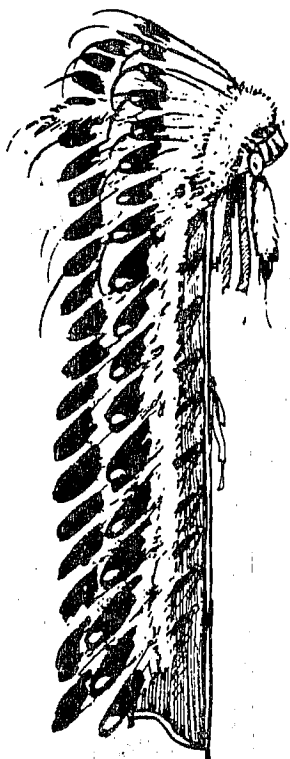


DOUBLE-TRAIL WAR BONNET CONSTRUCTION



After preparing the feathers (see instructions: "Feather Preparation"), cut the brim from the bonnet crown and sew on the browband, rosettes, rabbit strips, and red trailer (Sketch 1). Cut  $\frac{1}{4}$ " long pairs of slits  $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart for lacing holes. Space these pairs evenly around the crown 1" apart and on down the trailer. Since the bonnet has 90 feathers, there should be 45 pairs of slits on each half of the bonnet and trailer. Slits on the trailer may be spaced wider to allow for your own height.

On the back of each feather make a light mark 4" above the looped end of the quill. Take one of the primary laces (the larger) and begin lacing the left wing feathers onto the right side of the bonnet (Sketch 2). Now, lace up the other feathers.

Take the waxed secondary lace, cut it in two, and sew one side of the bonnet together at the 4" marks. Leave 4-5" of lace loose so you will have something to tie onto later. Begin at the front center and work back (Sketch 3). Be careful not to pull the fluffs into the hole you make. Sew up the other side and tie the two laces together at the front center.

Space the feathers about  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " apart so they slightly overlap (Sketch 4). Feathers on the trailer probably will not overlap (See title illustration).

Prepare a Major Plume by taking the enclosed wing spike, stripping the webbing from the quill (you may want to strip only parts of it and cut designs in the remaining parts), and sew on a felt-covered loop and fluff. The major plume was different for every man's bonnet. Wrap it with colored thread or strung beads so that it has distinctive bands. Attach to the crown (Sketch 5).

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