

HAT MAKING with Tom Hirt \$325 Continuing Ed only-not for college credit

Students will learn to use the equipment and techniques to make a hat with products that most people have or can readily get from home. Students will learn how to shape the hat by hand, ironing of the brim, sizing and hand cutting of the brim, hand pouncing and hand finishing the crown. If time allows, the class may touch on hat binding and trim by hand. Students will leave class with a completed hat and the skills needed to practice what they learned at home and make additional hats with supplies they have on hand. Tom will provide a hat box with all the tools and materials needed for each student. This class has some down time while waiting for processes to complete. To fill this time, students may bring a hat in need of repair and/or plan to make a second hat as time permits.

Tom Hirt is old-fashioned guy who does things the old fashioned way. You might call him a throw-back to a bygone era-that time when h and cowboys and craftsmen took care of business with their hands. Hirt continues that tradition to this day as a hat maker who makes superior-quality beaver felt hats one at a time by hand. Known as the hat maker for the movies, he has designed hats for many famous clients including Val Kilmer, Sam Elliot, and Sharon Stone. His credits include Tombstone, the Quick and the Dead, Conagher, and many others. After almost 20 years, he is considered one of the West's most notable and most established hatters. <u>Hats of the West</u> or email Tom at info@tomhirt.com 719-372-9399



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Tool/Supply list

Students will need to register no later than April 22nd in order for Tom to get the materials he will need for the class. Students should contact Tom at the number above to get a complete list of other supplies [at students expense] they need to bring and provide their hat size for ordering the block, etc. Students will reimburse Tom for the cost of supplies and should contact him for pricing and to provide hat size information.

PLEASE BE AWARE, YOU WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO PAY TOM FOR THE SUPPLIES FOR THE CLASS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. DUE TO THE RISING COST OF MATERIALS, THE PRICE FOR 2022 IS \$550