



# Uniform Order 2567/03apr02: Cimmerian Beret Patch Order

## Beret Specification:

Special Forces Green, unlined, pre-shaped, w/ leather band. If you have a lined beret, cut out the lining and steam the beret, then shape it on your head. This hurts a bit, its hot, tough it out. Cool troopers often shave the 'fuz' off with an electric razor



Standard US Army Rank insignia Pin Here

## Flash Placement:

Put beret on, drawstring should be in center of the back of your head (braided, if you can figure that out). Sew the patch on directly above your left eye. Patch should be horizontal when you wear your beret.

Cimmerian Beret flash

## FORMING OPTIONS:

A) US style - For forming your beret, I would recommend soaking it in extremely hot water, wringing it out, and then forming it to your head. Carefully remove the beret and place it somewhere warm to dry overnight. Make sure you form your beret before sewing the flash to it - the soaking process will allow excess dye to bleed out of the wool, and can stain the flash. You may chose to put the fold under otr over the cardboard form.

B) Brit Style - Remove lining and cardboard form. Process as above.

Do some research on the web and find examples of these styles. Chose which you think is cool. Work to reproduce that style.



Good Beret position:  
worn level across the front,  
just above the eye brows.  
Down in front always  
higher in the back.



Bad Beret position  
a la Miss Lewinski.

## Wear of beret:

Things to keep in mind include 1) this is a distinctive headgear. 2) Until very recently, this was worn only by highly regarded 3) Wear of the beret will be slightly different for different individuals and units. 4) Berets must be worn with pride, no matter what else you do with it. Never put it on ass-backwards.

Since you have some options, please read this whole instruction before starting to work on your beret.

### Breaking in and forming your new beret:

Your new beret is probably all fuzzy. It will need to be shaved. You can either use an electric razor and shave the beret while it is dry (this will clog up your razor), or use a disposable blade on it when it is wet. If using a blade, be careful not to nick the wool. Your new beret might be floppy or pizza shaped. It will need to be formed to your head to be worn properly. If your beret has a liner, you probably want to cut it out. Be careful not to cut out the "form" or "stiffener" - the semi-circular leather or cardboard piece that you will use to attach your flash (the patch you wear on your beret). You may wish to sew your patch on after forming the beret, as the dye from the beret may soak into your flash.

To form your beret, first you must soak it thoroughly in extremely hot water (as hot as your tap will get, do not boil it or anything), then wring it out and place it on your head. The beret will shrink (hopefully to fit your head) during this process. The beret has a form in it, as described above, which is centered above your left eye when worn. The ties (strings) should be approximately at the center rear of your head. With the warm, damp beret on your head, smooth the wool, working from the rear towards the form. The beret should have a dome-like shape on the rear of your head - similar to a beanie or yarmulka.

### The extra fabric in the front...

a) can be pushed down behind the form or in front of it, and should be smoothed down towards the right ear. The form should stand up almost straight on the front of your head, with a "roll" on the right front/top. You should be able to "blade" your hand and push it between the main portion of your beret (on your head) and the form. The "roll" of fabric should not cover the area where the flash will be. Note: some European beret wearers choose to have this "roll" on both sides, allowing the beret to form a more symmetrical shape.

b) can be folded in front of the form (or if you decided to remove the form euro-style) see pic of tan ranger beret

US forces use the asymmetrical shape, with the beret higher on the left, and the fabric falling below the band on the right. You may tie off the strings and either tuck them under the beret (US) or braid them and have them hang out the back (Brit). If your beret fits snugly, you may even cut the ties off (acceptable everywhere). The beret should be worn on an even keel - the headband should be even, and should be just touching the top of the eyebrows.

Once your beret is formed to your satisfaction, carefully remove it from your head, and place it in a warm dry place to dry. You may wish to use a lamp to provide heat. Do not place the beret in direct contact with the bulb, and do not allow water to drip on the bulb.



US-Style: w/ form,  
fold behind form



Euro-Style:  
no form, fold front