

Various types of hats

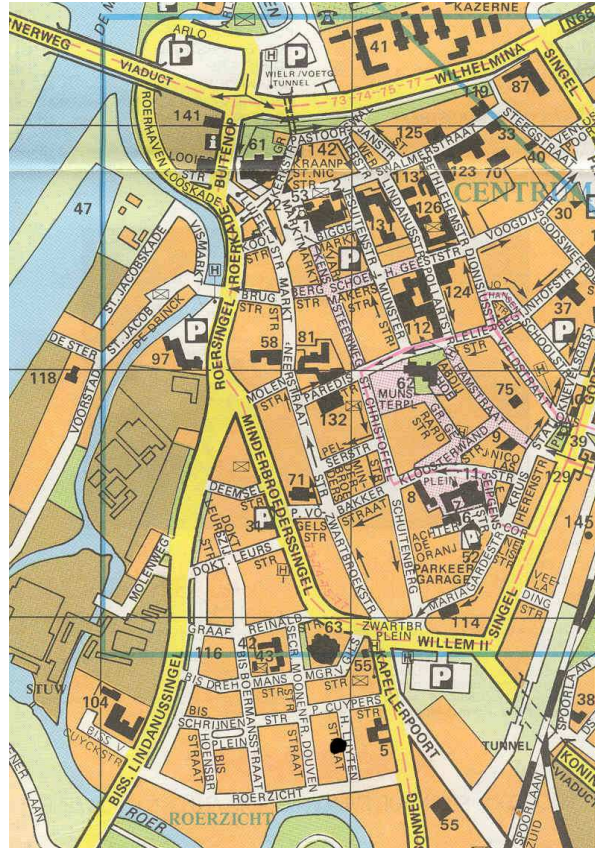
There are several main materials used in the making of a hat.

Stitched hats: for these hats I use all types of soft materials. (you may also bring your own material). The hat is cut and sewn to a pattern, many styles are possible.

Covered hats: first the basic hat is made from etamine and then a covering material is sewn over it. Etamine is a strong material made from coarse woven cotton.

Straw hats: these are made from a cloche or capelin (these are the ground moulds). The hat is formed using steam and moisture over a wooden block. After drying and impregnating the hats are finished off and decorated.

Felt hats: Felt is made from various types of hair, for example, wool, rabbit hair or chinchilla hair. These are also formed over a cloche or capelin. The process is much the same as for the straw hat. The hats are pulled over a wooden block while applying steam and moisture and then finished off as follows: on the outside of the brim, latten-thread or wire-thread is sewn and is finished off with a band in a matching colour. The decoration is usually changeable and offers many possibilities.



What can a hat designer/milliner mean for you?

Are you interested in a hat, something unusual, something other than a ready-made-hat? If so, you have come to the right address. I can help you find the perfect hat. All my hats are personally manufactured by myself and I have a variety of hats in my studio to be tried on and which could help you decide the hat of your choice.

I have a wide choice of materials, colours and naturally a selection of decorations and corsages. This allows you to choose a hat in any style to your satisfaction.

Further in this leaflet you will find:

- the rules of etiquette with regard to the wearing of a hat
- a description of the various types of hats.

You are always able to book a free appointment with me.



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Etiquette – when should I wear a hat?

As it is not so common these days to wear a hat, it is less important to know the etiquette rules when it comes to wearing a hat. It is a matter of own judgement whether you wear a hat in certain cases or if it is better to remove it. Perhaps the information below will serve as a guide

Greeting people whilst wearing a hat.

A lady does not have to remove her hat when greeting others on the street.



Entering public places whilst wearing a hat.

During a (theatre)show or similar occasions, it is only necessary to remove your hat if it hinders others. Ideally, you should wear a very small (cocktail) hat so that you don't have to remove it.

Funerals.

Generally ladies are permitted to wear a hat to funerals. It is not necessary to remove the hat during the church service or afterwards during lunch.



Jewish funerals.

According to Jewish religion it is compulsory for both men and women to wear a head-dress, for women it can be as simple as a scarf.

Wearing a hat at a party.

At a party you can wear your hat during the whole event. However, if you are the hostess you should not wear a hat.



Wearing a hat with to an invitation with dress-code:

Tenue de ville (town dress)

Wear a smart dress, a coat and skirt or a two-piece (deux-pieces). These days it is also fashionable for a trouser suit to be worn. Always wear tights/stockings and smart shoes, a nice hat will complement the outfit but is not compulsory.

Semi-formal evening wear / black tie / cravat noire

Wear either a short or long dress or a cocktail dress with accessories (jewellery, corsage or shawl). Wear smart shoes and tights or stockings. By wearing a small cocktail hat or hair corsage, the outfit will look even smarter.



Formal eveningwear / white tie / skirt / gala

Wear a long eveningdress (with décolleté) made from a special material. A long skirt with a blouse is possible as long as it has been designed as eveningwear. Don't wear a coat over a long evening dress. More appropriate is a stylish silk, lace or (fake)fur stole. A woollen wrap is improper, as are wearing a watch and carrying a large handbag. Don't wear a hat, but something unusual in your hair is fine. Gloves are fine but not necessary.

If you choose to wear gloves then the following rule generally applies; the more exposed the arms, the longer the gloves.

General

On principal, you do not have to remove a hat when indoors, only if it is a hat which is worn for the sun or heat. It goes without saying that a hat should be removed if it hinders the surroundings.