

# Simple Leather Hat

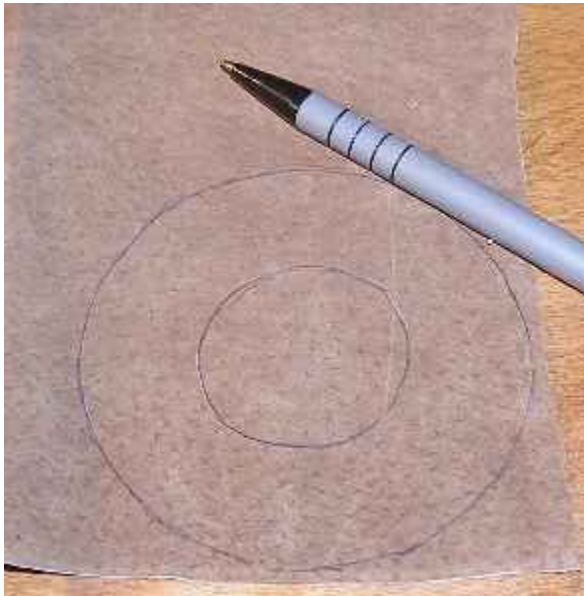
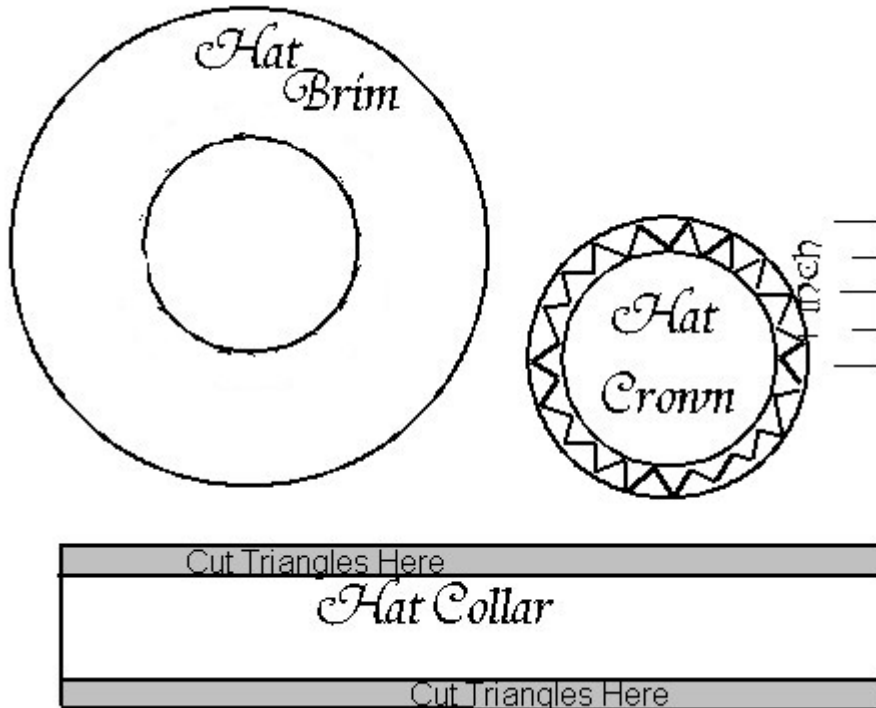
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Alrighty then! – Supplies:



Leather, pattern, glue, pen, scissors, random piece of ribbon for a hat band, and, of course, a feather...

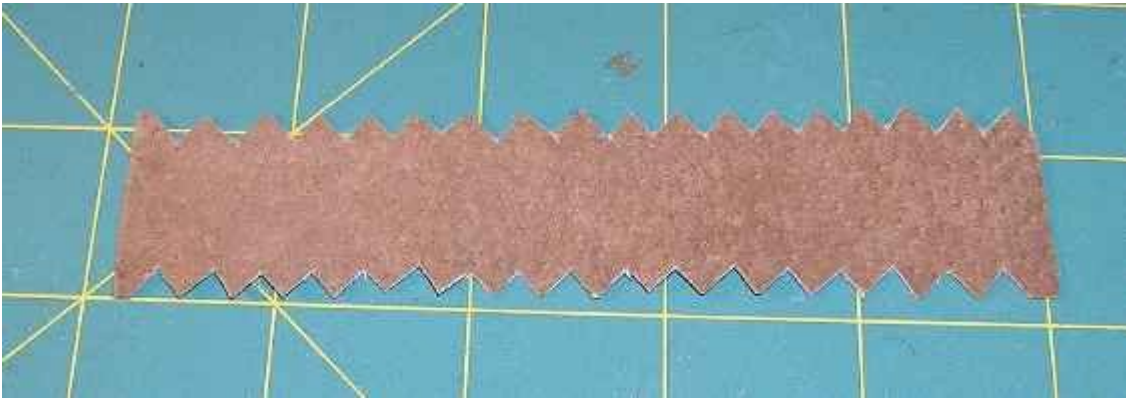
Here's your pattern:



turn the leather 'wrong' side up (this is pigskin, it's really too thin for this hat, but it was the first piece I grabbed soooo) – and draw your pattern out – yup – I use a ball point pen.



