

FLEECE HAT INSTRUCTIONS

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Materials Needed

- One yard of fleece to make 7 1/2 hats* (2 yards will make 17 1/2 hats with no wasted fleece) *TIP: Do not cut your fleece into separate yards or you will have a lot of waste!*
- Matching thread
- Sharp Scissors
- Cloth marker, Fine Tip Sharpie, or liquid chalk (white for marking dark fabric) pen for marking your fleece

*Please feel free to have some fun with your color choices but please do not buy solid neon yellow, neon orange, neon green, or solid white. Please avoid overly feminine prints ie: flowers and paisley, and prints specifically designed for children.

The video below will teach you step by step how to make your hat.

It is filled with tips and tricks on how to lay out your fabric, how to place your pattern to avoid waste, how to find the “stretch” in your fleece, how to cut 2 hat blanks at a time, how to tell which is the “correct side” and wrong” side, and so much more!

Click [here](#) to watch the video.

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PATTERN
BEFORE YOU BEGIN MAKING YOUR HATS.**

Instructions

Begin by printing the pattern. [\(ADD HAT PATTERN LINK HERE\)](#)

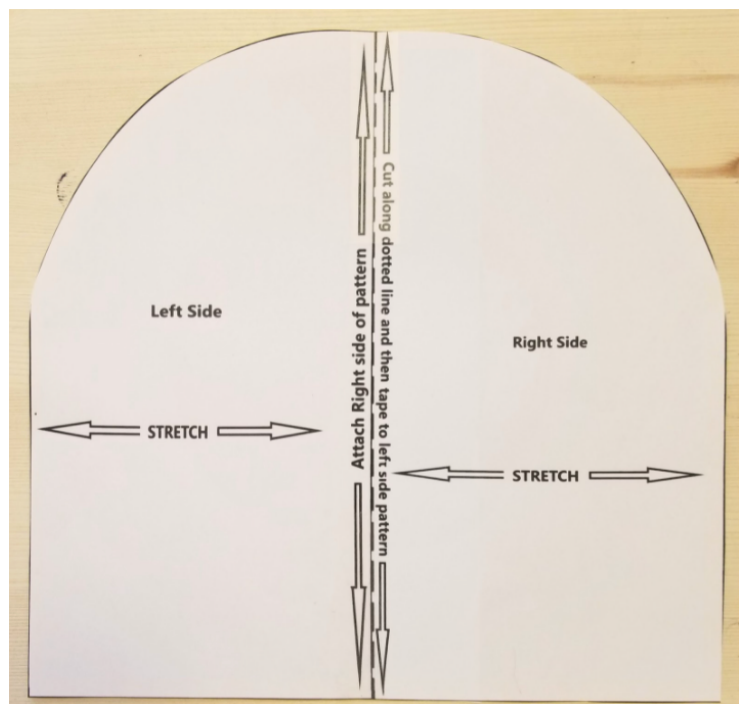
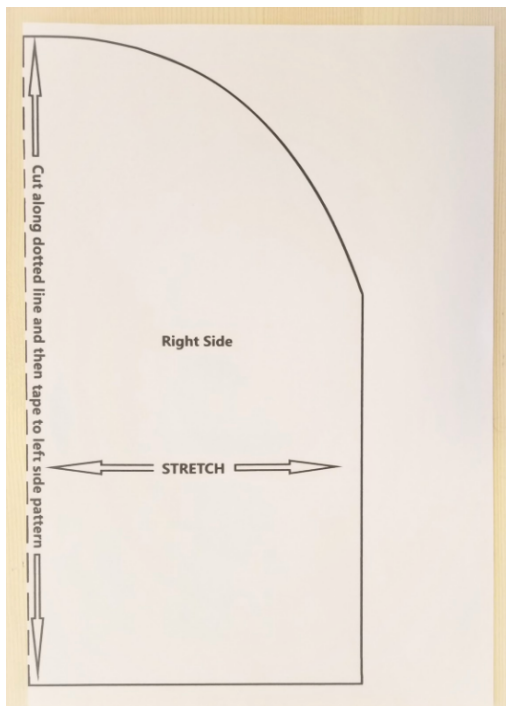
The pattern should fit on 2 pages and not overlap the page. If the pattern prints too large, set your printer to "fit to page" and reprint the pattern or it will not be the correct size.

