance (take care to ensure you don't snip the stitching line) this process allows the seams to curve once turned right sides out.

The newsboy version of the hat has slightly more pronounced curves, cut small triangle snips to ensure smooth seams once turned right side out.



Brim Construction

Press the wonder under onto one of the brim pieces.

Remove paper from Wonder Under

Stitch the 2 pieces of brim right sides together along the larger curve as shown.

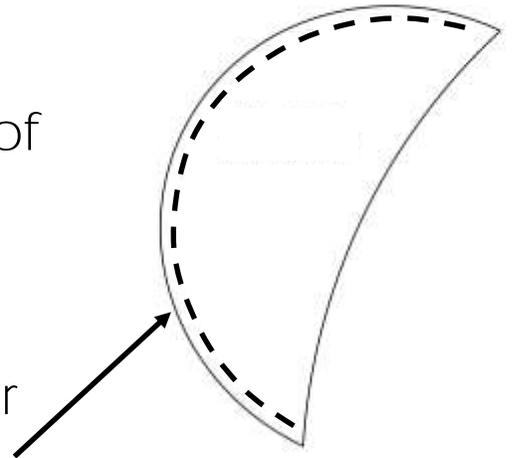
Snip small triangles from the seam allowance taking care not to snip the stitching line!

Turn the hat brim right sides out and press.

Stitch reinforcing lines around the curve of the brim 1/4" apart.

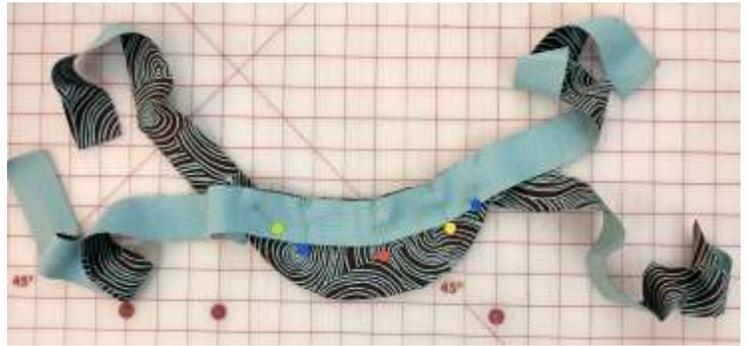
My example has 5 lines.

This ensures brim stiffness and shape whilst wearing.



Brim & Strips

Pin the brim in between the two strips, right sides together as shown.



Stitch a 1/4 inch seam along the length of the strip, easing the fabric to the curve as you sew the brim into the strips.



Snip small triangles from all layers of the 1/4" seam allowance at the brim.

Stitch the ends of the strips together to form a loop.

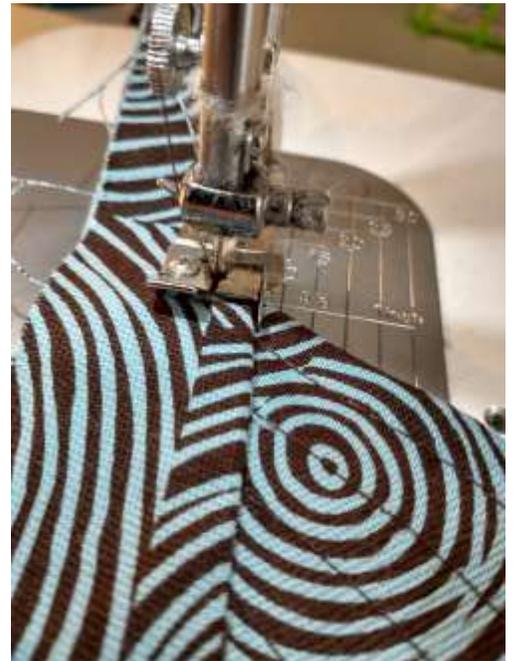
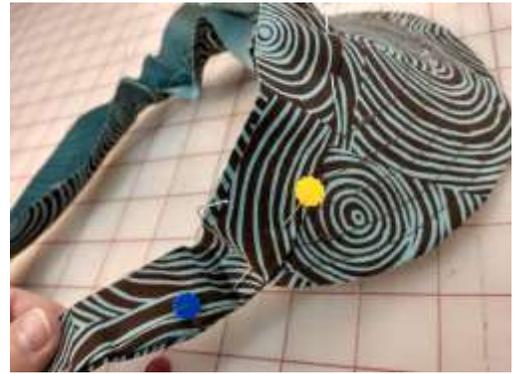


Brim & Strips

Press and pin the two band strips together as shown.

