

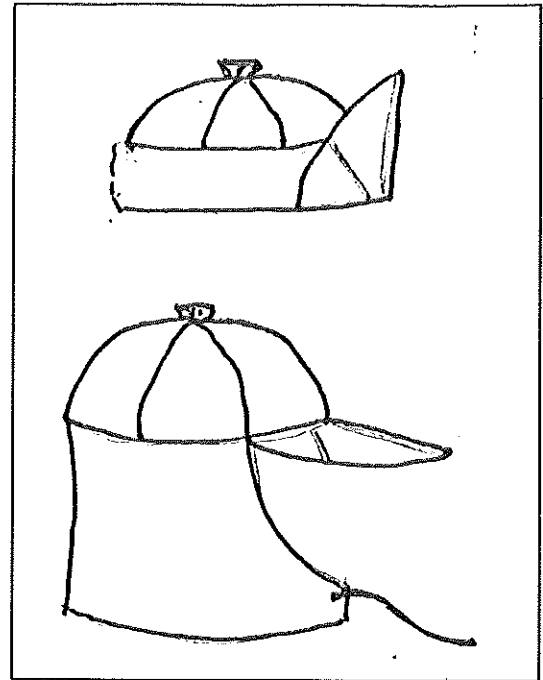
Fletcher's Company Cap Pattern

“He and all his men were dressed in green jackets and stockings and green caps ...”

This style of cap is called a riding cap, traveler’s cap, English cap or tapabord cap. It can be worn with the bill and cape either up or down.

Materials Needed:

- Wool- 2/3 yard makes 2 caps. This can be any of the green wools that the Company's jackets are made of. It does not necessarily match your own jacket.
- Linen for lining- ¼ yard makes 2 caps.
- Twill tape, ¼ inch wide, grey or tan. 18 inches per cap
- Boning, ¼ inch wide. Approximately 3 ½ inches per cap. Basket cane or flat-round basket reed.
- Thread to match.



Warning! Pay close attention to the width of seam allowances!

Crown:

Cut 6 crown pieces of green wool. Cut 6 crown pieces of linen.

Sew 6 wool crown pieces together along curved edges (¼ inch seam allowance) between dots.

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Steam-press all seam allowances open, trimming as necessary.

Bill:

Cut one bill piece of green wool with no seam allowance on curved edge. Cut a slightly larger bill piece of green wool with 3/8 inch seam allowance on curved edge.

Turn under 3/8 inch seam allowance on curved edge of larger piece, to match the cut edge of smaller piece.

Lay pieces wrong sides together, matching all edges, so seam allowance is sandwiched between the two pieces. Pin or baste as needed. Notice that the larger piece is the one that will usually be seen when the cap is being worn, and is considered the right side during assembly of the cap.

Topstitch close to upper edge, and again about ¼ inch away. Topstitch channel for boning in center of bill. Topstitch other 2 lines. It is important to do all of this topstitching by hand, since it can be clearly seen when the cap is worn!

Trim boning to proper length, cutting ends into a smooth curve so they won't poke through the fabric. Insert boning in channel.

Button:

Cut one square of green wool. Trim corners to make an octagon.

Turn under seam allowance. Piece is now a circle.

Using heavy duty thread, sew gathering stitch close to edge, through both layers.

Pull up gathering thread to make a circle (or very small, flat pouch) about 1 inch across. Tie off thread.

Stuff button with small scrap of wool fabric.

Cape:

Cut rectangle of green wool, 8 inches by 22 inches for size 22, or 8 inches by 24 inches for size 24. Trim away the face opening following the pattern.

Assembly:

Lay bill wrong side to crown right side, matching bottom edges. Center bill on 2 panels of crown, matching bill's edges to crown seam lines, and bill's dot to crown seam line. Baste with scant ½ inch seam allowance.

Lay right side of cape's top edge to right side of crown's bottom edge. Center cape on remaining 4 crown panels, matching cape edges to crown seam lines. Trim cape to size if necessary. Baste with scant ½ inch seam allowance.

Lay bottom edges of crown and crown lining right sides together, matching seam lines. Seam allowances of curved seams should be opened flat. Cape and bill are between the crown and crown lining. Sew bottom edge seam with ½ inch seam allowance, covering previous basting. Slash bill seam allowance to dot.

