

How To Make An Elastic-Backed Theatre Hat

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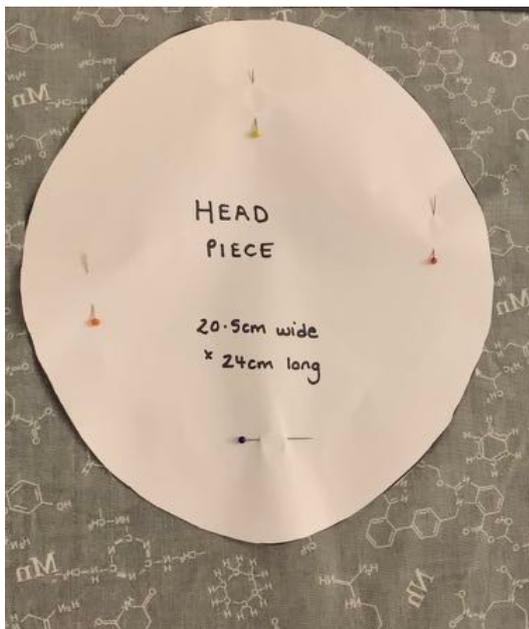
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You will need:

- ¼ metre of cotton fabric
- 12cm length of 6mm elastic
- Coordinating thread
- Pins
- Measuring tape
- Sharp scissors
- Sewing machine
- Templates for the head & side piece, printed onto A4 paper (at end of instructions)

Instructions

1. Wash, dry and iron the fabric
2. Place the head and side piece templates on top of the fabric and draw around them



N.B. Template for side piece will only be 30cm, need to measure to 65cm length

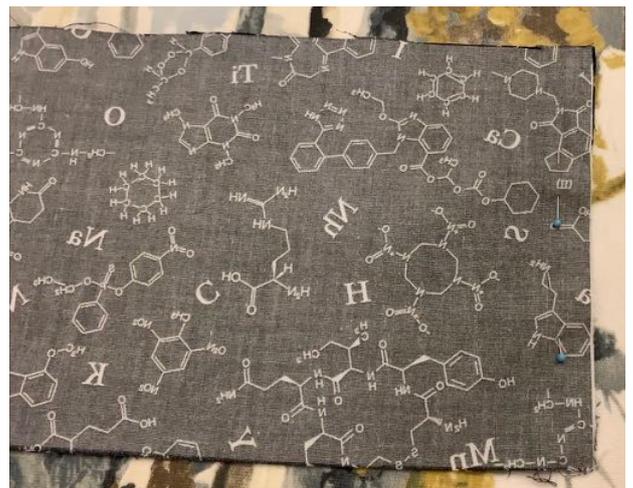


3. Cut out the two pieces you have just marked out

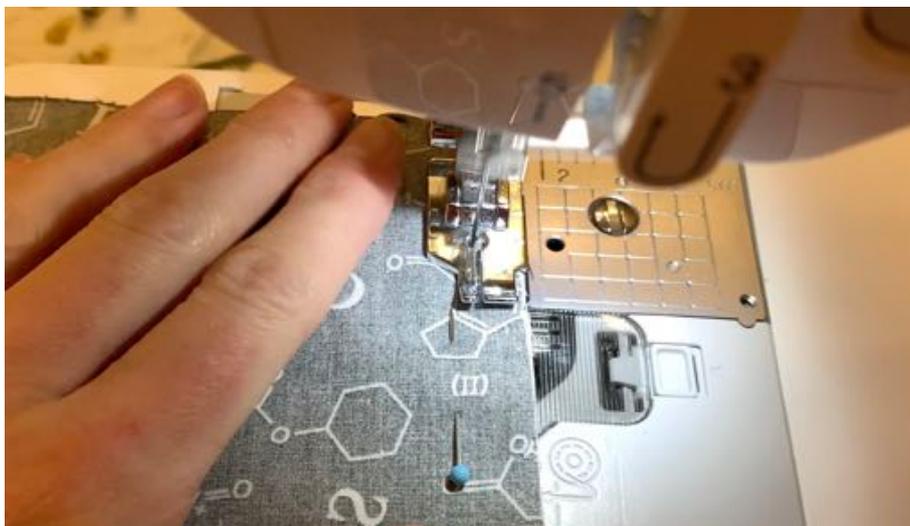
4. Fold each piece in half lengthways (right sides together) and press them with an iron



