

You will need the following supplies to create a single two-color jester hat with three 'tails'.

1 yard fabric color A

1 yard fabric color B

1 Spool of thread (matching darker of 2 colors {brim color})

Scissors

**1 yard thin elastic (optional but required for a hat that will be used by more than one individual).

**Sewing Machine (recommended but not necessary)

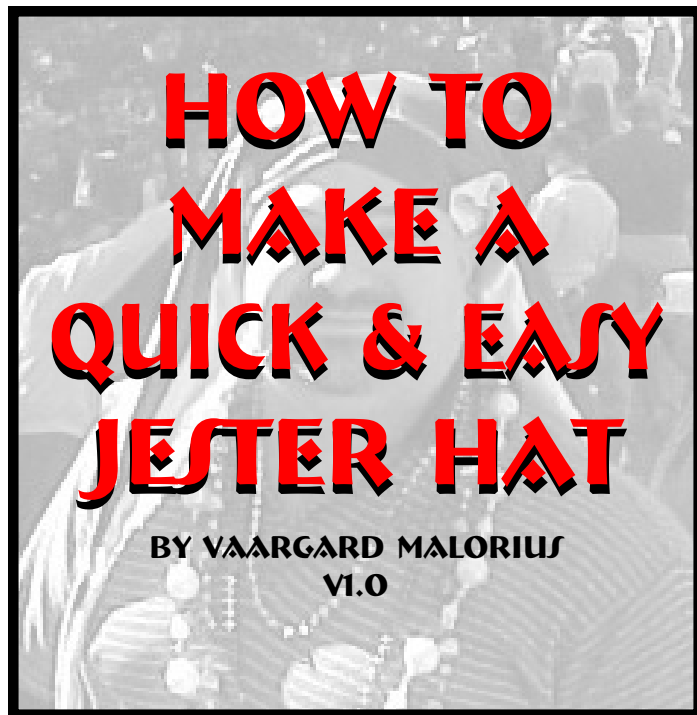
**An Iron (recommended but not necessary)

Fabric pencil or 'Map color' pencil (to trace pattern onto fabric)

**3 bells, tassels, pompons, beads, faux gems, coins, or ornaments to decorate the ends of the 'tails'(optional but recommended)

Substitutions can be made at your discretion, but for purposes of this 'how-to', we will assume you have the above materials and are making a single hat with only two colors, with only three 'tails'. Satiny fabrics seem to look best for this type of hat but feel free to experiment. If you intend to make your hat out of felt or similar lightweight material, universal needles work fine. You can easily make the tails longer or shorter by changing length X (see Fig.2). You are only limited by your imagination and your finances! These hats are very easy to make and can compliment most garb nicely,

- 1) Cut 3 pieces of fabric color A about 10" by the width of the fabric. (Fig.1)
- 2) Cut 3 pieces of fabric color B about 10" by the width of the fabric.. (Fig.1)
- 3) Lay 1 piece of fabric color A from step 1 atop one piece of fabric color B from step 2. (Fig.2)
- 4) Sew these together along the top (long) edge. (Fig.2A)
- 5) Repeat step 3 & 4 with the remaining pieces of fabric. When you are done, you should have three pieces composed of two colors sewn along one long edge.
*** Make sure all sewing in steps 6 through 9 are done with the same color material 'up' so that the colors will alternate in the finished hat.***
- 6) Measure 4 1/2" from the left short edge. Mark a vertical line approximately 5" tall 4 1/2" from the left edge(Fig 2B).