Turn cap inside in through opening in crown lining. Sew opening closed.

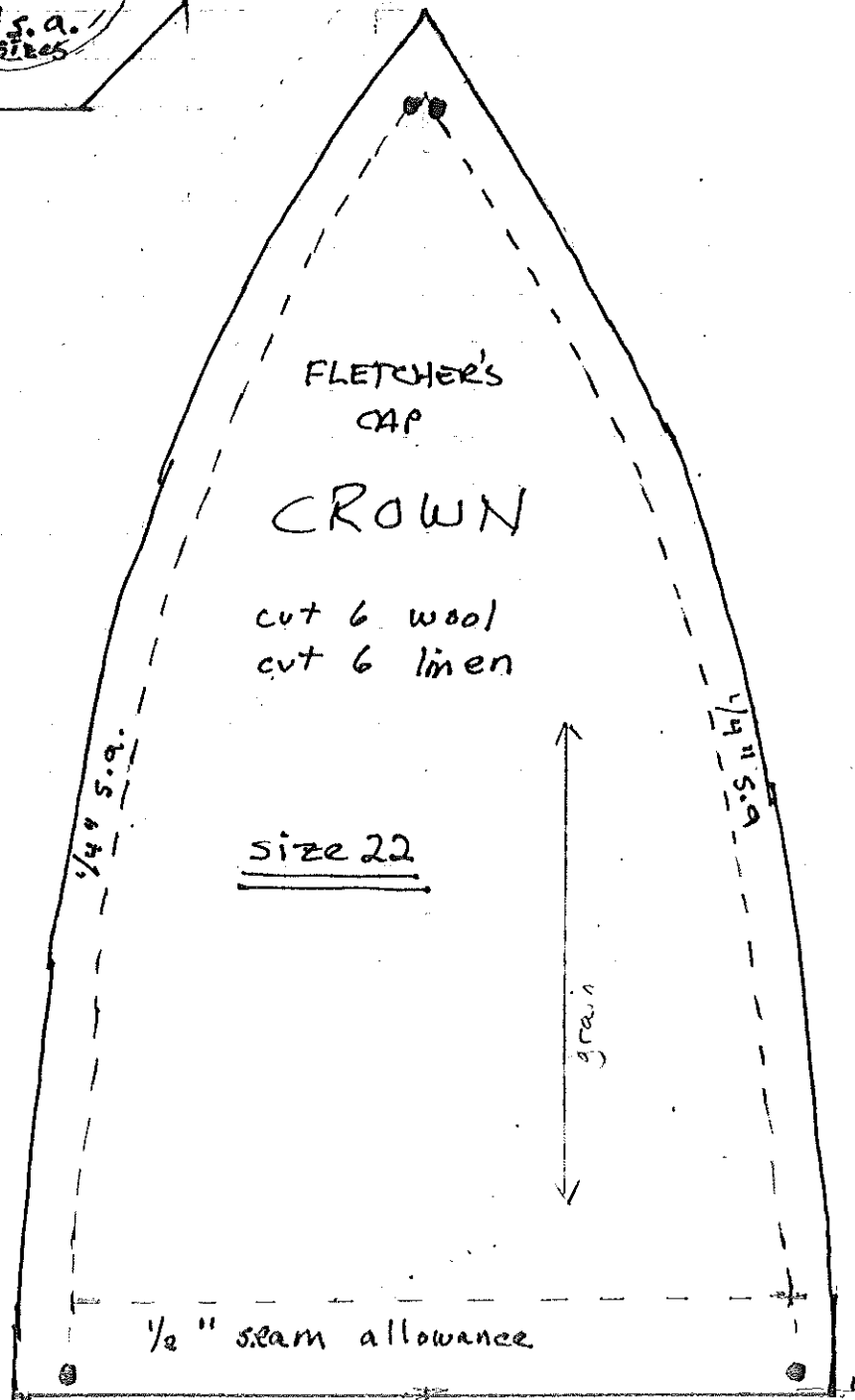
Cut twill tape into 2 pieces, 9 inches long. Turn under approx ¼ inch of one end of each piece, and topstitch to cape at marking. If twill tape is likely to ravel, finish other end by hemming or whipping.

Steam-press cap as needed.

