

All about Blocking Pins



Pins of some sort are an essential part of any milliner's equipment. They are used to hold fabric in place on wooden blocks to create the shape of crowns and brims. Dressmaker's pins can be used, as long as they are of the fine variety, but these are hard to push in and will need to be used with a thimble or pin pusher. They will often become bent when being removed and are also very hard on the fingers! We are sometimes asked if drawing pins or mapping pins can be used. The answer is *NO*, unless you want to shorten the life of your blocks and make ugly holes in your hat fabrics! The very best pins to use are those designed for work with hat blocks - our blocking pins!

Our blocking pins with their distinctive red heads and neat plastic boxes are extremely popular with milliners everywhere. The pins themselves are very fine and strong and the heads are smooth and easy to grip, while the small indentation in the top makes them easy to push in. The boxes are of flexible plastic with a neat snap-shut fastening. An all-round success!

You really can't have too many blocking pins, when you consider that you may need up to 200 when you are blocking a large brim. You will need more if it is an upturning brim, for pinning in the centre of the block as well!