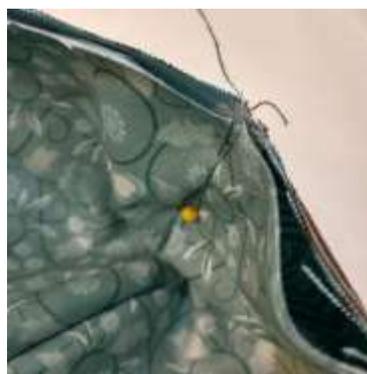
Topstitch a line at most 1/4" from the brim edge of the strips.

This creates the band that will join the brim to the crown.



Crown

Place the crown lining inside the crown outer as shown. Pin in place at the six seams. Baste the two together 1/8" from the edge, all the way around.



Final Construction

Place the crown inside the brim/ band circle and pin in place all the way around making sure you are only catching one layer of the band (on the side with the raw edges).

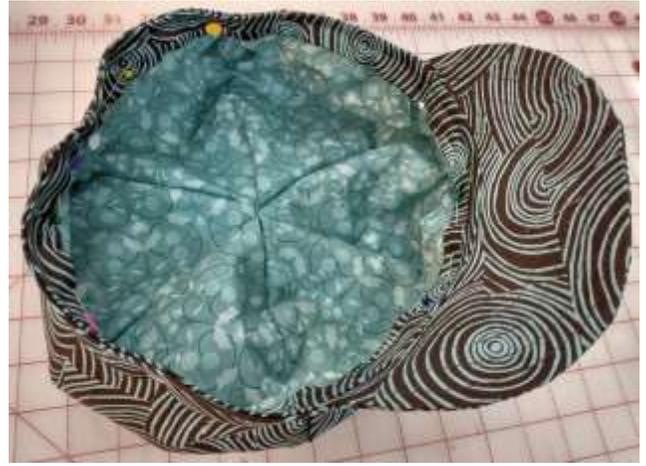


Stitch a 1/4 inch seam to attach the band to the crown!



Inside the hat, press the band up towards the crown, folding in the raw edges about 1/4" as you go and pinning in place.

Once you have pinned the inner band in place you can choose to either:

