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AKUBRA

“ABORIGINAL FOR HEAD “

Since 1800, AKUBRA HATS have been worn by Olympic teams, National heroes, Presidents and Royalty. The same family in Australia has made Akubra Hats for over 150 Years.

Made from 100% pure rabbit fur felt, these hats could last a lifetime. Most 4X 5X – 6X Fur felts selling in the range of \$300 to \$600 would only be 40% to 60% pure fur. The rest is filler. AKUBRA, being 100% pure fur, clean up better and are 100% more waterproof.

- 1) Remember in time, with use, it will soften a lot. When worn it forms to one's head shape – THE MORE ITS WORN – THE BETTER IT FITS.
- 2) **If it's just too BIG** – do this: Put in the insert provided at the front and wear the hat. In time it will shrink to fit. Sweat, sun, rain and life will soften it, and form it to your head shape.
- 3) If this is not enough, remove insert. Get the teakettle going, with a full head of steam, and steam the inside only, all around the sewing (where leather meets felt)
- 4) Remove from the steam and set upside down to cool. Do this 3 or 4 times, over a number of days. Each time the hat will shrink slightly. You can also hold the front and back of the hat with your palms facing each other, and squeeze the hat towards the centre, thus making it more round than oval. (While steaming)
- 5) **If it's a bit too TIGHT**: Steam it as in #3, but this time stretch the hat around your knee, or a bowl, or use your hands, working them all around, stretching and steaming, even putting it on your head while still warm, (be careful) and repeat. All you are doing is speeding up the natural process, as in #2.
- 6) You can also SHAPE the hat using steam. Steam small areas at a time on the outside and you will feel the felt go soft. Use a table – your palm – a ruler – any form or object – to hold the hat to the shape you want. Remove it from the steam and it will harden as it cools. In time, you can learn to shape it any way you wish. Shaping needs only a small bit of steam. When you feel the felt go soft – get creative. Have fun with it.
- 7) **To clean the hat**: Use fresh white Sourdough bread. Lightly steam the outside of the hat and rub in the white, fresh bread. Use a soft polyester brush to brush out the crumbs. The yeast kills the dust mites, clears any odour, and cleans the hat. No worries mate, its Fair Dinkum! For real.

Many do nothing. With use – time – sun – rain – humidity – etc – the hat will fit like a glove, and become an old friend.

Cheers & G'Day