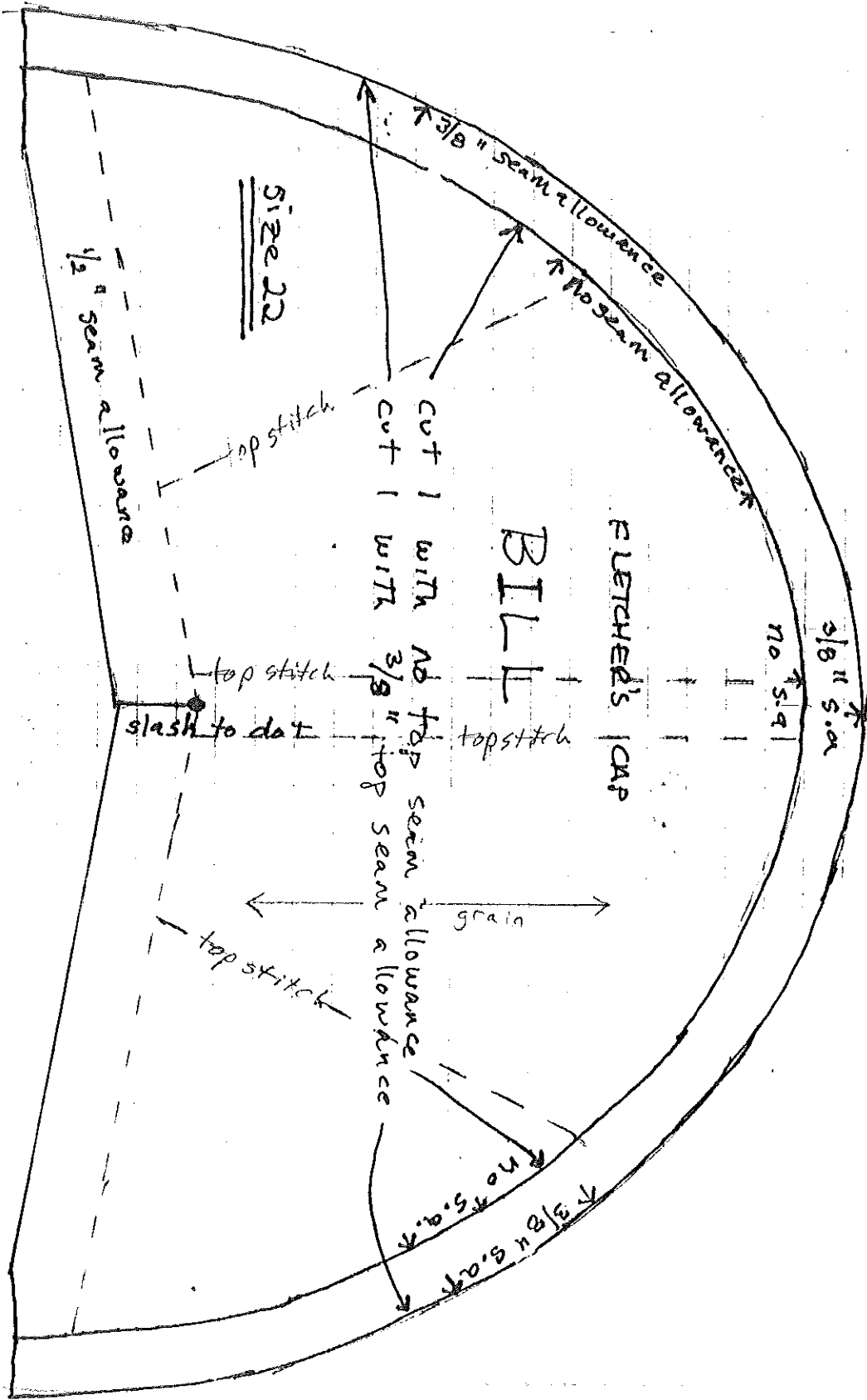
Sew button to top of cap.