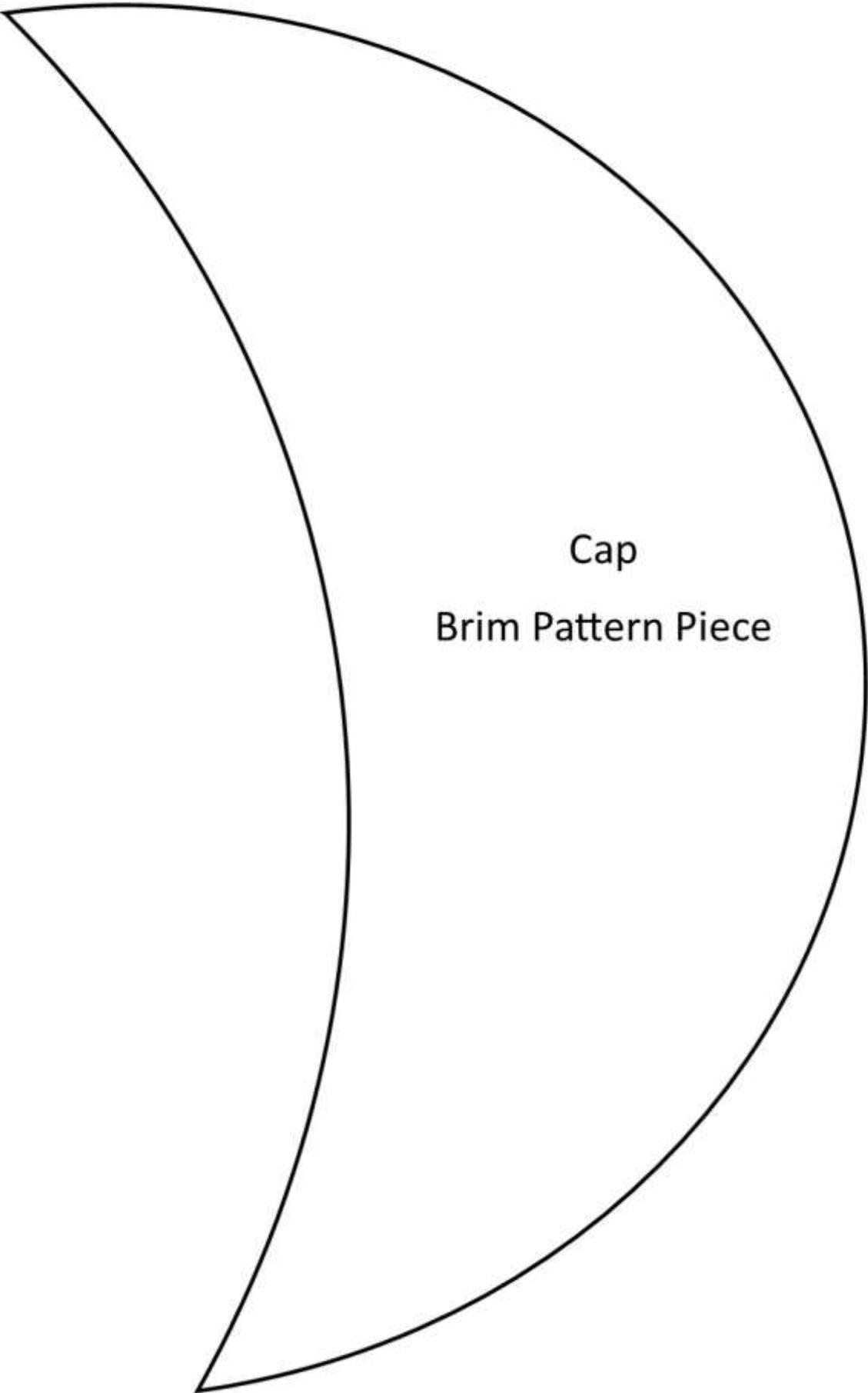


- hand stitch the band down on the inside using a quick whip stitch.
- use your sewing machine and stitch through all the layers creating another row of topstitching along the outer band — this is a bit fiddly, so ensure you are sewing from the outside for the best outcome and lift as you sew to visually ensure the inside layers are aligned with your stitching line.