Tip: The pattern should measure approximately 11" across the bottom when printed correctly. If it is larger or smaller than 11", the pattern is not the correct size and needs to be reprinted using the above instructions.

Trim the "right side" pattern along the dotted line.

Attach the "right side" pattern to the "left side" pattern by lining up the top and bottom lines, and tape the pattern together. Cut out the pattern along the solid outside lines.

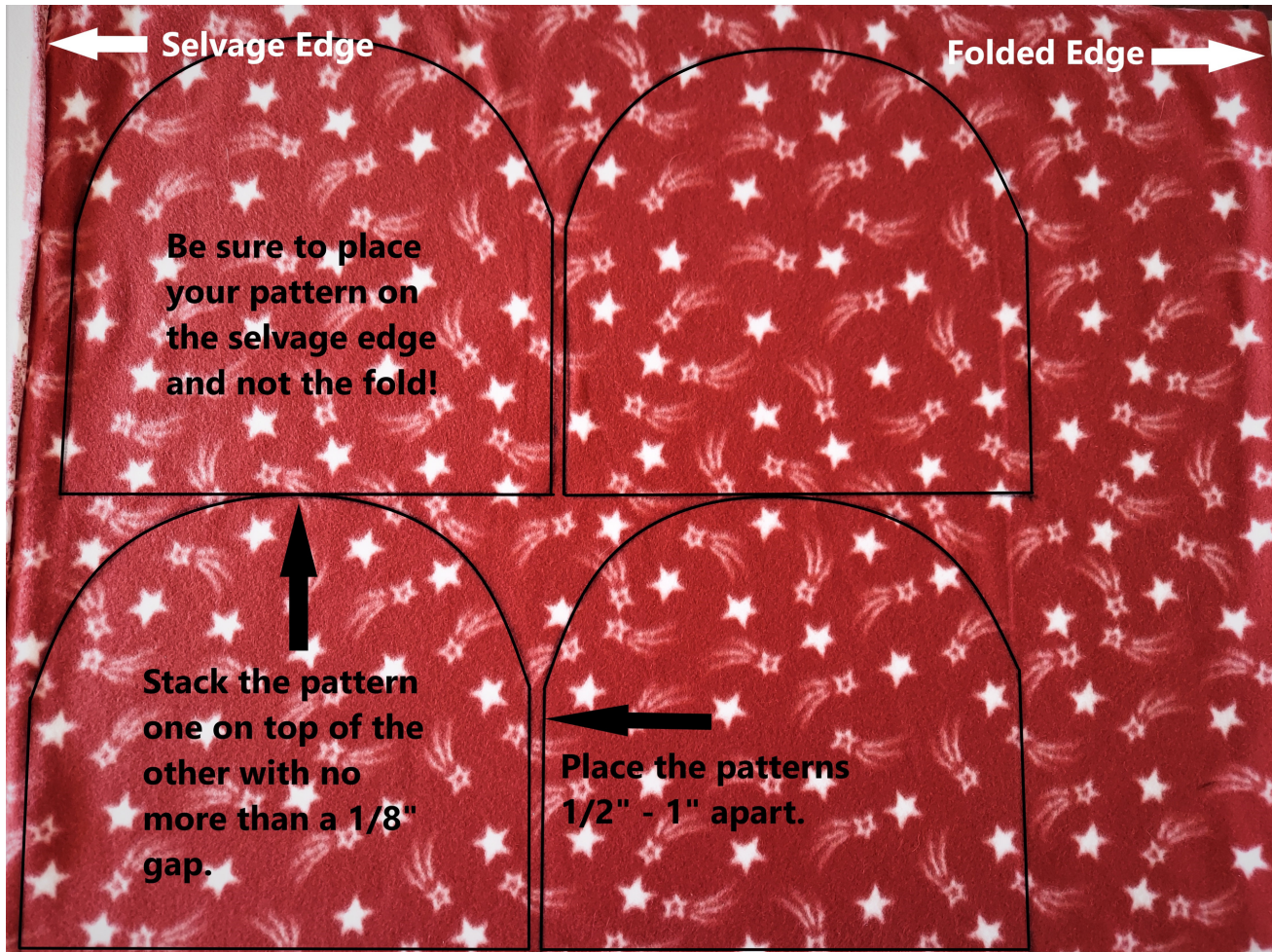
Tip: We suggest making a cardboard template to make tracing the pattern on the fabric easier.