- 7) Sketch a short line parallel to the top long edge (see grey dotted line in Fig. 2B) .
- 8) Sketch an elongated S-shaped line, rounded at the ends (approximating red dotted line in Fig. 2B).
- 9) Sew along the S-shaped line.
- 10) Repeat steps 6 through 9 on the two remaining pieces.
- 11) Cut the excess away from the sewn pieces about 1/4" from the stitching. (Fig.2C)
- 12) Take 2 of the 3 finished sections and lay them open-faced good side to good side.
- 13) Sew **one** side together (Fig. 3A).
- 14) Spread 3rd section open-faced and sew to exposed edges of hat (Fig. 3B).
- 15) Try hat on for fit. If it is too loose, choose one of the seams from 13 or 14 and sew 1/8" in from original stitching. Repeat until hat fits snugly. If tails are too long, you can easily shorten them by redoing steps 6 through 9 with a shorter S-curve (length X on Fig.2).
- 16) turn edge of hat & fold 1/2" of fabric back. Sew 1/4" from edge of fold.
*** This forms the casing for elastic band. If you choose to use it, insert elastic before finishing seam.*
- 17) Turn the finished hat 'right side out'.
- 18) Affix bells, tassels, pom-poms, etc. (or all the above if you wish) to the ends of the 'tails'.
- 19) Go out to the park and show off your new garb!
Wear your new hat proudly and have fun!

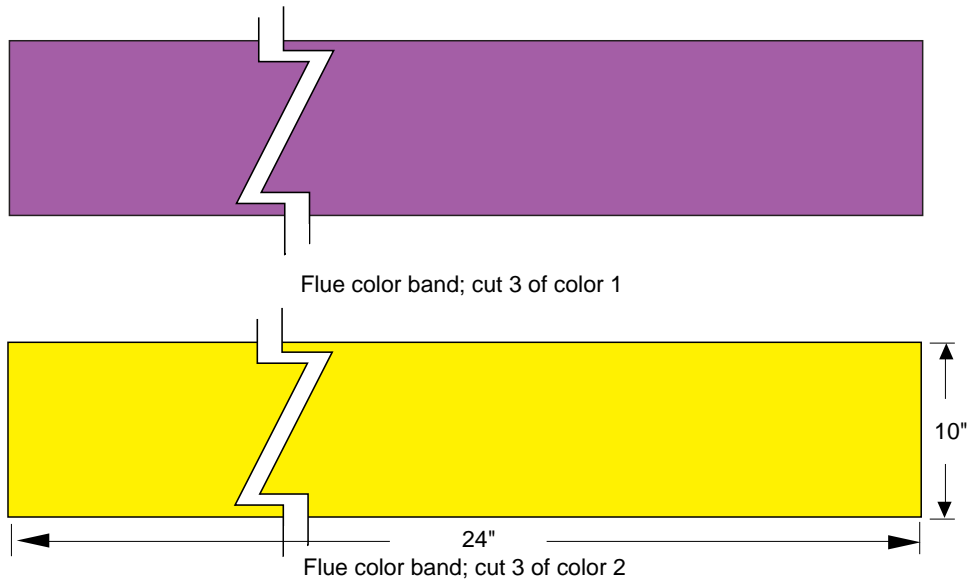


Figure 1: Top hat parts.

