

# 21x0 Department of War Kipi Kosplay: A Detailed Guide to Creating an Authentic Look

The 21x0 Department of War Kipi, also known as the "Kipi Hat," is a distinctive and iconic piece of military headgear worn by members of the United States Army during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Its unique design and historical significance make it a popular choice for cosplayers and reenactors. This comprehensive guide will provide you with all the necessary information to create an authentic and impressive 21x0 Kipi Kosplay.

To create a 21x0 Kipi Kosplay, you will need the following materials and equipment:

- **10-ounce cotton canvas or khaki twill fabric** (approximately 1 yard)
- **Sewing machine or hand sewing needle and thread**
- **Measuring tape or ruler**
- **Fabric scissors**
- **Iron and ironing board**
- **Khaki or olive drab thread**
- **Optional: brass or metal eyelets**

## 1. Measurement and Cutting:



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- Determine the circumference of your head and add 2 inches. This will be the length of the crown band.
- Cut a strip of fabric 2 inches wide and the length calculated earlier.
- Cut a circle with a diameter of 10 inches. This will form the top of the crown.

## 2. Assembling the Crown:

- Fold the ends of the crown band together and sew them to form a loop.
- Place the circle over the crown band and sew it in place, gathering the fabric evenly to create a slight dome shape.

## 3. Creating the Brim:

- Cut two strips of fabric, each 2 inches wide and 24 inches long.
- Fold the strips in half lengthwise and press them flat.

- Sew the strips together at the folded edges, leaving a 3-inch gap in the center.
- Insert the brim into the gap in the crown band and sew it in place.

#### 4. Shaping the Brim:

- Use a needle and thread to gather the brim around the crown, creating a pleated effect.
- Press the brim flat and trim any excess fabric.

#### 5. Adding a Chinstrap (Optional):

- Cut a strip of fabric 1 inch wide and 18 inches long.
- Fold the strip in half and sew the ends together to form a loop.
- Sew the loop to the inside of the crown band, centered at the back.

#### 6. Adding Eyelets (Optional):

- If desired, you can add eyelets to the brim to hold the chinstrap in place.
- Insert an eyelet into the brim and secure it with a washer and pliers.
- Repeat on the other side.
- **Creasing and Shaping:** Use an iron to crease the brim and shape the Kipi according to the desired style.
- **Adding a Hatband (Optional):** You can create a hatband using leather or fabric and attach it to the Kipi for decoration.

- **Embellishments:** Historically, some Kipis were adorned with patches or insignia. You can add these if desired to personalize your Kosplay.
- Use high-quality materials that are similar to those used in the original 21x0 Kipi.
- Pay attention to the details, such as the size, shape, and pleats of the brim.
- Research historical photographs or museum exhibits to ensure the accuracy of your Kosplay.
- Consider adding other period-appropriate clothing and accessories to complete your ensemble.

Creating a 21x0 Department of War Kipi Kosplay requires some patience and attention to detail, but the end result will be a stunning and historically accurate representation of this iconic military headgear. Whether you're attending a reenactment event or simply enjoy the art of Kosplay, this guide will help you achieve an authentic and unforgettable look.



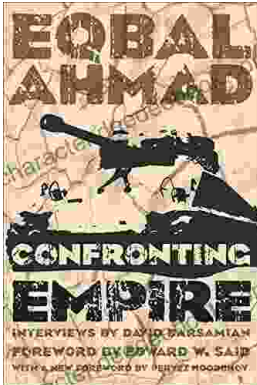
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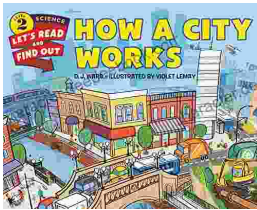
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