5. Take the side piece and pin the raw edges together, approx. 1 cm in from the edge



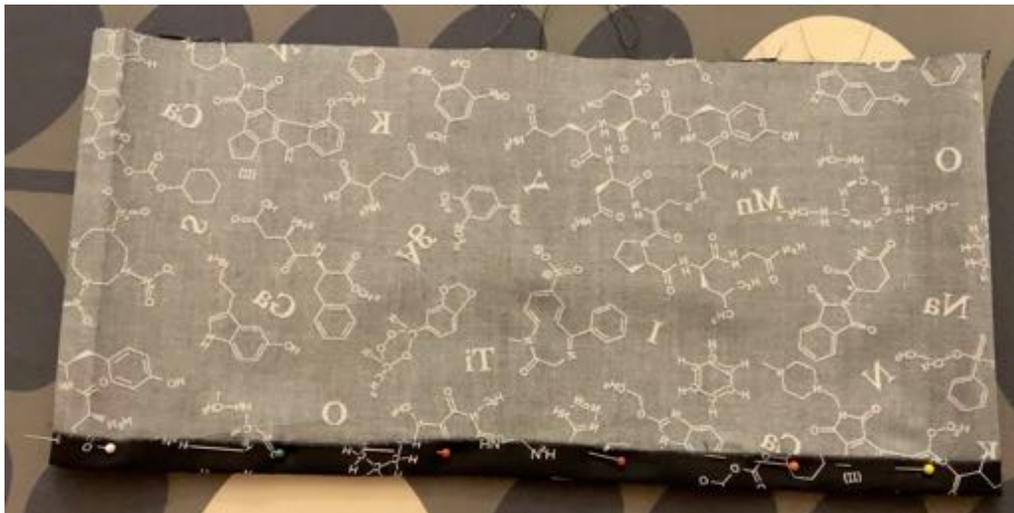
6. Use zigzag stitch on sewing machine to sew along where you have pinned



7. You will now have a loop of fabric that will be the side of your hat and the seam you have sewn will be at the back of your hat
8. Lay the side piece down ,wrong side up, and press your seam flat



9. Keeping it wrong side up, fold the bottom edge in 1 cm, pin and press



10. Use a zigzag stitch to sew along the line you have just pinned.
11. Fold the bottom edge of the side of your hat in 2cm and press with an iron. This will become the bottom edge of your hat, marking the crease now helps guide what height to mark for attaching your elastic later.



12. Cut a 12cm piece of elastic

13. Unfold the edge you've just pressed and place the elastic just above the crease you made so that you know the correct height.

14. Mark 12cm in from the back seam on each side at the height your elastic sits just above the crease. – this is where you will attach your elastic later



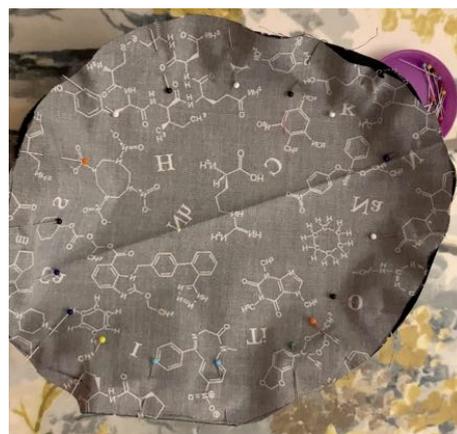
15. First you are going to attach the head and side pieces of your hat.

16. Turn the side piece over so that the correct side of the fabric is facing you

17. Place head piece on the top so that correct sides of the fabric are together and line the middle creases line up together