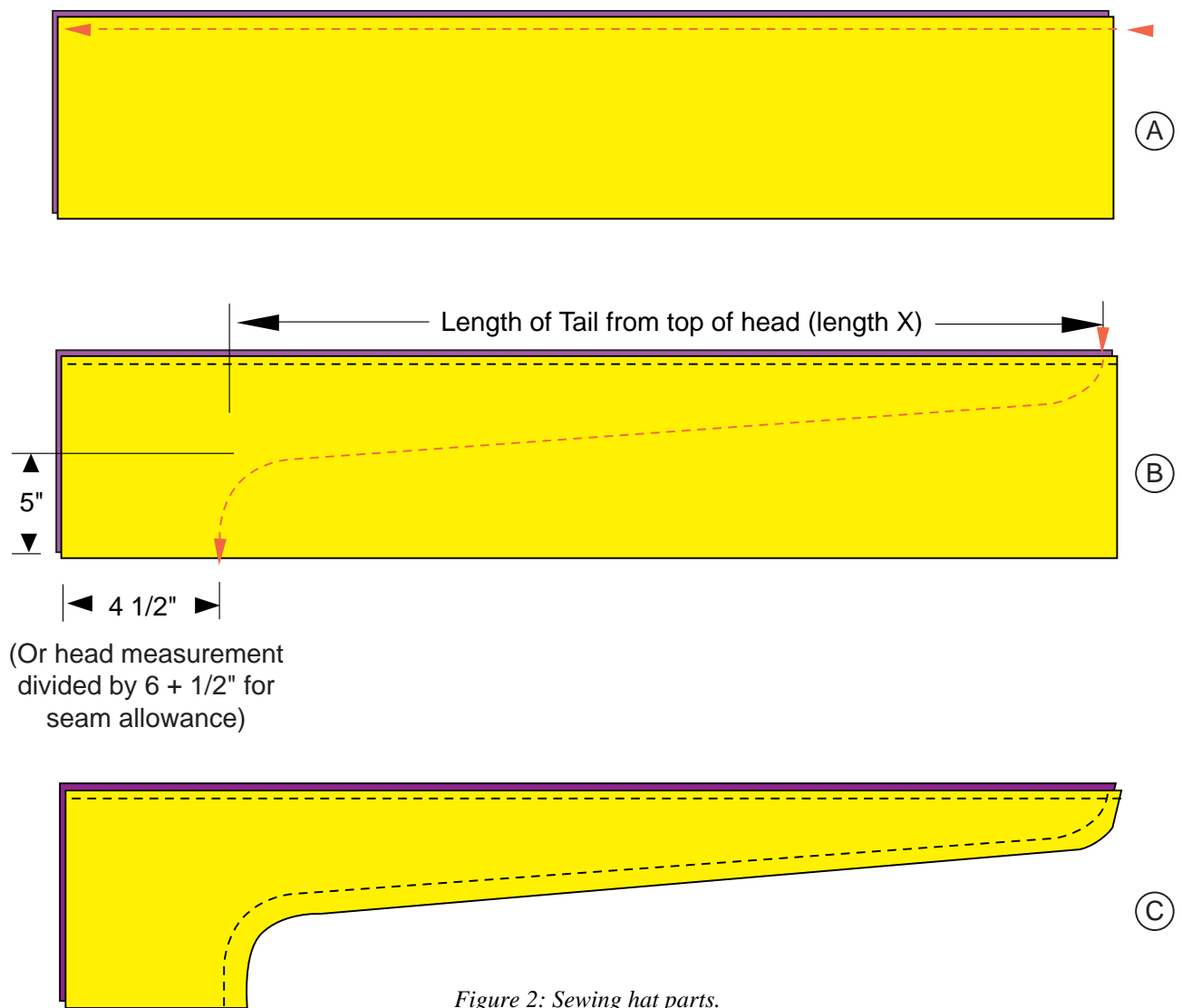


Figure 2: Sewing hat parts.

