

Furry PILLBOX

**Fleece and Furry Pillbox Beanie Hat
trimmed with lush faux fur...
Sew Easy! Lesson tutorial
@madcaphats on YouTube
<https://youtu.be/MWatCB-HImw>**



You will need to measure your head circumference to determine the lengths of the fabric pieces you will need to make this hat. To measure your head, take a soft tape measure and go around your head just above your ears and just above your eyebrows. Do not pull the tape super tight but instead create a comfortable feel to the tape measure. This will be your head circumference. Please note that we are cutting the fur with the nap or alongside the grain edge so we add a good amount of extra length to our fur piece to accommodate for lack of stretch and the thickness of the fur pile inside of the hat at the bottom edge. Also, fleece stretchiness is different. You should avoid four way stretch material for this hat and use two way stretch for the fleece pieces in the video . The fleece pieces can be substituted with other stretchy fabric in a medium of heavy weight like a jogging fleece knit but use two way stretch and cut these two pieces with the stretch as shown in the video.

Fur Piece - Your Head Circumference plus 1.5 - 2 inches or 4 to 5 cm
Depth of fur piece is 5 - 5.5 inches (5.25 in the video for both pieces) or
127 to 140 mm (Mine was 133 mm in the video).

Fleece Pieces - Use your head circumference plus at least .5 inch or more for comfort or 13 mm more for comfort. You can always trim the fabric or make your seam larger if you find the fit too generous. Go bigger rather than smaller cause it is easier to fix too big than it is too small. For the video, my head is 22.5 inches and I used pieces that are cut just slightly longer than 23 inches. (57.15 cm head and I cut my fleece length to 58.5 cm). There are two fleece body pieces and one piece for the top. The fleece body pieces are 2 inches, or 5 cm deep, and the second is longer for the inside or lining and it is 4 inches or a bit over 4 inches, or 10 cm deep or a bit over 10 cm. When I trace around my bristol board pattern pieces I realize I make my pattern slightly larger.

Top Piece - The following two pages have the top template. Note the gray shadow and that is for cutting larger if you need a larger top due to size of head or for a larger seam than the 3/8 inch or 1 cm normal sewing seam I use in the video. Cut away to the red line on one of the side margins and tape the top together matching the circles before cutting. You can see my taped top piece in the video when I cut the tops for the two hats I make.

Notes - Try to shop for your fur in person so you can feel the weight and plushness. The price will reflect the quality and buying better quality is important for a furry hat to look stunning. Sometimes you can get lucky and find a nice piece in the sale bin. There is usually a garment district in major cities with clusters of fabric shops. This is always a good start for finding great fur.

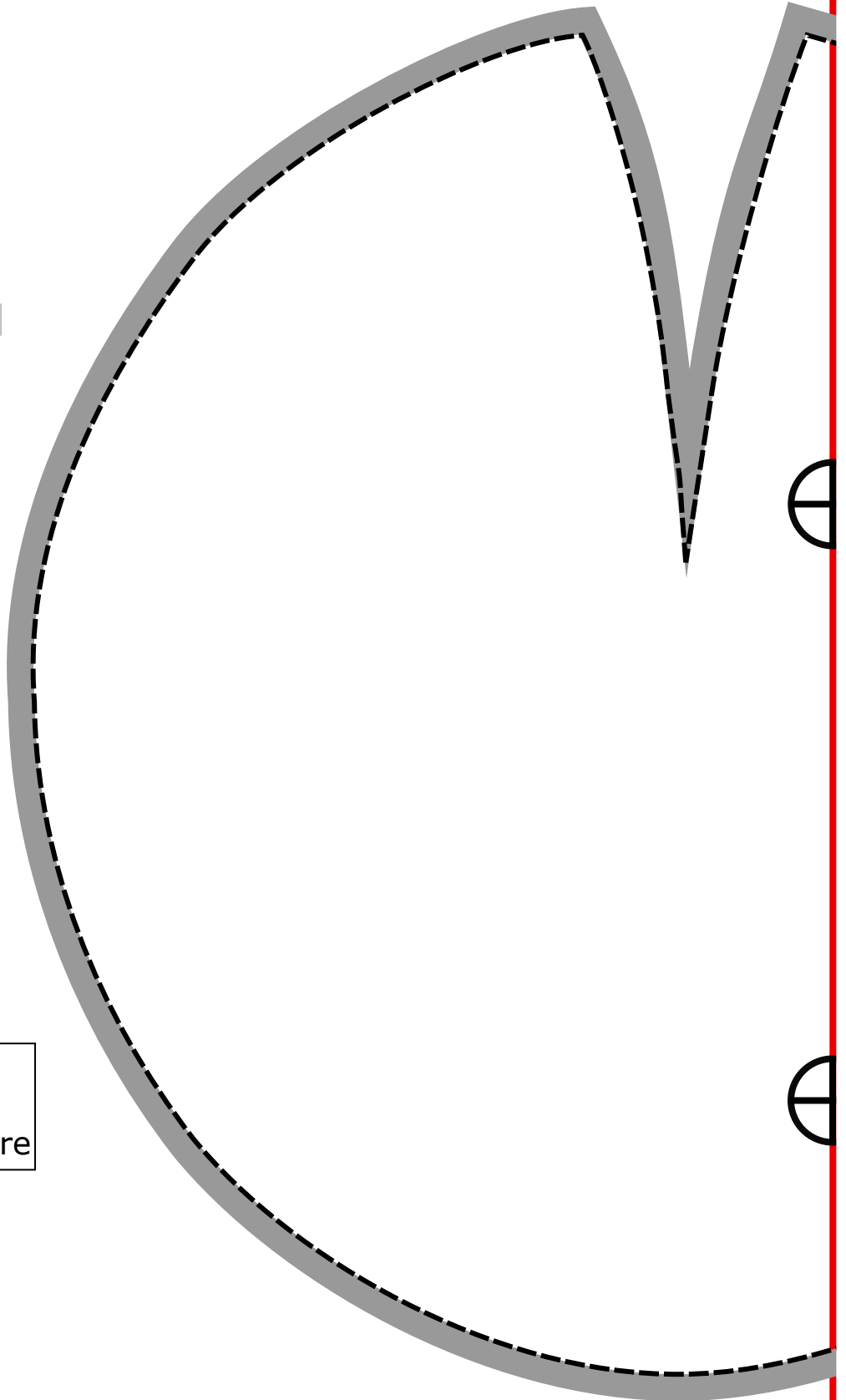
I have found nice fur online from Mendels.com in San Francisco. My favorite stores for Faux Fur are in Toronto, ON (King's - they have an entire room) off Spadina Ave, on St. Hubert Blvd in Montreal, Que (various shops) and in Hamilton, On at European Textiles or some of the other fabric shops on Ottawa St. Questions, contact me, Tori, at madcaphats@gmail.com or in the comments on the video!

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1" side
square.

2 cm
side
square

Fleece Toque Top by Mad Cap Hats



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