The Bow Tie Cloche

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You can now choose between the striped band and bow OR the newer solid band and bow!! It's up to you!!

The Bow Tie Cloche is a soft, stylish, cotton hat perfect for spring or summer months! It is flattering on any age and is particularly handy for a bad hair day! It is also a very popular chemo hat.
Now updated with directions for the solid brim and bow tie version!

LEVEL: Advanced Beginner

Size: Fits 22" adult female head. The elastic in the Cascade Fixation will also accommodate a smaller head-simply CO fewer stitches.

Yarn:
Cascade Fixation: 98.3% cotton, 1.7% elastic; 50g-100 yds (relaxed); uses ¼ skein or less of each color. Color A & Color B (for the brim only).

Cascade Ultra Pima: 100% Pima Cotton, 220yds/100g; 1 skein- Color C (for body of the hat).

Needles:
Size1-16" circular, & size 3-16" circular, size 2 DPNs (or use size 2 circs. or size 2 straight needles).

Notions: Stitch Markers- Most helpful during lace portion of hat. Tapestry needle.

Gauge: Cascade Fixation: 7st. & 10 rows= 1" on size 1 needle. Cascade Ultra Pima:
6 st. & 7 rows = 1" on size 3 needle. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Abbreviations:

CO: cast on
YO: yarn over
M1: make 1: with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back and knit lifted loop through the back
K: knit
P: purl
K2tog.: knit 2 stitches together
DD: slip 2 stitches together, as if to knit, K1, then pass 2 slipped stitches over.

INSTRUCTIONS:
"Striped" Brim of Hat:
The striped version uses Fixation and Ultra Pima in the brim.

1. CO 130 stitches (using Cascade Fixation-Color A), on size 1 needle (circular). Being careful not to twist stitches, JOIN, & place marker.
2. *K1P1 and repeat from * to end of row. Knit first TWO rows out of Color A (this will include the CO row).
3. Next TWO rows- *K1P1 and repeat from * to end of each row in Color C, (Cascade Ultra Pima).
4. Repeat #2 & #3 in order for a total of 18 rows.

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"Solid" Brim of Hat:

The solid version uses Fixation entirely in the brim.

1. **CO 130 stitches (using Cascade Fixation-Color A-black), on size 1 needle (circular). Being careful not to twist stitches, JOIN, & place marker.**
2. ***K1P1 and repeat from * to end of row. Knit first TWO rows out of Color A~black, (this will include the CO row).**
3. **Change to Color B (Cascade Fixation~ green) and knit the next ELEVEN rows- *K1P1 and repeat from * to end of each row.**
4. **Change to Color A (black) and knit one row, K1P1.**
5. **Change to Color B (green) and knit two rows, K1 P1.**
6. **Change to Color A (black) and knit two rows, K1 P1.**

NOW CHANGE to size 3 -16" circular needle!

BODY of HAT:

Set up row: Using Color C, you will now increase evenly a total of 26 stitches across this next row for a total of 156 stitches. Knit this row and use the M1 stitch every 4-5 stitches, until you have increased the 26 stitches.

Lace Pattern begins: **(Use stitch markers for each 12 stitch repeat!!)**

Row 1: *K1, YO, K4, DD, K4, YO*, repeat to end of row.
Row 2: Knit this and EVERY even row.
Row 3: *K2, YO, K3, DD, K3, YO, K1*, repeat to end of row.
Row 5: *K3, YO, K2, DD, K2, YO, K2*, repeat to end of row.
Row 7: *K4, YO, K1, DD, K1, YO, K3*, repeat to end of row.
Row 9: *K5, YO, DD, YO, K4,*, repeat to end of row.
Row 10: Knit
Repeat Rows 1-10 TWO more times (if you want a close, beanie fit) OR THREE more times for a slightly more slouchy fit. Try it on your head, and see what you like best! *You should begin decreasing about 6.5" from the start of the brim as a general rule.