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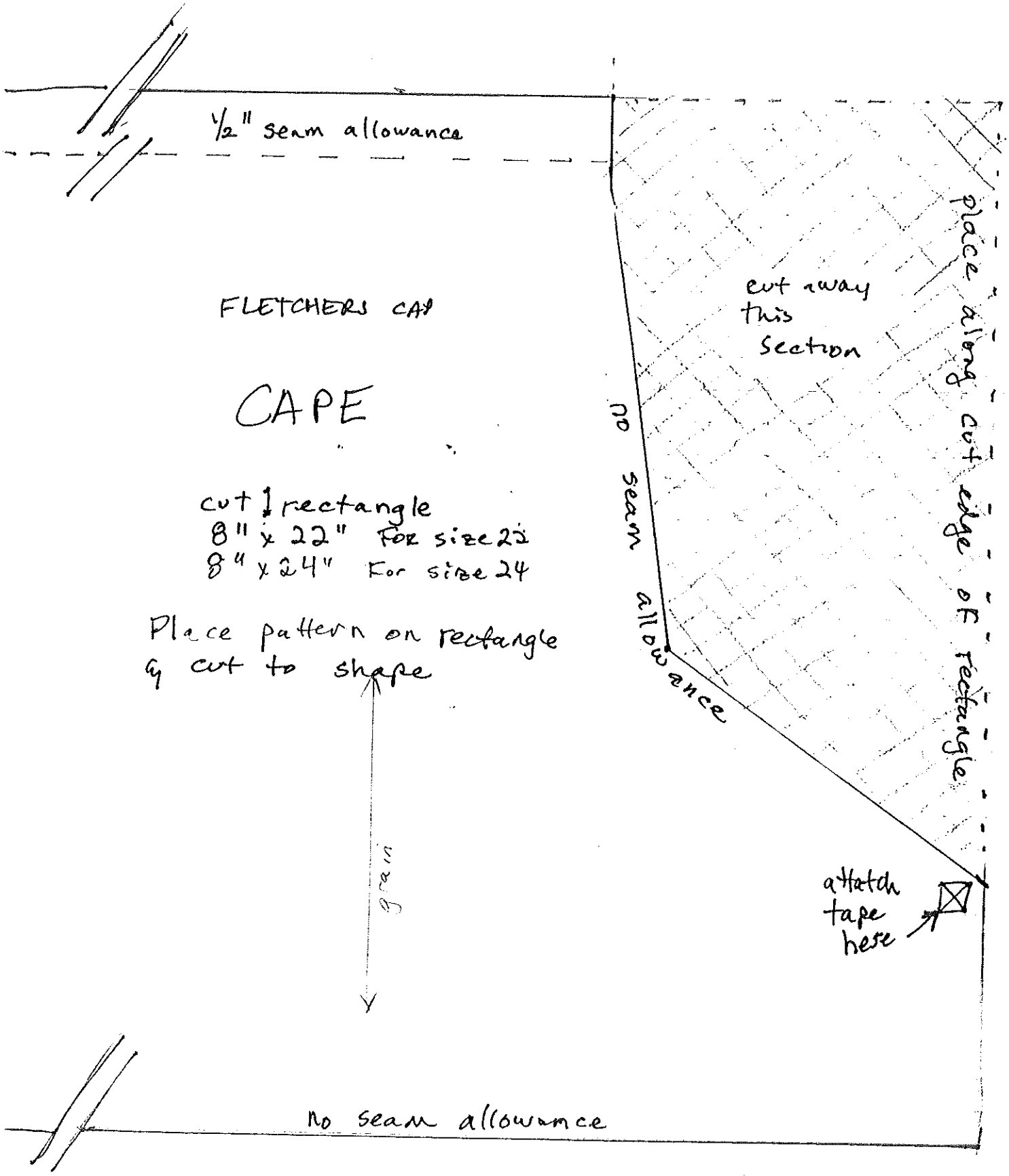
- The cap can instead be assembled inside-in
- Do not leave an opening in the crown lining
- Sew the cape and bill to the crown, using a ½" seam allowance
- Turn in all seam allowances, including lining
- Pin crown & crown lining together wrong side together, lining up bottom edges. Whip stitch edge
- Top stitch ¼" away (optional)



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1/2" seam allowance

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cut 1 rectangle
 8" x 22" for size 22
 8" x 24" for size 24