“Hem” the collar piece (thin line of glue, press it down!)



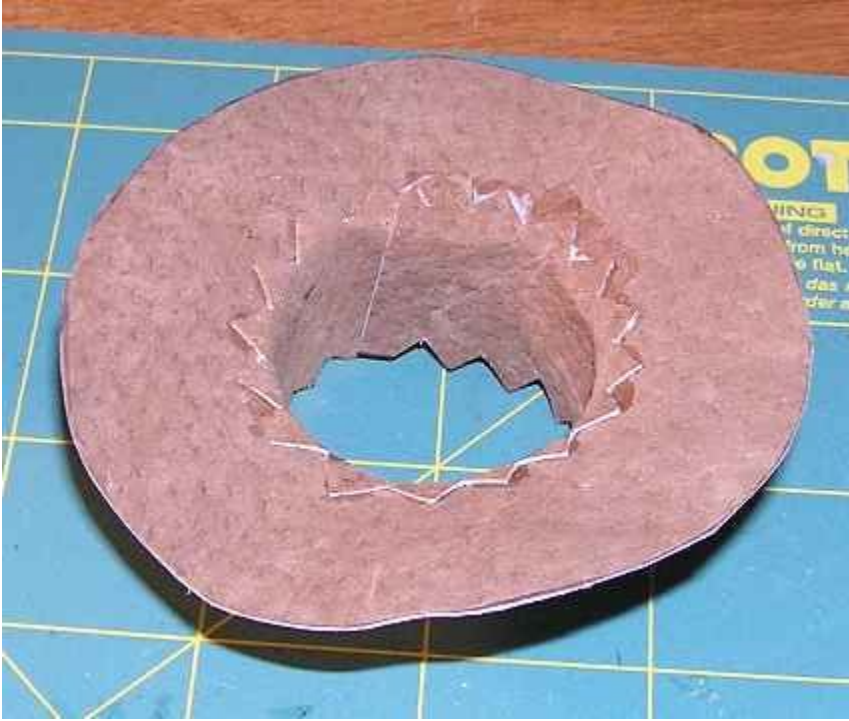
Cut out allll those horribly annoying triangles (yes, you have to cut the triangles!)



Check the fit of the hat brim – it should be just a titch large, remember the collar goes along the inside of the rim and make allowances for it. (if it’s too big, you can always stuff the top! LOL)



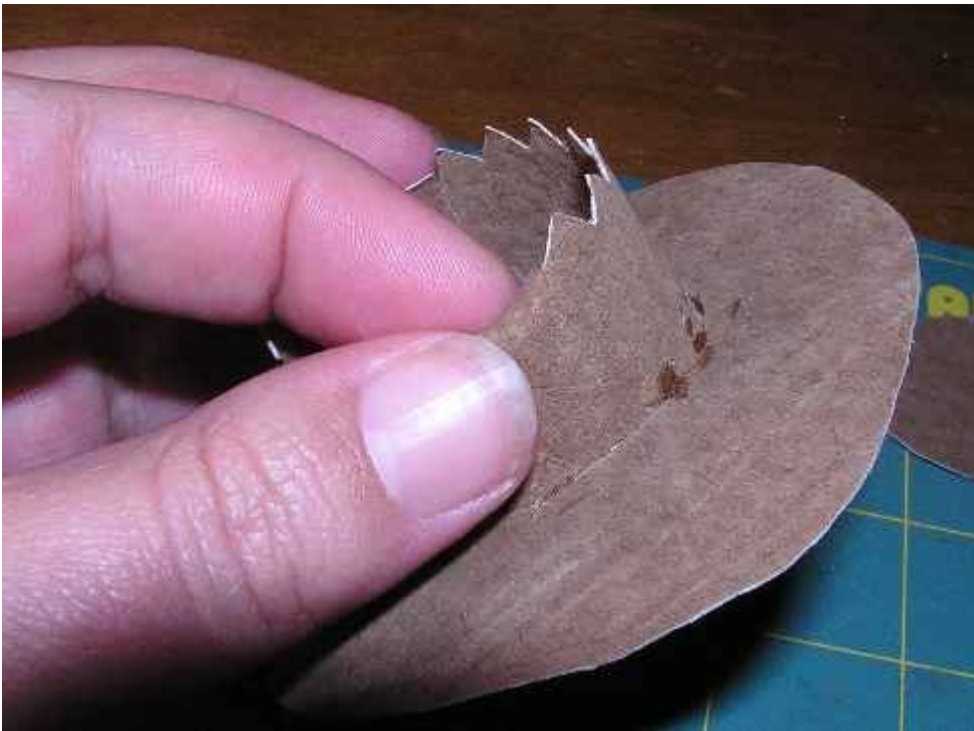
With the brim and collar **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER** – holding the wrong side ‘up’ apply your glue to a couple of those triangles, starting at the hemmed line (the collar is deliberately too long, you’ll trim it when you’ve finished this step) and attach it 2-3 triangles at a time along the brim.