Crown Decreases: **Knit every EVEN row (unless otherwise instructed) and switch to DPNs (or two circulars if you prefer) when needed.**

Row 1: *K5, DD, K4*, repeat to end of row.
Row 3: *K4, DD, K3*, repeat to end of row.

Row 5: *K3, DD, K2*, repeat to end of row.
(remove stitch markers as you go).
Row 7: *K2, DD, K1*, repeat to end of row.
Row 9: *K1, DD*, repeat to end of row.
Row 11: *K1, K2 tog.*, repeat to end of row, (after last K2 tog., 2 stitches remain, just knit them).
Row 13: *K2 tog.*, repeat to end of row.
Row 14: *K2 tog.* repeat.

When 6 stitches remain, break yarn, leaving enough of a tail of yarn to use to thread through remaining stitches, & draw tightly to secure.

"Striped" Bow Tie:

Use size 2 DPNs (or size 2 straight needles) to knit the striped bow in order to get a firm, crisp look.

1. CO 22 stitches, using Color A.
2. *K1P1 across row in Color A (now 2 rows of Color A).
3. Switch to color B. *K1P1 across row for 2 rows.
4. Switch to color A. *K1P1 across row for 2 rows.
5. Continue in this manner, alternating colors, for about 3-4 inches total (or your preference).

Bind off.

Using Color B, cast on about 8 stitches for the center piece of the bow.
Make an I-Cord about 1 ½"-2". Bind off.
Gather center of bow tightly together, using a strand of yarn and tapestry or darning needle. Secure. Fold center piece of bow (solid Color B piece) over the center of the bow & fasten ends onto back of bow, using yarn and needle. Attach bow to hat.

"Solid" Bow Tie:

Use size 2 DPNs (or size 2 straight needles) to knit the bow in order to get a firm, crisp look.
Notes: This bow tie is outlined in black. In order to accomplish this, you must carry one strand of black on <u>each side.</u> Therefore, wind up two small balls of the Cascade Fixation in black.

This may seem a bit fiddly at first, but the result is a gorgeous "how did you do that" bow tie!

The first two and the last two stitches of each row will be knit with the black Fixation in a K1P1 stitch pattern. When you are asked to then carry and use the **green**, be sure to twist the black and **green** strands behind the bow tie such that there will be no gaping hole left as you change colors.

CO 26 stitches, using black Cascade Fixation.

1. *K1P1 across row (now 2 rows black Cascade Fixation).
2. K1P1 with black Fixation and switch to **green** Cascade Ultra Pima (tie on) and then *K1P1 across with the **green** until the last two stitches, then tie on strand from second ball of black Fixation and K1P1...repeat this for 4 rows, being sure to bring yarns to the back as appropriate and twisting around each other to prevent a hole.
3. K1P1 with black Cascade Fixation and *K1P1 across using the black Fixation for 2 rows total.
4. K1P1 with black Fixation and then switch to **green** Cascade Ultra Pima and *K1P1 across row until last two stitches, then K1P1 with black Fixation. Repeat this pattern for about 3 ½ inches.
5. *K1P1 across entire row with black Cascade Fixation for a total of 2 rows.
6. K1P1 with black Fixation, switch to **green** Cascade Ultra Pima and *K1P1 across row until last 2 stitches, then K1P1 with black Fixation. Now repeat this pattern for 4 rows total.
7. K1P1 with black Cascade Fixation and *K1P1 across using the black Fixation for 2 rows total.

The center of the solid Bow Tie is knit in **green** Cascade Fixation. Cast on 10 stitches and knit one row, purl one row, and repeat this until you have about 1 ½-2". Bind off. Gather center of bow tightly together, using a strand of yarn and tapestry or darning needle. Secure. Fold the center piece of bow that you just knit, over the center of the bow & fasten ends onto back of bow, using yarn and needle. Attach bow to hat.

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