Place pattern on rectangle
 & cut to shape

grain

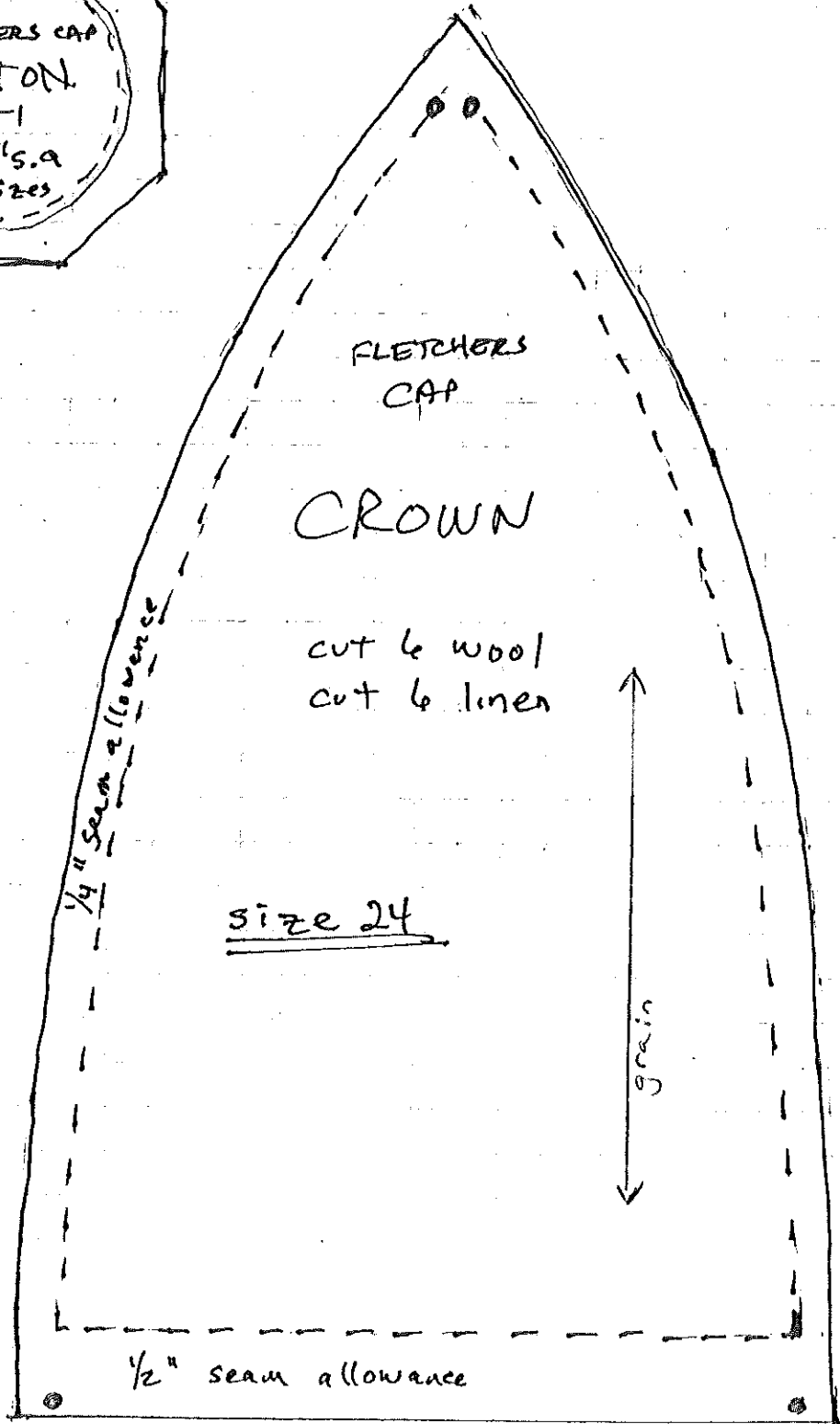
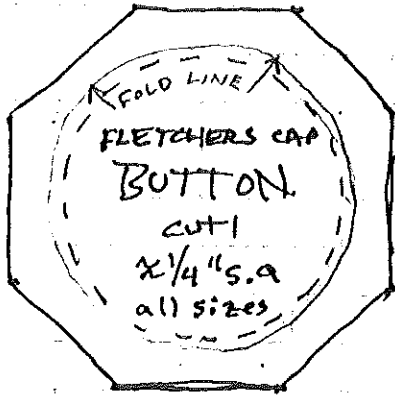
no seam allowance

cut away
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 section

place along cut edge of rectangle

attach
 tape
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