

Lisbon Cloche by Rachel Brown



SKILLS NEEDED

Knitting in the round, knitting, purling, slipping stitches, increasing and binding off. The pattern is given in both charted and written forms. The hat is knitted in the round from the top down.

SIZE

One, to fit average adult head (~22 inches in circumference). Size is easily adjustable by trying on as you go.

MATERIALS

~90 yds handspun yarn, bulky weight (~8 wpi)

US 10/6.0 mm needles (double points or circulars), or size needed to obtain gauge

Waste yarn

Stitch markers

tapestry needle

GAUGE

4 sts/5.5 rows per inch, in pattern

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THE SPINNING

I started with one braid of superwash merino top from Spunky Eclectic in “Thunderstorm”. I loved the blue, purple and maroon, and wanted to come up with a yarn/hat combination that would show off the colors. Right now I'm on a big chain plying kick, but I didn't want a obviously striped hat. To try and avoid striping I aimed for short stretches of color in a thicker single, with the idea that when plied, the single color stretches would be short enough to give less then two rows of each color when knitted up.

I split the top into four pieces along the entire length more or less equally, and spun them sequentially from the same end. I spun a relatively thick single, about 16 wpi, using an American supported long draw. I let the singles rest on the bobbin for a few days and then chain plied. The finished yarn was washed in warm water with a bit of Soak, spun out in the washing machine, thwacked a couple of times against the wall of my house and hung to dry. See box for exact specs of the yarn.



YARN SPECS

Fiber: superwash merino

Preparation: combed top, split lengthwise into four approximately equal pieces

Drafting method: American supported long draw (Spin Off Winter 2009)

Wheel: ST folding Lendrum

Wheel system: Scotch tension

Ratio (singles/plying): 12:1/15:1

Singles direction spun: Z

Singles tpi: 10

Singles wpi: 16

Number of plies: 3 (chain plied)

Twist angle: 11.3°

Plied direction: Z

Plied tpi: 12

Plied wpi: 8

Total yardage: 96 yards

ypp: 375

Yarn classification: bulky

Yardage used: 91 yds

THE PATTERN

ABBREVIATIONS

k – knit

kfb – knit into the front and back of the stitch

m1 – make 1

pm – place marker

sl1 – slip one as if to purl with yarn in back

sm – slip marker

A note on construction: this hat is worked from the top down, with 8 stitches added on every other row until you reach the desired stitch count. These increases occur four times per row, with two stitches added on either side of a corner stitch (aka the stitch just before the markers added in row 1 below). The corner stitches are always knitted until you reach the desired stitch count, and thereafter they are incorporated into the already existing pattern. While increasing, the slipped stitch pattern is worked between the corner stitches, incorporating newly made stitches as needed.

With waste yarn, cast on four stitches and work approximately one inch of i-cord. There is a good tutorial on knitting i-cord here – <http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=196>. Switch to main yarn.



Set up row 1: knit all stitches in the round.

Set up row 2: kfb in each stitch – 8 stitches total. At this point, you can add in other dpns (2 stitches per needle) or start magic loop (4 stitches per needle).

Row 1: Place markers as follows. K1, pm, [k2, pm], repeat to last stitch, pm, k1. This is the first row of Chart 1 – note that not all stitches are charted (see details below).

Row 2: k1, [sm, m1, work in pattern to 1 stitch before marker, m1, k1], repeat to last stitch, m1 – 16 stitches total.

Row 3: knit all stitches.

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Repeat rows 2 and 3, working in stitch pattern between m1 points, as indicated in Chart 1 (crown pattern). The four corner stitches (the stitches that you are increasing before and after on the increase rows) are always knit until you reach the brim. Continue increasing every other row until you have 96 stitches, or hat is desired circumference.

Work in brim pattern (Chart 2) for five inches or desired length, ending on row 2 or 4. Bind off loosely in purl. Pick out the waste yarn i-cord, and using a tapestry needle, thread the remaining handspun yarn tail through the four stitches at the top of the hat and pull tight. Weave in ends on inside, and block as desired.

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STITCH PATTERN

The stitch pattern is a simple slipped stitch pattern. If you've ever knit an eye of partridge heel flap, you'll recognize this pattern. Please note that the corner stitches (the stitches immediately before the markers) are not included in this chart.

Crown Pattern, written directions:

Row 1: sl1, k1 to last stitch, sl1

Row 2: knit all stitches.

Crown Pattern, Chart 1:

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knit



Make 1



slip as if to purl

NOTE: Chart 1 does not include all the necessary rows to reach the required stitch count. When you have finished row 13, continue working in pattern as established until you reach 96 stitches, or desired size.

Once you've reached the required number of stitches, work the stitch pattern over four rows as follows (Chart 2):

Brim Pattern, written directions:

Row 1: [k1, sl1]. repeat to end

Row 2 and 4: knit all stitches

Row 3: [sl1, k1], repeat to end.

Brim pattern, Chart 2:

				4
	<u>∨</u>		<u>∨</u>	3
				2
<u>∨</u>		<u>∨</u>		1



slip as if to purl



knit