Begin by folding your fleece in half with the "wrong side" out. Place the pattern on the fleece ensuring that the side of the pattern is along the selvage edge as pictured below.

DO NOT CUT THROUGH THE FOLDED EDGE!

You will be using the folded edge material to make another hat.



Trace the pattern four times on the material following the example above. Stack the pattern with no more than a 1/8" gap between the top and bottom pattern. Place the pattern 1/2" - 1" apart side to side.

Cut out the four hat blanks (8 pieces)



Take the material from the edge and lay it out with the "wrong side" up.
Draw the pattern near the top of the piece.
You do not need to draw a pattern on the bottom section.



Flip over the bottom piece so that the "correct" side is facing up.



Ensuring that the "correct" sides are now facing each other, pull the top piece of fleece over the bottom piece for cutting.





**Cut through both
layers to make one hat
blank.**

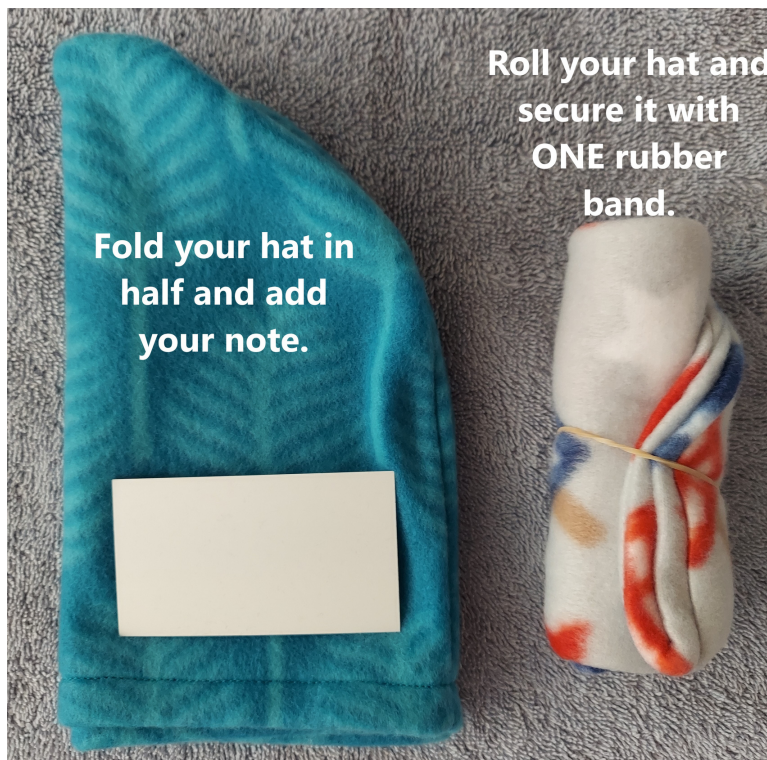


**Sew a 1/4" seam
around the edge
leaving the bottom
open.**





To prepare your hats for shipping, please fold the hat in half. If you will be including a note, please place it on the hat prior to rolling, but do not attach the note to the hat. Notes should be the size of a business card. Next, roll the hat tightly and secure it with ONE rubber band.



Fold your hat in half and add your note.

Roll your hat and secure it with ONE rubber band.

