

# 9 Facts About How Baseball Hats are Made



You might have heard your great uncle Louie comment along the lines of “such-and-such is **as American as apple pie and baseball!**” But did you know that baseball gets its roots from traditional games played all over the world?

It's difficult to firmly establish a beginning date since there are so many variations, but the brand of baseball that we know and love today was initially played right after the **Civil War**.

The first official team to wear baseball caps was the New York ‘Knickerbockers’ sometime in 1849. **By the 1880s** there were three kinds of baseball caps according to catalogs of the era.



## Baseball Hat Materials

**1)** The basic baseball cap is often made of solid colored wool.

**2)** **Nowadays**, most baseball caps are not used by baseball players; instead, the majority of caps now bear logos of various fashion brands and come in many different colors, designs, and fabric.

**3)** **Some add buckram or a plastic insert** as a stiffening agent in the front panel. Others use sweatbands made of cotton, thin leather, plastic, etc.

**4)** **The fastener** is usually made of an adjustable Velcro strap or a snapback closure. This allows the hat to be one-size-fits-most.

## Making the Baseball Hat

**5)** Each hat needs either six or eight fabric triangles for the cap. It also needs materials for the visor, peak, and plastic extenders at the back.

**6)** The panels usually have a mesh inner layer which dissipates heat. This is attached to the panel before the panels are sewn together. Eyelets are then inserted into the panels, providing additional ventilation.

**7)** The embroidery is sewn onto the two front panels before the rest of the pieces are sewn together to form a beanie.

**8)** Binding tape is applied to the seams to give the cap a finished look. A button is covered with the same material as the cap and then attached to the center top of the beanie, where the panels meet.

**9)** Visors are made with a stiffener inside and covered by the same cap material. The visor and adjustable plastic fasteners are then attached to the cap.

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