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OREGON RANGER FELT HAT.

G'Day Mate & Sheila's

This hat has been Custom Designed/Made especially for the Oregon State Park Rangers! It's a first of its kind. I individually (each), by hand, steam blocked (shaped), sized and waterproofed each hat. Enjoy! I hope it gives you years of pleasure and it will, if you follow a few directions.

- 1) Shape: Do "Nothing" but wear it in, for at least a month. It needs to be seasoned, worn in sun, rain, and weather - abused and used. I suggest the best place to store it is on your head! When not in use set it "upside" down on the crown, or find a bowl or make a cone to set it on. It sits well on the dash of the truck as the contour helps form the brim.
- 2) Weather: It will protect you from rain showers, but in a downpour it will eventually soak. Do not force heat dry, rather set the hat upside down, or on a cone, form etc, and allow it to air dry slowly. **As it dries, shape it while it is damp** – It will dry to the shape you make. In time it will season and keep this shape.
- 3) I dry mine on my head for a better fit. Brush the hat dry with a soft nylon bristle brush. Go with the grain. *Set upside down to dry, shaping as it dries.* Some choose to use a plastic hat condom. I don't! My hat is 15 years old now and it's just breaking in.
- 4) Steam: *Later* you may wish to steam clean and shape the hat. Hold it upside down by the crown and steam the brim (top side) mid-way from the front all the way around thus $\frac{3}{4}$ of the brim except the front. Steam the entire surface of the brim. Use your arm and flip the rear of the Brim down (up as the hat is upside down) and flatten the brim all the way around except the front using your arm as a flat ruler. Remove from steam and flatten the brim. I use my whole arm to push and flatten the entire brim except the front. Then turn the hat over, steam the front and hold the front of the brim by the edge with both hands, letting it hat hang to roll the front down. *Steam areas as needed to shape.*
- 5) Fit: With use the hat (and you're head) will change size, time, heat, haircuts, cold days, hot days. *With lots of use the hat will fit better and slightly shrink in time.*

Sizers are included with the hat. If you need one to get the right fit, use a glue gun to attach to. As the felt tightens up, and the hats forms to your head, you'll likely remove the sizer over time, or switch to a thinner one. The *Sizer inserts do make the hat cooler to wear on a hot day. They prevent a sweat stain, and can be taken out and washed. If you lose them email us and we will send you a new one free.*

- 6) Service: *If you need the hat cleaned or re-blocked, stiffened, or re-waterproofed mail it to us with \$25.00 and we will take care it for you.* The fee simply covers our cost of handling and shipping. *It's a service to you for life.*

Or as some do – ignore all of the above and just enjoy the hat.

CHEERS Mates! & Sheila's
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