How to make a Tricorn Hat

Supplies:
2 pieces of 8.5x11 paper
Tape, scissors, pins, thread & needle
Aleen's Stiffen Quick
12x12 piece of felt
Trims and a feather, Hot glue
Hat mold- see photos on next page.

Disclaimer:
I searched several sights, looking for a tutorial on how to make a pirate hat. Most of those I found, I didn't like the shape so I had to make up my own. If I had more time, I could probably come up with something better but since this is for a doll and everyone wants instructions now, this is the best I can do.

The hat in the tutorial is white. This is what I had on hand and it's easier to see in white as opposed to the black.
Cut the brim off an 8” straw hat. I purchased this hat from Hobby Lobby. The cap of the hat is 4”.

Using the brim of the hat as the basis for my pattern, I taped two standard pieces of paper together. I traced around half of the hat.

Draw an egg shape on one side of the paper. Fold the paper in half lengthwise and cut the shape out.

Pin the shape to your felt and cut out.

This is a starching product called Stiffen Quick by Aleen’s. Saturate your felt piece with the Stiffen Quick.

Lay the felt over the crown of the hat. Stretch and smooth out the felt the best you can as you pin the felt to the crown. Place your pins low to get the best shape.

With a needle and thread, stitch around the crown where the pins are and pull a little tight. Remove pins but leave the crown of the hat in place. I cheated here. I removed the pins first, took the crown out then stitched where the crease was. Then I put the felt back over the crown and pulled the thread to cinch.

Fold up the back and sides. Take one or two stitches to hold the back to the sides.

Shape the front of the brim the best you can. Put in the microwave for about 2.5 minutes. I sat mine on top of a coffee cup.

Trim the front of the brim down and remove the straw crown. Embellish as desired. I used hot glue to add my trim.