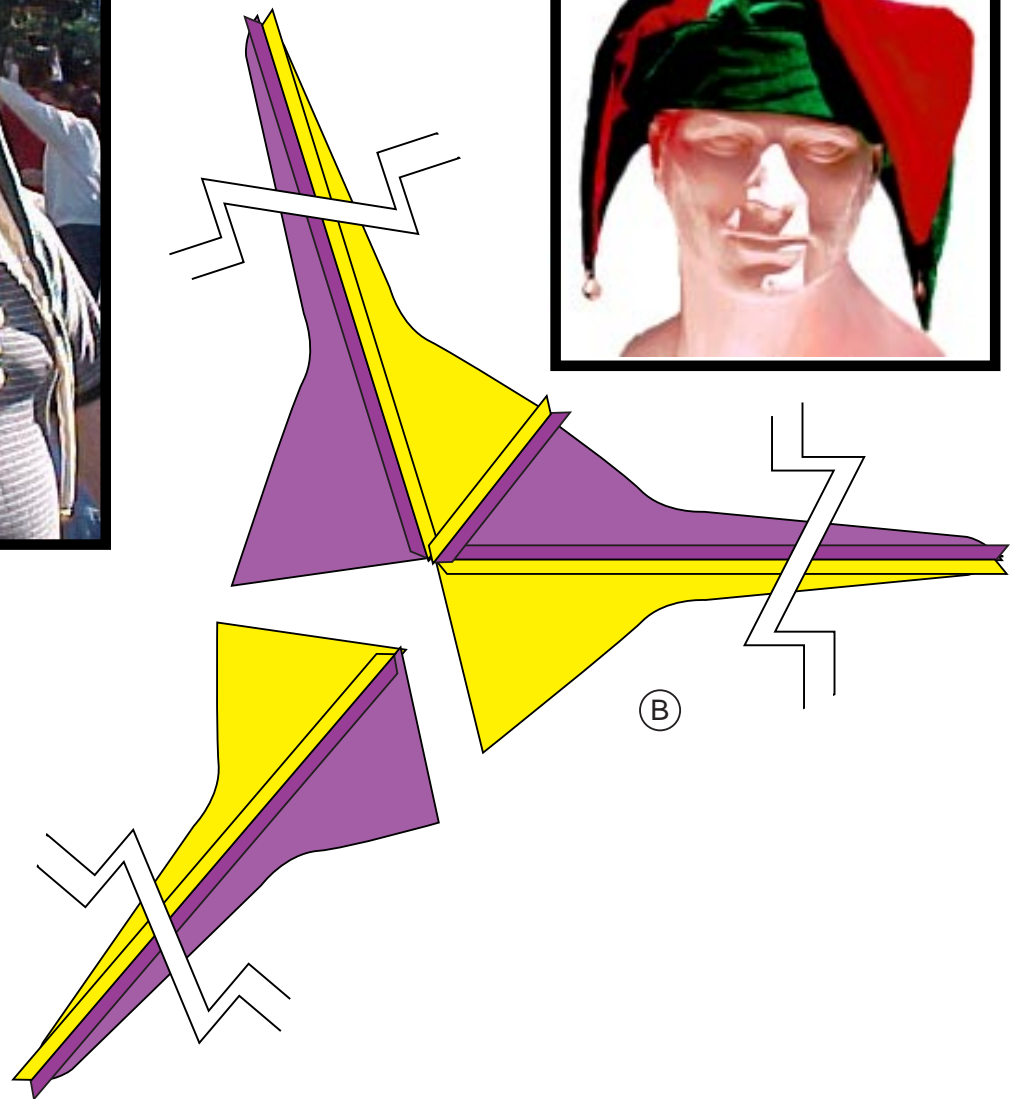
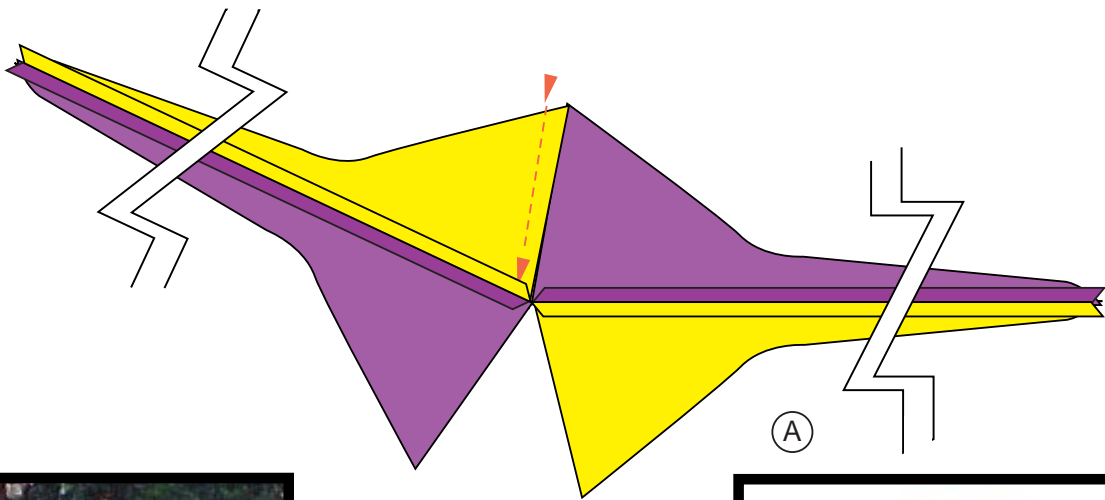


Figure 3: Sewing hat sections.
 (inset left: long-tailed tri-color satin jester hat with bells)
 (inset right: short-tailed bi-color felt jester hat with bells)