

Jester's Companion Gets A Hat



For several years I have wanted to do an antique reproduction Steiner as a Jester costumed similar to the photo I had tucked away. This photo had appeared in an auction catalog several years back. With the help of Carolyn Lanese it became a reality. Carolyn created the pattern (which fits two French body sizes) from my photo, minus the hat. I wanted instead a three horned Jester hat so I came up with the pattern and worked on my hat while Carolyn worked on the costume. After completing the Steiner hat I decided his little pet Rottweiler needed a dog jester hat too.

SUPPLIES

2 1/4" pate
Gem Tac
2 felt squares
8" x 36" muslin - sm. & lg. horn lining
8" x 18" costume fabric - lg. horns, pate covering
4" x 20" contrasting fabric - sm. horns
Quilting thread
2 yds 1/2" gold trim
1 yd plus of 1" wide collar lace
Bells, jewels, etc. for decoration



1) Cut a slit into the center of the pate and fold over approximately 3/4" and staple this together. The pate should fit between the animals ears.

2) Cut out the horn patterns in muslin. Sew this muslin lining 1/8" to the wrong side of your choice of fabric. Cut away excess fabric.

3) Place the right sides of each horn together and stitch 1/4" seam allowance as indicated on the pattern piece. Set these aside.

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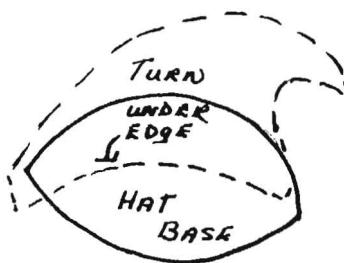


4) Cut a circle of felt large enough to cover the top of the pate. Slit the circle into the center and trim away excess until the circle fits the pate. Now repeat this step again using fabric to match the large horn but allow 1/2" excess to be folded to the inside of the pate and glued in place. The large horn should cover any tucks or slits that occurred fitting the fabric to the curve of the pate.

5) Glue all overlapping edges to the inside of the pate with Gem Tac.

6) Turn the horn pieces right side out. Stuff each horn with polyfil and lay the small horns aside.

7) Turn the raw edges of the large horn under 1/4" and pin in place. Position the large horn in the center of the pate but slightly back from the front edge.



The back edge will be tucked under to the inside of the pate.

8) Using a long needle, hand stitch the horn in place through the pate along the turned horn edge. This hand stitching will be later covered with trim so your stitching need not be perfect.

9) Fold under the bottom edge of the small horns. The amount of fabric folded under will vary but it needs to fit

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a bit above the side edge of the pate and overlapping a little onto the side of the large horn.

10) When the small horns are positioned to your liking, pin them in place and hand stitch them to the pate.

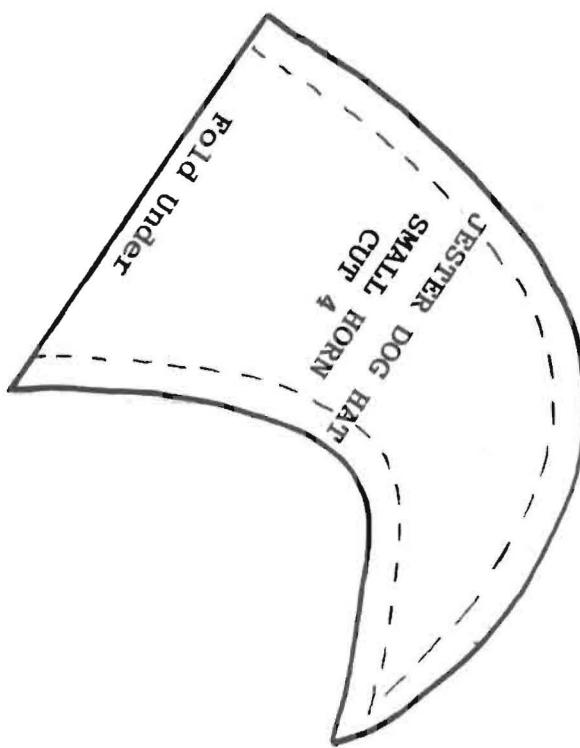
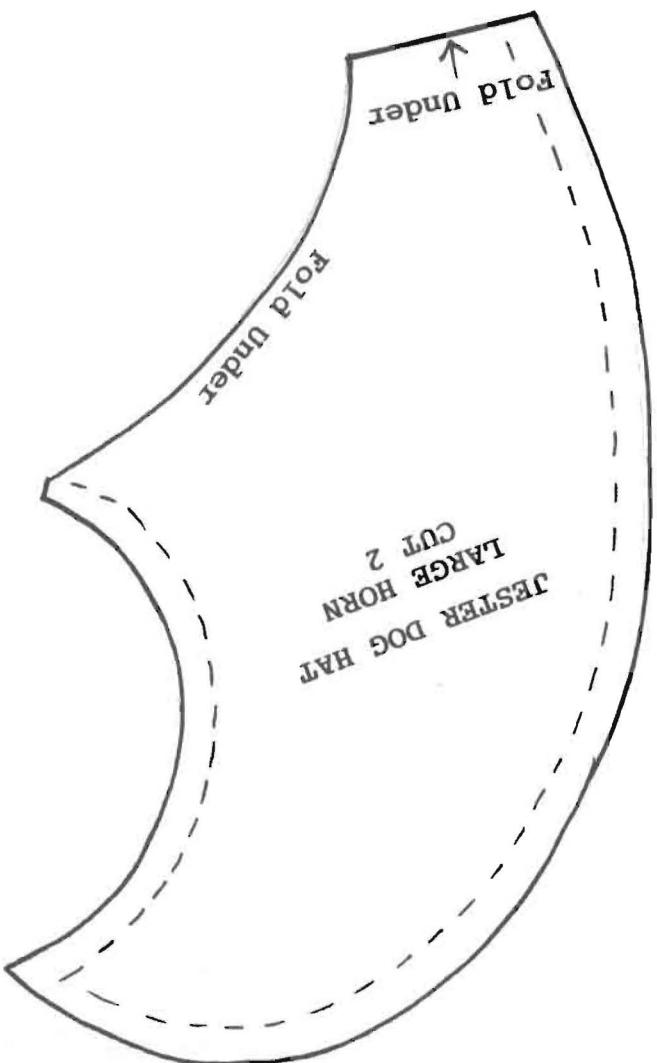
11) Glue 1/2" wide trim around the bottom edge of the pate. You could hand stitch this instead if you wish. Using the same trim cover the bottom edges of the horns. Try to wind the trim in a continuous pattern rather than cutting up small pieces to cover the horn edges.

12) Cut a circle of felt that will fit the inside of the pate. Remove any excess in making the circle fit. Lightly glue the felt to the pate.

13) Add additional trim, bells, or other decoration to the hat as desired.

COLLAR

The collar is simply a length of 1" wide gold metallic lace hand gathered along the top edge with a long needle and quilting thread that is doubled. When enough lace was gathered, I simply pulled the two ends of thread gathering up the lace to fit the dog's neck and tied them off with several knots. ♥



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