

CAPS FOR SALE

The contemporary cycling ecosystem is robust and diverse enough to support a surprising number of small companies making exquisite, handmade, limited-edition or otherwise nonmainstream apparel—witness Rapha, Swobo, Twin Six, Woolistic and others we love. But purer even than those are family shops such as Walz Caps (walzcaps.com), where for 20 years each cycling hat has been hand-sewn by Jackie Walz herself.

The stitching, durability and clean lines of the cap as it sits on your head are noticeably superior to factory lids. And, unlike most one-off kit, prices are reasonable—from \$10 for a basic cotton cap to \$13 for corduroy or whatever unusual fabrics Jackie happens to get under her needle, up to \$20 for wool. Personally embroidered caps are only \$15, with a minimum order of six.—*Bill Strickland*

