

Cloche du Bois

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This is a hat I made for my friend Michelle. I'm calling it Cloche du Bois because I a) like the play on words and this would be a fine hat to sip a glass of wine in, b) bois can translate to woods and I think my little embellishment looks like some wild forest mushroom, and c) it reminds me of those French fashion ads from the 20s.



Needles: Size 8 circular, 7 for a slightly smaller hat. Double-pointed needles.

Yarn: 1 skein [Blue Sky Cotton](#) in Drift. I used about 1/2 to 3/4 of the skein.

Gauge: 4 stitches/inch

Notions: One stitch marker, scrap yarn for embellishment. One Button. Crochet hook (size C or D)

This hat is large - about 21-22 inches around. The brim bells out a bit for the classic cloche shape. Blue Sky Cotton is a worsted weight, pure cotton yarn. It has a fabulous hand to it. The hat is both warm and lightweight. Feel free to leave it plain and make it to the shorter length (5" before you start the decreases) for a guy.

Instructions

Cast on 88 stitches. Work back and forth in garter stitch for two inches. Slip on stitch marker and join.

Knit each row until hat measures 5 - 5.5" from edge. Start decrease rows as follows (switch to DPNs when necessary):

Row 1: *Knit 9 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 80 stitches.

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: *Knit 8 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 72 stitches.

Row 4: Knit
Row 5: *Knit 7 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 64 stitches.
Row 6: Knit
Row 7: *Knit 6 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 56 stitches.
Row 8: Knit
Row 9: *Knit 5 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 48 stitches.
Row 10: *Knit 4 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 40 stitches.
Row 11: *Knit 3 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 32 stitches.
Row 12: *Knit 2 stitches, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 24 stitches.
Row 13: *Knit 1 stitch, K2tog. Repeat from *. Reduced to 16 stitches.
Row 14: K2tog. Reduced to 8 stitches.

Remove marker and cut yarn to leave a 5" tail. Weave tail end through remaining stitches to close. Sew the garter stitch edges together. Weave in ends.

CROCHET CIRCLES

Large circle

Using your small crochet hook and a sport weight scrap yarn, chain 4 and join with a slip stitch.

12 HDC into the circle made by joining chain stitches. Slip stitch into first HDC stitch to join.

Chain 2.

1 HDC into first stitch after chain. 2 HDC in each stitch following for 24 stitches at the end of the round. Join with slip stitch to first HDC.

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1 HDC into first stitch after chain. 2 HDC into each stitch following for 48 stitches total. Your circle should be kind of wavy. Join with a slip stitch to first HDC in round and end.

Small circle: Do the first two rounds of the above circle and end.

FINISHING

Find a nice button that goes with your hat. I used a shank button in a color close to the hat yarn.

Stack your large circle, small circle and button together and tack together. Attach to hat. I covered up where I stitched my garter stitch seam together.

Take a double strand of your embellishment yarn and sew a running stitch just above the garter stitch edge. Use the columns of stockinette as your stitch guide. Finish off ends.

Put on your new hat and go take a frolic in the woods!

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