

# Jeeves & Wooster

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The Innermost Jeeves and Wooster are a blend of Great British tradition and modern technology, hand made wool felt hats and lined with an aluminium inner shell, housing an energy-saving G9 bulb. They are named after P.G. Wodehouse's two iconic characters. Wooster, the jovial but empty-headed young gentleman, and Jeeves, his improbably well-informed and talented valet.



## Care Instructions

Your Jeeves and Wooster lights are ready to install straight from the box - please use a qualified electrician.

The hat is supplied with a Clear 25W G9 bulb.

Care should be taken not to get the hat dirty or scratch the interior of the shade.

We recommend a soft clothes brush for cleaning.

## Jeeves

The Bowler Hat is a quintessentially British form of headgear designed as an alternative to the Top Hat. The stronger, close-fitting Bowler protected horse-riding gamekeepers' heads from low hanging branches. The Top Hat was too easily knocked off and damaged.

The hat became known as the 'Bowler' after the London manufacturer Thomas & William Bowler. Adopted by city stockbrokers and barristers, the Bowler soon became part of the uniform of London professionals. Peaking in popularity towards the end of the 19th century the Bowler occupied the middle ground between the more formal Top Hat, by then associated with the upper classes, and the casual soft flat caps worn by the working classes.

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## Wooster

The Top Hat, popular around the end of the 18th century, became part of the uniforms worn by policemen and postmen to give them the appearance of authority. These hats were 'topped' with black oilcloth to make them weatherproof.

The middle classes later abandoned the Top Hat in favour of the newer Bowler Hat, which was more practical and convenient for city life. The more expensive Top Hat, which needed to be hand made by a skilled hatter, became a symbol of high class. Top Hats subsequently became associated with magicians and the 'Hat Trick' involving the pulling of a white rabbit out of the hat.

This is not recommended with your Wooster!

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