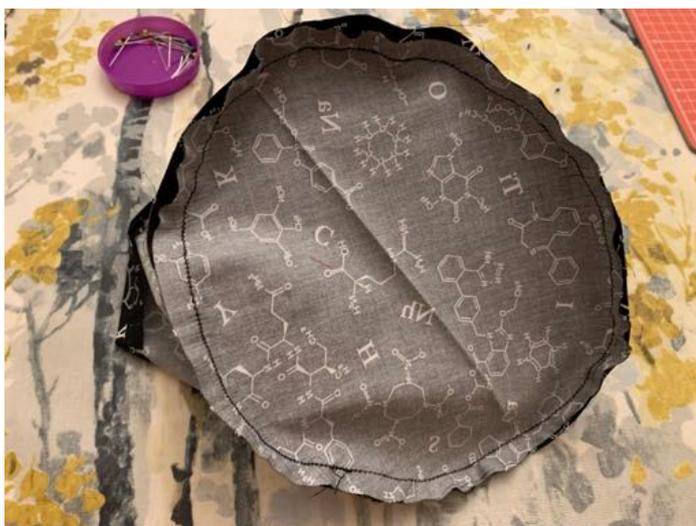


18. Use pins to join the head and side pieces together, following the edge of the fabric.

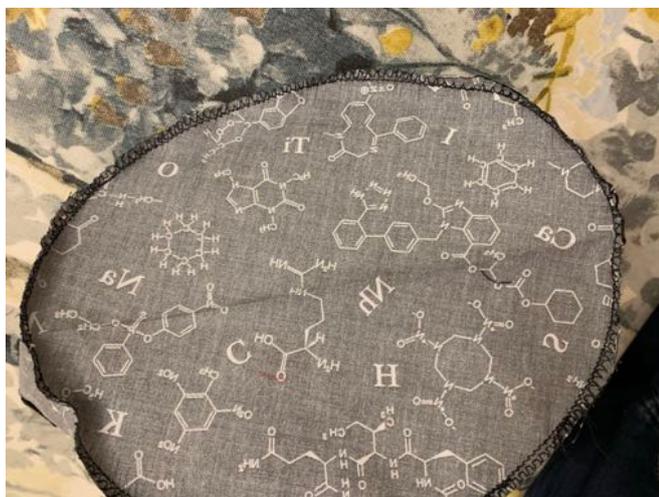


19. Use a zigzag stitch to sew along the edge that you have just pinned

20. Once the head piece is attached to the side, you will start to see your hat taking shape



21. Trim away the excess fabric on the inside of your hat where you have joined the side and head pieces together. I would recommend using an over-locking stitch around that edge to prevent the ends fraying when washing your hat.



22. Now it's time to attach the elastic, start by pinning it to the hat at the two points you marked earlier – ensure elastic is not twisted

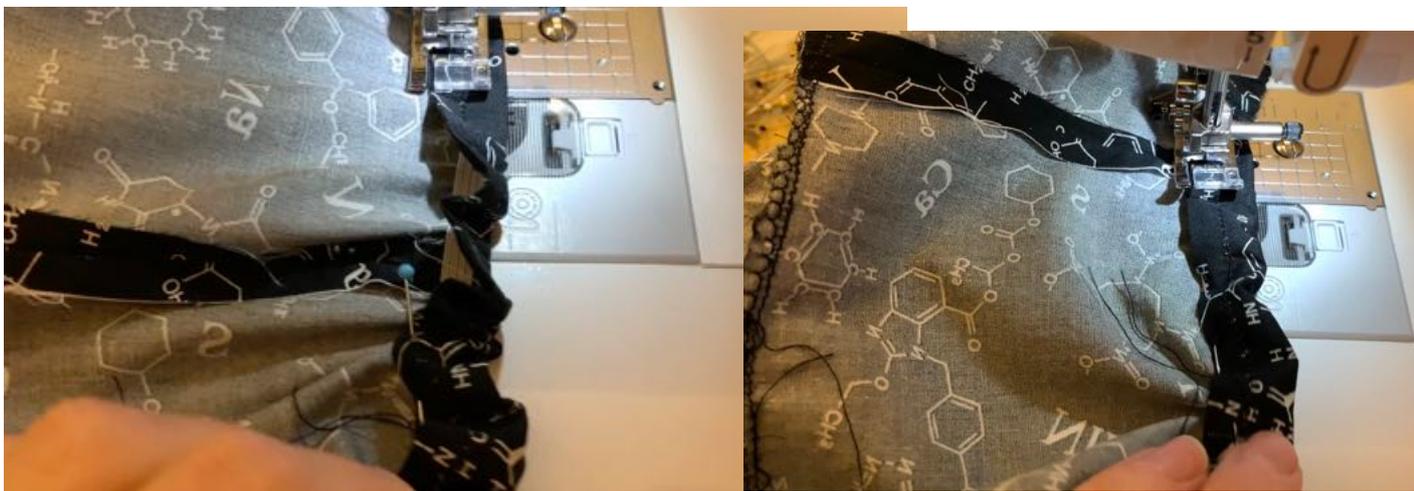


23. Use a zigzag stitch to sew either ends of the elastic to the side part your hat

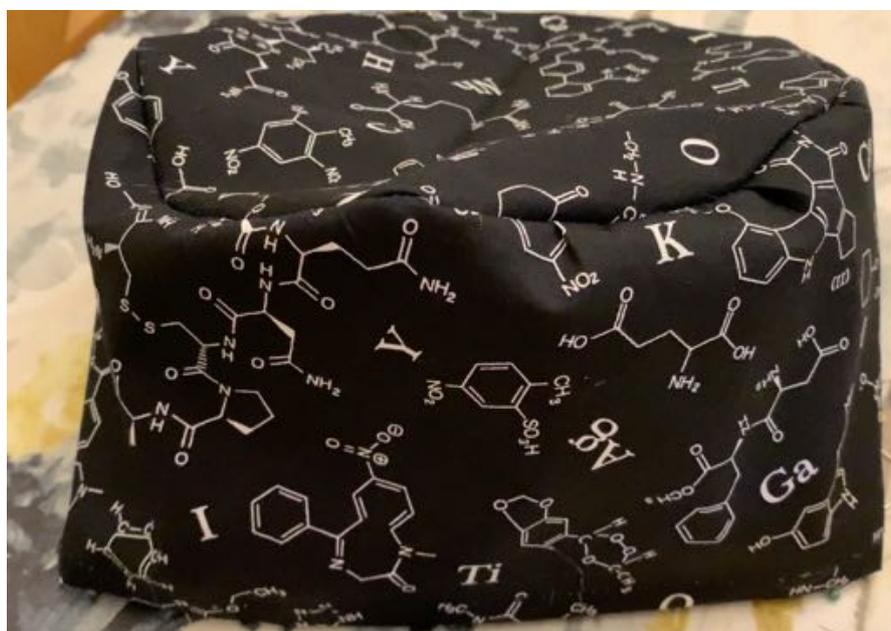
24. Fold over the seam you pressed and pin it in place, ensuring the elastic can slip freely beneath the seam

