

South London

# Baden-Powell's Hat



## You will need ...

- Thick card for the brim, hat band, cockade, and brim lining
- Hessian, sugar paper or similar for the crown
- Glue
- Brown pens, or paint



Robert Baden-Powell wore a campaign hat which is a broad-brimmed felt hat, with a high crown, pinched symmetrically at the four corners. The hat is most commonly worn by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the New Zealand Army, United States Park Rangers, and some Scout Organisations around the world.

Here is how to make one...

### The brim ...

Draw the oval shape of the brim about 40 centimetres (16 inches) long and 36 centimetres (14 inches) wide across the centre and cut out the centre leaving 10 centimetres (4 inches) brim all-round the edge.

### The brim lining ...

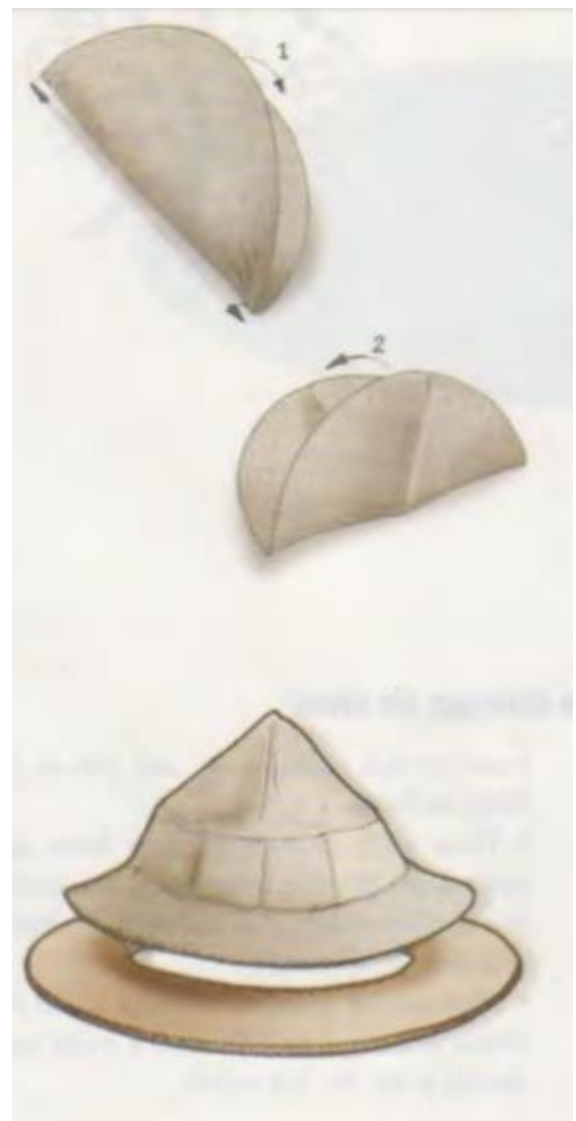
Draw around the inside of the brim on to card. Draw an outer oval 3 centimetres (1 inch) wide and cut out the oval ring.

### The hat band ...

Cut a strip of card about 60 centimetres long (24 inches) and 3 centimetres (1 inch) wide to form a hat band.

### The crown ...

- Cut a circle of hessian 38 centimetres (15 inches) in diameter. Fold in half, smooth and open, fold in half the other way, smooth and open.
- Smear glue 8 centimetres (3 inches) along the inside of the folds. Turn over and pinch these glued folds together to form the four corners of the peak.
- Make eight 3 centimetre (1 inch) pleats around the rim of the hessian and glue them. It will be easier if you make the first pleats along the folds that you have previously made.
- Fit the cardboard brim inside the pleated hessian brim and stick it down allowing a 2 centimetre (3/4 inch) . turn over. Pinch the crown in to shape.
- Stick the oval strip of card underneath the brim to cover the rough edge of hessian.
- Stick on the hat band and cut out a cockade for the side.



Paint all the card a suitable brown.