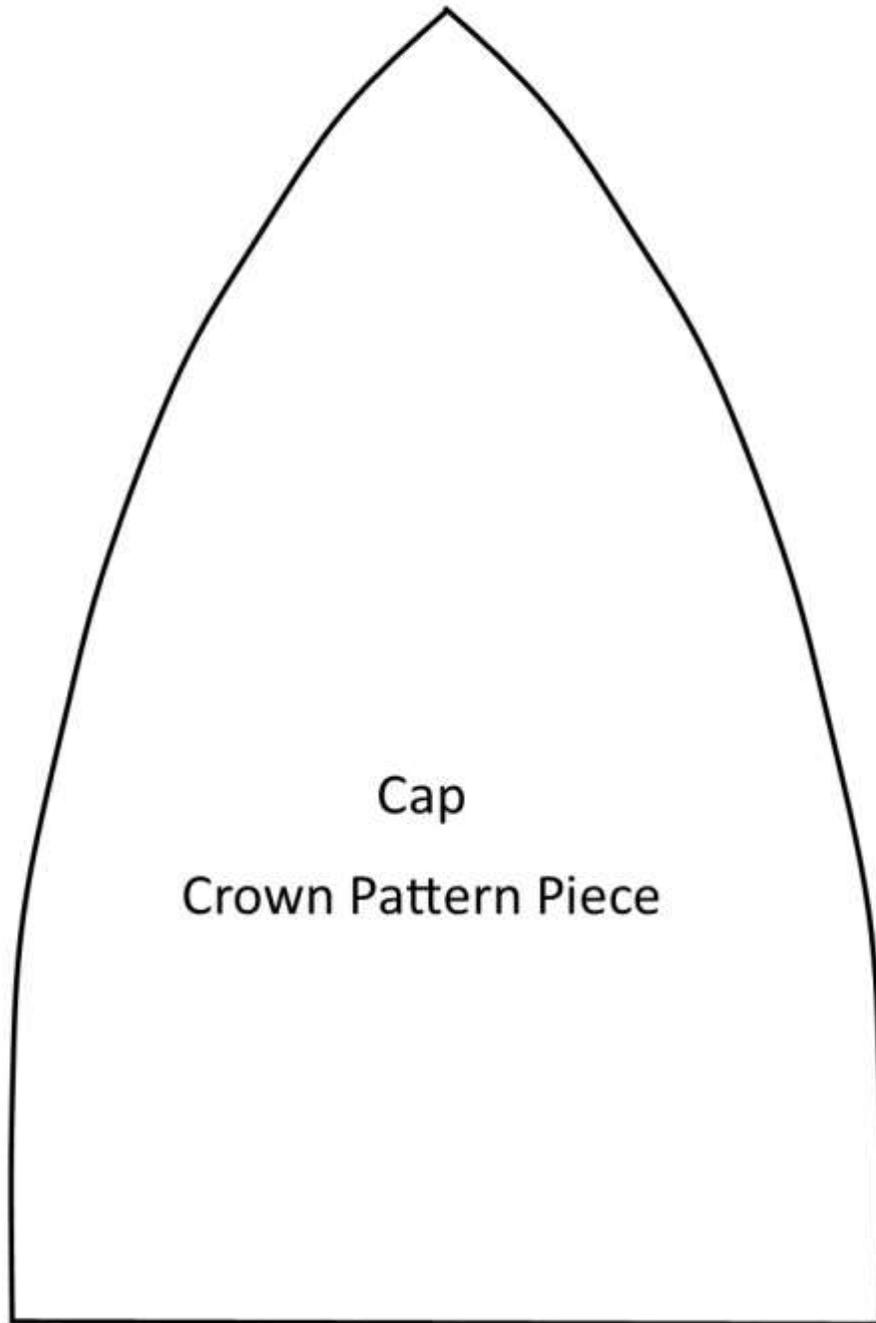


Your hat is complete!