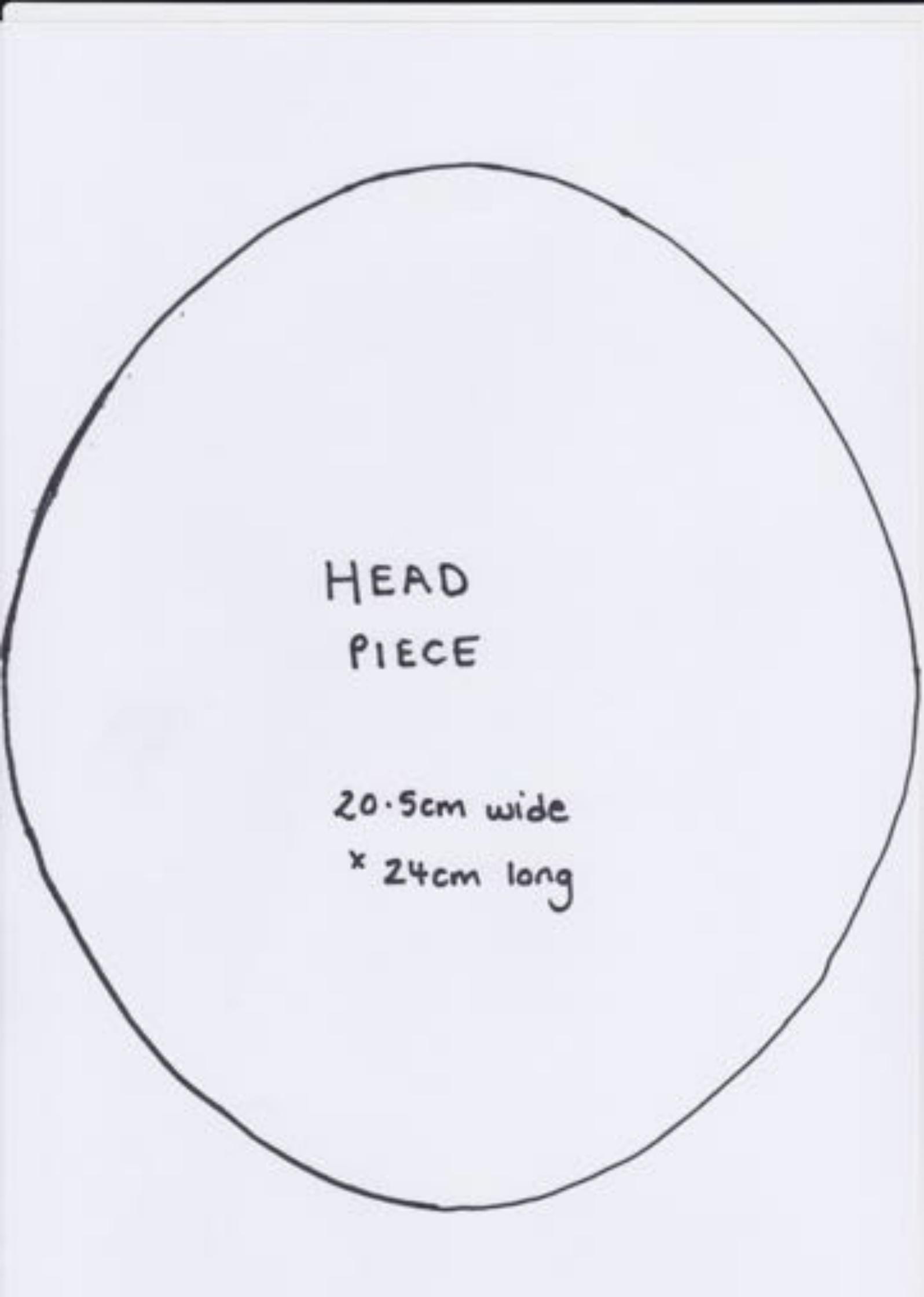


25. Use a straight stitch to stitch along where you have just pinned, you will need to pull the elastic taut when sewing the seam above it.



26. Now trim off any excess threads, turn your hat the right way around and it is ready to wear!





HEAD
PIECE

20.5cm wide
x 24cm long

SIDE PIECE

16cm x 65cm long