

Asymmetrical Cloche by Mary Keenan

This easy reversible cloche offers a chic, high-coverage option for chemo patients whether in cotton for warm weather or wool for cold; sizes are given for both.

Materials

Cotton: Decadent Fibers, Spumoni (100% organic cotton, 325 yds/226g), 110 yards.
Wool: Twisted Fiber Art, Playful, (100% superwash merino, 360yds/120g), 130 (155, 180) yards.
4.0 mm/US 6 - 1 set double pointed needles.
Stitch marker.
Darning needle.

Sizing

Cotton (22”), Wool S (21”), M (23”), L (25”)
Samples shown in S in ‘Torte’ and Cotton in ‘Milk Chocolate’, both on a 22” head.

Note: Both recommended yarns are incredibly soft. ‘Playful’ is a heavy fingering yarn with generous elasticity and its pattern is given in three sizes. ‘Spumoni’ is a thick-and-thin yarn with no elasticity; the single size given offers the most fit flexibility.

Gauge

Cotton: 16 sts, 25 rows = 4” in stocking stitch
Wool: 23 sts, 29 rows = 4” in stocking stitch

Abbreviations

K: knit.
K2tog: k two sts together (decrease).
P: purl.
P2tog: p two sts together (decrease).
st(s): stitch(es).



Directions

Cast on 96 (120, 132, 144) sts, place marker, and join to work in the round.

Body

Rounds 1, 3: Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Round 4: K12, [K2, P2tog] twice, K to end of round – 94 (118, 130, 142) sts.

Round 5: K10, P2tog, [K2, P1] twice, K2, P2tog, K to end of round – 92 (116, 128, 140) sts.

Round 6: K6, P2tog, [K2, P1] 4 times, K2, P2tog, K to end of round – 90 (114, 126, 138) sts.

Round 7: K2, P2tog, [K2, P1] 6 times, K2, P2tog, K to end of round – 88 (112, 124, 136) sts.

Round 8: [K2, P1] 8 times, K2, P2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2, P2tog, K to end of round – 86 (110, 122, 134) sts.

Round 9: [K2, P1] 9 times, *K2, P2tog; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K2, P1 – 63 (90, 99, 108) sts

Rounds 10-16: *K2, P1; repeat from * to marker.

Round 17: Knit. Repeat Round 17 until hat measures 5.5” from caston.

Crown

Round 1: *K 5 (8, 9, 10), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - 54 (81, 90, 99) sts.

Round 2 and all even rows: Knit.

Round 3: *K 4 (7, 8, 9), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - 45 (72, 81, 90) sts.

Round 5: *K 3 (6, 7, 8), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - 36 (63, 72, 81) sts.

Round 7: *K 2 (5, 6, 7), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - 27 (54, 63, 72) sts.

Round 9: *K 1 (4, 5, 6), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - 18 (45, 54, 63) sts.

Round 11: *K 0 (3, 4, 5), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - 9 (36, 45, 54) sts - Cotton ends here.

Round 13: *K – (2, 3, 4), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - (27, 36, 45) sts.

Round 15: *K – (1, 2, 3), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - (18, 27, 36) sts.

Round 17: *K – (0, 1, 2), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - (9, 18, 27) sts - S ends here.

Round 19: *K – (–, 0, 1), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd - (–, 9, 18) sts - M ends here.

Round 21: *K – (–, –, 0), K2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd- (–, –, 9) sts - L ends here.

Cut an 8-10” tail, thread it through a darning needle, and run it through the 9 remaining sts. Pull tight and tack inside.

Finishing

Run in ends and wet block.

