

Double Double Cloche

A simple cloche you can knit anywhere, even while worried – as comforting as a double cream, double sugar Tim Hortons coffee. A snug fit controls long hair; the asymmetrical rolled brim conceals hair loss for chemo patients. The decorative panel can be worn over either eye or on either side of the head. Sample shown in size M in the shorter length.

Materials

Rowan Silk Wool (50% merino, 50% silk, 100m, 109 yds/50g), 2 balls Greenwood.

3.25 mm straight needles (or size to obtain gauge)

3.25 mm double pointed needles (or size to obtain gauge)

1 button, brooch, or other embellishments

Gauge

20 sts, 26 rows = 4" in st st

Finished Dimensions

Note: length measurement is given from Band Setup.

S (M, L): 17" around, 6.5" long or 7" if for a chemo cap
(18.5" around, 6.75/7.25" long; 20" around, 7/7.5" long)

Techniques

Cast on knitwise: knit into next st on LN as usual, but instead of slipping it off LN, slip tip of LN into front of new loop on RN from the right side, and slip it back onto LN. Repeat, knitting into the most recently-made st, until desired number of sts have been added.

Cast on purlwise: exactly as described above, but purling into st as usual rather than knitting into it.

Abbreviations

K: knit.

K2tog: knit two together.

LN: left needle.

P: purl.

P2tog: purl two together.

RN: right needle.



Directions

Using 3.25 mm needles, cast on 5 (6, 7) sts to work flat.

Brim

Row 1 (WS): Cast on 3 sts purlwise, P to end - 8 (9, 10) sts.

Row 2: Cast on 3 sts knitwise, K to end - 11 (12, 13) sts.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until there are 56 (63, 70) sts, working an additional row if needed to end with a wrong side.

Band

Setup (RS facing): Cast on 25 (27, 29) sts knitwise, knit to end, place marker, and join to work in the round - 81 (90, 99) sts.

Round 1: P 8 (9, 10), K6, P11 (12, 13), K to end of round.

Round 2: K1, P7 (8, 9), K6, P10 (11, 12), K to end of round.

Round 3: K2, P6 (7, 8), K6, P9 (10, 11), K to end of round.

Round 4: K3, P5 (6, 7), K6, P8 (9, 10), K to end of round.

Rounds 5, 6: K

Repeat Rounds 1-6 twice more.

Repeat Round 6 until hat measures 4.75" (5.25" if concealing hair loss) from Band Setup.

Crown

Round 1: *K 7 (8, 9), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 72 (81, 90) sts

Round 2 and all even rounds: K

Round 3: *K 6 (7, 8), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 63 (72, 81) sts.

Round 5: *K 5 (6, 7), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 54 (63, 72) sts.

Round 7: *K 4 (5, 6), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 45 (54, 63) sts.

Round 9: *K 3 (4, 5), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 36 (45, 54) sts.

Round 11: *K 2 (3, 4), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 27 (36, 45) sts.

Round 13: *K 1 (2, 3), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 18 (27, 36) sts.

Round 15: *K 0 (1, 2), K2 tog; repeat from * to end - 9 (18, 27) sts. Size S: go directly to Finishing.

Round 17: *K – (0, 1) K2 tog; repeat from * to end – (9, 18) sts. Size M: go directly to Finishing.

Round 19: *K – (–, 0), K2 tog; repeat from * to end – (–, 9)

Finishing

Cut 8" tail and run it through the 9 remaining sts; pull tight and secure to inside of hat. Wet block. When dry, sew desired embellishment to the panel between the purled stacks.