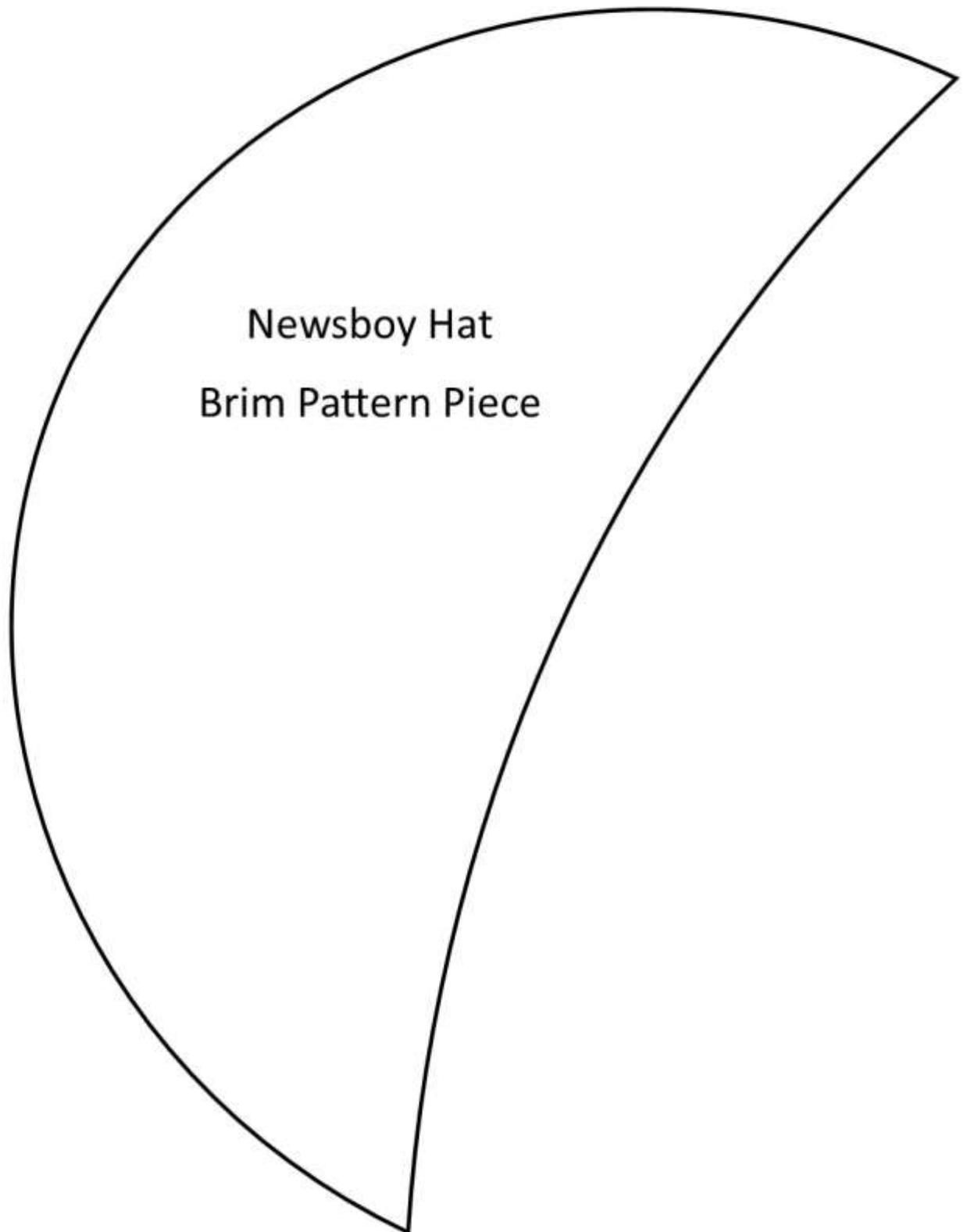


Cap
Brim Pattern Piece

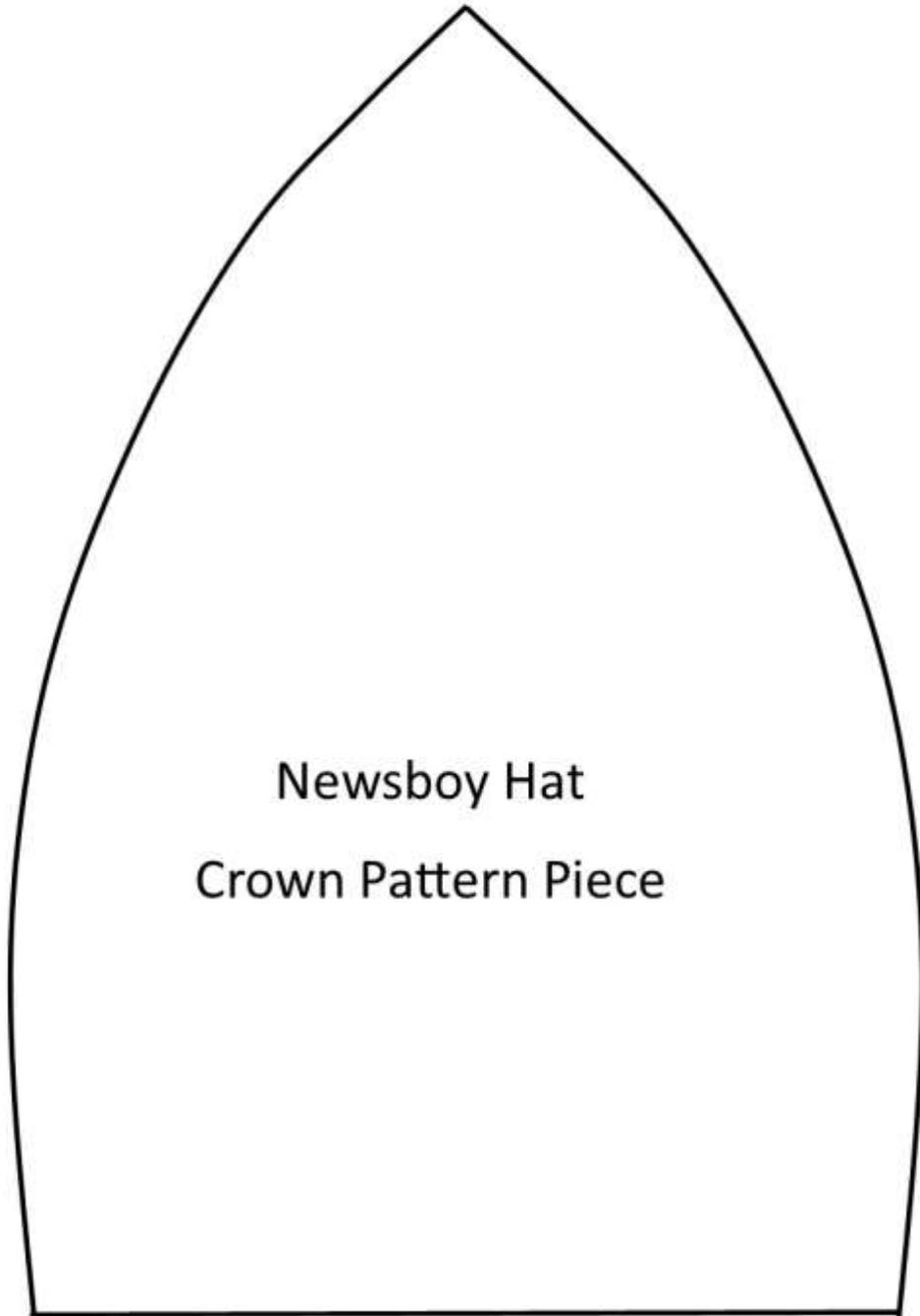


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Crown Pattern Piece



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