

So I have cream sinamay and grosgrain, cream veiling with violet/white/grey/black/brown fuzzy dots, matching violet silk abaca with some brown through it.

Firstly, can I do something with the veiling other annoy the face or puff it up like a flower?



For the top, I'm thinking something other than feathers and flowers: pompons! Violet pompons...



... elevated pompons, or even detached.



I have access to a laser cutter. I'm thinking little danglers of this colour would add texture.



I have a top hat style brim block that could make an elegant but proper and conservative cream sinamay topper. It's 55cm and the finished hat needs to be 57cm.



But the crown block I have is very low



Could I extend it somehow?



Or even not block the top at all?



I really like how these are made on the top hat shape but stretch to obscure the headband line



Still, I think I want a bit more than a traditional hat, here. How about some undergarments for it!



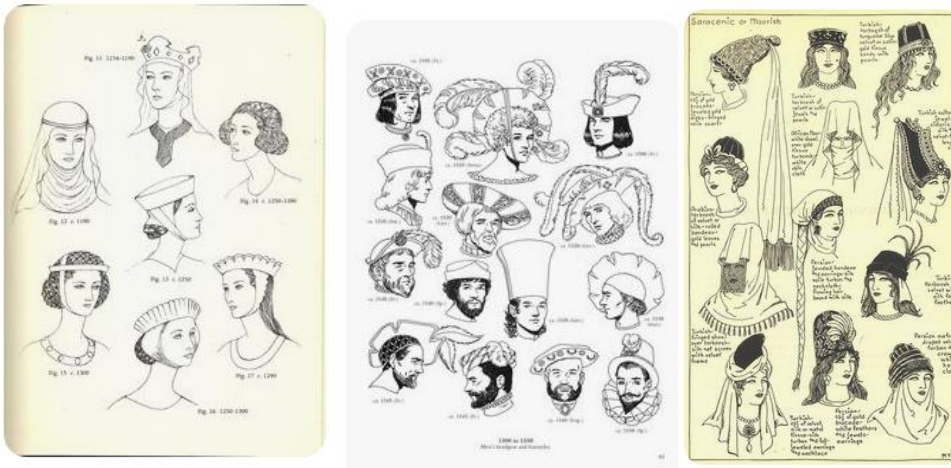
Scarves are good but turbans are more interesting. So many turbans. I want to know how they work.



Then there are snoods



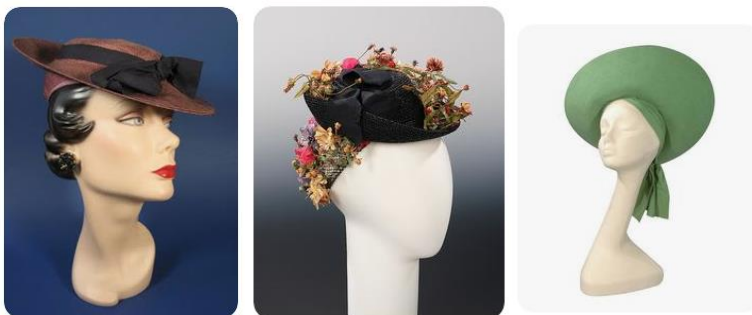
Coifs and things:



Miscellaneous drapery things



A whole history of hat hybrid things that extend below the brim:



And interesting trims that pass through the hat:



And then there's hair!



And hair made out of flowers or ribbons – or maybe pompoms.....



What shape of hair would support an almost full size, flat top hat at a good angle? Gibson girl? Victory rolls? Ear curls? How would I make any one of them out of, presumably, silk abaca??



How dramatically should I tilt it?



Huh, look what I just found. Well I guess nothing is ever completely original...



I'm thinking a violet silk abaca wig with a dramatic hairline and some kind of asymmetric curls, big enough to tilt the hat forward. Maybe a way of cinching it to make sure the whole confection stays put rather than making it rigid like a big helmet to keep it in place.

Neat cream sinamay hat on top, perched at a good angle to complement the hair. Violet hat band, I guess, supporting a spiky pompom trim on stalks, violet and tying in with the texture of the hair.