

Top Hats

Care of your top hat

Clean off dust by very gently brushing with a pure bristle hat brush*.



In the case of grey felt top hats, buff carefully with crushed clean white tissue paper.

Renovate and service regularly. Lock & Co. offers a renovation service, an estimate will be given upon presentation of your hat.

Store in a top hat box* or traditional leather bucket*.



Polishing instructions

Only black 'Silk' and 'Town Shell' top hats have a directional nap which is designed to be polished.



Smooth the nap lightly in an anti-clockwise direction using a soft bristle hat brush, then use a velvet pad to bring up the lustre of the nap*



Silk top hats when polished will give a deep glossy sheen similar to that found on a vintage vinyl record

**Available from Lock & Co.*

Top hats

First worn in the eighteenth century top hats are hand made on a shellac stiffened base covered with felt. By the 1850's black silk plush superseded the felt ones. Today silk plush is no longer made and top hats are once again made of felt.

Lock & Co. supplies black and grey felt top hats and renovated vintage silk ones. Top hats are *de rigueur* for Royal Ascot, garden parties, investitures and weddings. Black or grey top hats are traditionally worn with a black morning coat and grey ones are the natural partner to a grey morning suit.

The 'conformateur' head measuring device is often used at Lock & Co. to provide the correct size and shape of hat. Records include those of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II taken to assist with the refitting of the coronation crown and the Emperor of Japan used to provide a suitably fitted top hat.

A selection of Lock & Co. top hats:-

'Silk'



'Drab Shell'



'Town Shell'



'Town Shell High Crown'

