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## WW1 British Army Colouring Sheet





The British Army used to wear red jackets, but as rifles improved and could fire at longer ranges, the soldiers were too easy to see and were easy targets.

Khaki uniforms had been first tried out in India; in fact, the word 'khaki' is Hindustani for 'mud coloured'. By the First World War (1914 to 1918) the British Army were all wearing khaki uniforms and ladies knitting items for their soldiers were warned only to use khaki wool. However, because of a shortage of dye many blue uniforms were also issued.

Soldiers wore cloth caps, but as many were being injured with head wounds, a steel helmet was needed and, a year after the war started, helmets were finally issued. The soldiers called them 'tin hats'.