

## SEMESTER 3: GE 14 FASHION ACCESSORIES

### MODULE 7: (HATS)

#### Outline

- ❖ History of hat
- ❖ Common styles
- ❖ Components
- ❖ Materials
- ❖ Production processes

#### Learning Outcome

- learn on the styles of hats
- learn on the components of hats
- design hats for different occasions and different materials

#### HISTORY OF HATS

One of the first image that showed a hat is a painting in the Thebes tomb depicting a man wearing a conical hat made of straws *pileus* a simple skullcap. The first hat with a brim is an ancient Greek *petatos* used for a sunny day. However, women wore different head coverings like veils, kerchiefs hoods, caps and wimples

Felt was mostly the basic material used for making hats. In the 16th century women began to wear structured hats. In the 18th century the *milliners hat* started appearing as well as the *shepherd's hat*. Bonnets were made from silk with wooden stripes or whalebone for a frame. In the 20th century small and big hats became more in fashion

#### STYLES OF HATS

**Beanie-** hat is a small soft head hugging hat

**Cloche-** is a French word for bell, so this hat is bell shaped

**Fedora-** short brim with one or two dents or creases in the crown of the hat.

**Beret-** short round brimless hat mostly made of felt fabric

**Cowboy-** this hat has a massive crown and the fall of the hat overflows

**Fascinator-** hats that are usually worn by bridesmaids and are clipped to one side of the head

**Floppy hats-**large hats distinguished by wide brims

**Sun hat-** has a wide brim large enough to cover the face and protect the shoulders from the heat of the sun

#### COMPONENTS OF HAT

**Crown**

**Base**

**Brim**

**Fall**

#### MATERIALS USED FOR HATS

1. Hats are mostly made from straws and grasses like raffia palm, palm leaf straw, wheat straw, toyo straw, shantung straw straws from other plants like hemp, sisal, corn.
2. Various sea grasses plant fibres like jute fiber and other natural source materials that are either braided, Wool hats are known to make the hair brittle as it absorbs moisture from the hair so not used during summer but good for winter. A good fabric to make hats or caps is leather it is sturdy and long lasting
3. Accessories flowers, ribbons, feathers, fur, beads, pearls, net, buckles, buttons, lace and trimmings

#### PRODUCTION METHOD OF HAT

- The shape and size is finalised and the idea sketched on paper or computer
- Based on the occasion and costing the fabric is selected for the hat
- A long lasting can be made from leather for casual use cotton and other soft materials can be taken
- Next step is cutting the size-the paper pattern is placed on the fabric and the template cut out.
- The pieces are joined together in the sewing process
- In the industry there is a step called as blocking where the crown of hat is placed on a die which is in the shape of the hat. Heat and steam are given to this material, and that makes the material hard and retains the round shape
- Other pieces are attached to the hat like the rim, various trimmings and decorations are put on the hat. Lining of canvas or cotton is put as finishing process

- The ready hat is placed on a rack called the tree when ready for marketing