

How Precious: child's cloche

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Intro

The stitch pattern of the stole reminds me of a river, flowing wide and narrow and bending gently. Bamboo feels soft against the skin, warm yak protects from the breeze, and subtle sparkle makes the stole appropriate for day and evening wear.

Construction

The stole is crocheted lengthwise in rows.

Skill Level

Intermediate

Finished Measurements

Hat Circumference: 17"/43cm (18 1/2"/47cm, 20"/51cm, 21 1/2"/55cm)

Note: To keep 'How Precious' looking like a cloche when worn, you want the child's head measurement to be equal to or less than the circumference of the hat.

Instructions are written for sizes 6m (12-18m, 2T-3T, 4T-5T)

Yarn

1(2, 2, 2) [Shokay Orient](#) 75% yak down/25% bamboo fibre

Needles & Notions

1 size 6 (4mm) circular needle 20" (74cm) long

1 set size 6 (4mm) double pointed needles

Stitch marker

Large Sewing or Tapestry needle

Gauge

22sts + 24rows = 4" in stockinette stitch.

Notes

This hat will not be blocked before wearing. All the shaping that you see in the photos is worked into the stitches. Therefore, if the size cloche that you are knitting looks too small as you are knitting it, it probably is.



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At the end of each round for almost the entire hat, you move your stitch marker over by two stitches. This keeps the I-cords going diagonally up properly to the very top. This moving of the stitch marker is clearly marked in the directions for each row.

Techniques

This hat requires knitting in the round, using double pointed needles, slipping stitches, passing stitches over, and knitting 2 stitches together through the back loop.

Cloche

Starting at the Brim

Cast on 130[142, 154, 166] sts. Place marker and join to knit in the round.

Rnds 1-3: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k7; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k5 instead of k7, remove marker, k2, place marker.

Rnd 4: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog, k5; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k3 instead of k5, remove marker, k2, place marker: 119[130, 141, 152] sts.

Rnds 5-6: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k6; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k4 instead of k6, remove marker, k2, place marker.

Rnd 7: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog, k4, repeat from * around ending last repeat with k2 instead of k4, remove marker, k2, place marker: 108[118, 128, 138] sts.

Rnd 8: Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k5; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k3 instead of k5, remove marker, k2, place marker.

Body of the cloche

Repeat Rnd 8 until hat measures 2 ½"/6.5cm(3 ½"/9cm, 4 ½"/11.5cm, 5 ½"/14cm) from one of the tips (that have now been created by the I-cords at the cast on edge) to the live stitches on your needles.

Decreasing at the crown

Rnd 1: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog, k3; repeat from * around ending last repeat, end with k1 instead of k3, remove marker, k2, place marker: 97[106, 115, 124] sts.

Rnd 2: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k4; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k2 instead of k4, remove marker, k2, place marker.

Rnd 3: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog, k2; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k2tog instead of (k2tog, k2), remove marker, k2, place marker: 86[94, 102, 110] sts.

Rnd 4: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k3; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k1 instead of k3, remove marker, k2, place marker.

Rnd 5: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog, k1; repeat from * around to last 6 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to



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the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 1 st to the right needle and remove marker, slip the same st back to the left needle, k2tog, k1, place marker: 75[82, 89, 96] sts.

Rnd 6: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2; repeat from * around ending last repeat with k2togtbl instead of k2, remove marker, k2, place marker.

Rnd 7: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog; repeat from * around to last 5 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, remove marker, k2tog, place marker: 64[70, 76, 82] sts.

Rnd 8: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1; repeat from * around to last 4 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, remove marker, slip 3 sts from right needle to left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, place marker.

Note: There are 11[12, 13, 14] diagonal l-cords in one round. For rounds 9 and 10, you will be decreasing one stitch from every other l-cord. This is not as smoothly repetitive as the other rounds. Quiet and perhaps a refill of whatever was in your now empty cup are helpful.

Sizes 6 months and 2T-3T only

Rnd 9: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog; repeat from * around to last 4 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, remove marker, k2tog, place marker: 58 sts for size 6 months, 69 sts for size 2T-3T.

Rnd 10: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog; repeat from * around to last 14 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl. (k1, kfb, k2togtbl) twice: 54 sts for size 6 months, 64 sts for size 2T-3T.

Sizes 12-18 months and 4T-5T

Rnd 9: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog; repeat from * around to last 10 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from the right needle to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, remove marker, k2tog, place marker: 64 sts for size 12-18 months, 75 sts for size 4T-5T.

Rnd 10: * Kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k2tog; repeat from * around to last 9 sts, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, slip marker: 59 sts for size 12-18 months, 69 sts for size 4T-5T.

All Sizes

Rnd 11: K1, * kfb, k1, k2togtbl, k1; repeat from * around to last 3 sts, slip 3 sts from the left needle to right needle, remove marker and slip the same 3 sts back to the left needle, kfb, k1, k2togtbl, place marker.

Rnd 12: * Ssktbl, k1, k2togtbl; repeat from * around to last 4 sts, slip 4 sts from left needle to right needle, remove marker and slip the same 4 sts back to the left needle, ssktbl, k1, k2togtbl, place marker: 32[35, 38, 41] sts.

Rnd 13: (K1, k2togtbl) around to last 2 sts, slip 2 sts from left needle to right needle, remove marker and slip the same 2 sts back to the left needle, k1, k2togtbl, place marker: 21[23, 25, 27] sts.

Rnd 14: (K2togtbl) around to last st, k1, remove marker.



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FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch tail. Thread yarn through the remaining live stitches on your dpns. Push through to the inside of the hat and pull snug. Tie off and weave in ends. Wear with a happy smile.

Abbreviations:

BO: Bind Off

CO: Cast On

K2togtbl: Knit 2 stitches together through their back loops.

Kfb: Knit into the front and back of the same stitch.

