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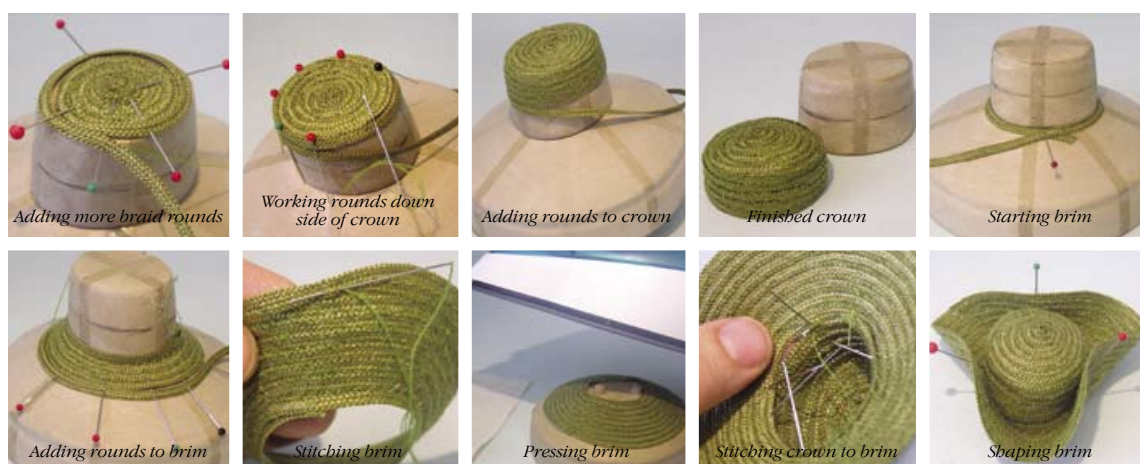
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directions – this will hold the braid together when you lift the hat from the block. Stitch around the new braid, rounds; repeat this step until you have reached the edge of the crown top.

Position the hat onto the block

and wrap the braid around and down the side of the crown; from this point the hat will be stitched on the block. To help secure the braid for stitching, insert pins down through the top of the hat and the new braid rounds.

Slip stitch the braid together on the outside of the hat, add rounds of braid until the side measures 2cm. Cut braid leaving a 2cm tail; tuck the tail up under the crown, and stitch end securely. Stitch off.

BRIM

Wrap braid around brim starting at crown edge, overlap the braid and stitch together to secure this first round. As with the crown the braid is pinned in place and then stitched from the outside; when the brim measures 3.5cm, remove from the brim block. Cut the braid leaving a

4cm tail; overlap this tail gradually on to the already stitched braid. Neatly stitch down.

Place the brim back onto the brim block, cover with a pressing cloth, steam with a warm iron and let cool on block before removing.

Pin the crown and brim together keeping the centre front and back of brim and crown aligned; turn hat over and slip stitch together on the under side of hat.

DECORATING HAT

Around the outside edge of the brim, hand stitch cord trim.

Once you have added the cord trim to the hat, turn the brim back in three even intervals – these three foldbacks will form a triangle shape. Make a small stitch through the brim and crown at each of the three folded points, about halfway up the brim; secure neatly.

With the front point of the hat facing you, around halfway along the right, fold at the join of the brim and crown; insert a crochet hook and gently part through the stitched braid; catch the hat veiling with the hook and ease through the small opening made by the hook. Pulling two-thirds of the length of veiling through, place the veiling across the front of the crown; insert the hook



again through the braid stitching – directly opposite on the left side of the hat.

Bunch the excess veiling at the crown front, over to one side, leaving the veiling hanging under the hat – this will be tied to one side of the doll's chin when on the doll's head. If your veiling is plain, you may like to add a small flower or bow detail as I have.

To make bow loops, fold a 20cm length of variegated ribbon into three loops, gather and stitch one end of the folded loops. Stitch three sets of loops and position on one side of hat.

To complete the hat, arrange a spray of small velvet flowers in amongst the ribbon loops and secure with glue, or stitch.

The other two hats' shapes are constructed in the same fashion using the straw braid. On the white hat, an edge of gathered lace has been added and a bow and feather detail has been stitched to one side. The blue hat has looped braid stitched around the brim edge and a group of feathers secured in an upright position; the veil is added as with the green hat, but at the back it is looped at one spot.

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Stitching cord trim to edge of brim



Hooking through veiling



Adding veiling



Trims



Adding ribbon loops



Adding flower trim