

## Flat Cap

Fur da dog wot luffs hats but wants to keep street cred!



This sporty Irish hat fits the character of greyhounds especially, but will suit the personality of many dogs. You can make them out of any fabric, but the Irish plaids look the best – a very distinguished yet playful look for your hound.

### Materials Needed

1/4 yard of wool plaid or tweed fabric  
one 5-inch circle of poster board or thin cardboard  
one 11-inch piece of 1/4-inch elastic

### Instructions

1. Cut one 11-inch circle of fabric and two 5- 1/2-inch circles of fabric.
2. Cut a 5-inch circle of poster board or thin cardboard.
3. Hand-baste 1/2 inch from the edge of the 11-inch circle, then pull the threads to draw the circle up as tightly as possible. This will form a bag-like item. Be sure the right side of the fabric is out. Tie the threads to secure the circle.
4. Place the 5- 1/2-inch fabric circles right sides together and sew with a 1/4-inch seam allowance around the entire circle. Clip curves.
5. Carefully cut an X in the center of one of these fabric circles and turn right side out. Iron flat.
6. Carefully squish and squeeze the poster board into the fabric circle. It's okay if the poster board bends.
7. Top-stitch 1/4 inch from the edge, sewing through the poster board and the layers of fabric. This is now the brim of your hat.
8. Attach the brim to the first circle. Be sure to put the side of the brim with the X cut in it to the side of the big circle with the gathers. You may want to slightly offset the brim circle from the large circle so the brim sticks out slightly. You can hot glue or hand-stitch these together.
9. Attach the elastic to the brim to form a chinstrap. The hat will lay best if you attach the elastic about 1 inch in from the edge of the hat on each side. You can hot glue this or sew it, although sewing stands up better.

**Variation:** Instead of a solid-colored 11-inch circle, sew 6 pie-shaped pieces of fabric of different colors to form the initial circle. This results in a very nice look.