Like that.



Trim the collar so you've only got about a 1/4" over lap and glue the hemmed edge down making a nice seam.



Fun bit! – fold the top edge of the collar down – ie. Finger press that sucker



Like so.

Place the crown **WRONG SIDE UP** on the table, glue the collar triangles and put them together! **Grin** – I'm teasing, but almost... - glue the triangles



and very carefully aligning everything, put the crown on TOP, pushing the seam-line tight with a fingernail.



Poof! – is hat! – a really boring, did I mention the leather was too thin hat – but a hat none-the-less!

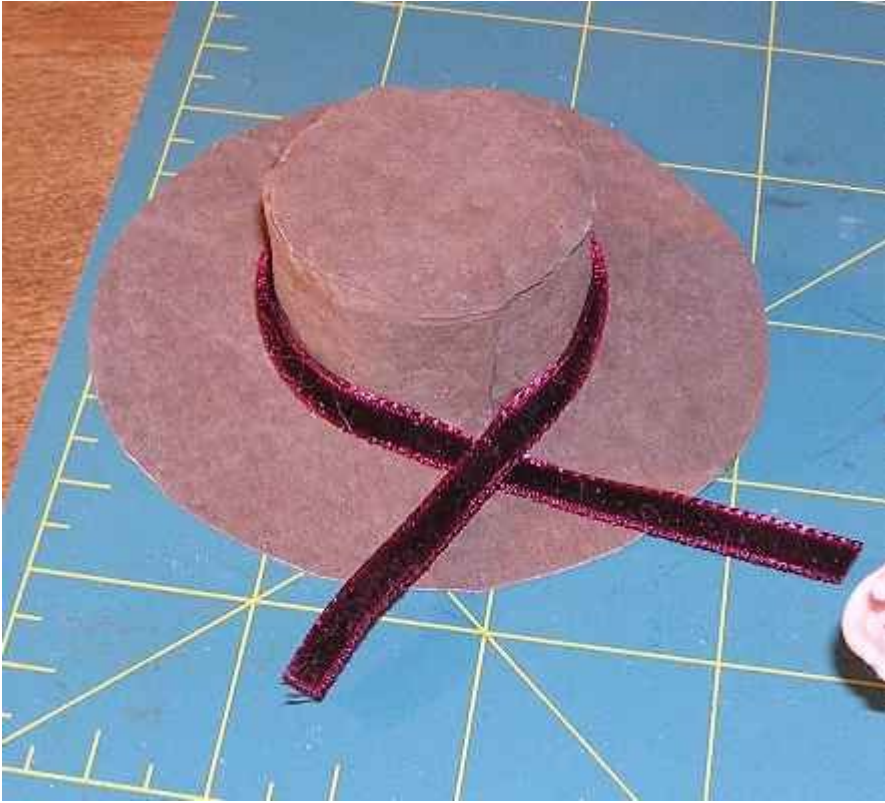
Also – this leather is ‘garment dyed’ – which boils down to ‘white in the center’ – which means I’m gonna have to paint the edges - \*\*sigh\*\* - if I were doing this ‘for real’ instead of just as a quicky, I’d have either used different leather.

ANYway... let’s at least get rid of ‘boring’ shall we?



Hat band! – random piece of ribbon, glue in the center,





placed on the hat, glued in the back where the ribbons cross.



Feather! – glue on the tip, tucked into the hat band at the appropriately jaunty angle.



Want the brim to curl? – roll that sucker up! - if you're using thicker leather, damp it down a titch and wrap it in place, it'll stay.

