



Pauline



A Knitting Kninja Design

After centuries of use by women of all ages, the bonnet has in recent times fallen largely by the wayside. But bonnets don't have to be babyish or fussy. Easy, elegant, and timeless, Pauline is a flapper style bonnet knit in one piece without seams. Wear it tied to keep your ears warm in winter, or untied for a casual, fashionable look. You can knit this hat using either straight or circular needles, depending on what you have on hand, but I'd recommend circular needles so that you can see the shape of the hat as it develops.

Sizes:

S/M Women's (L./XL Women's)

To fit head size: 20-22 (22.5-25) inches/ 50.8-55.8 (57-63.5) cm

Gauge:

4 inches = 18 stitches/30 rows on size 7 needles in stockinette stitch (after blocking)

Materials:

1 (1) skein Malabrigo Merino Worsted (100% merino, 216 yards per 100 gram skein) (Shown in color Rich Chocolate)

U.S. size 7 needles, straight or circular (4.5 mm)

U.S. size 10 double pointed needles, pair (6 mm)

U.S. size 4 single double pointed needle (3.5 mm)

2 stitch markers

tapestry needle

Special Terms:

k2tog: Knit two together

M1P: Lift the bar between two stitches and purl through the back loop

P2tog: Purl two together

PM: Place marker

Sl1: Slip 1 stitch

SM: Slip marker

ssk: Slip one stitch knitwise, slip one purlwise, knit both together through back loops*

Instructions

Crown and sides:

Using size 7/4.5 mm needles, CO 68 (74) st.

Row 1 (RS): K20 (22), PM, k28 (30), PM, k20 (22).

Row 2 and all WS rows: P across.

Row 3: K18 (20), k2tog, SM, k28 (30), SM, ssk, k18 (20).

Row 5: K17 (19), k2tog, SM, k28 (30), SM, ssk, k17 (19).

Row 7: K16 (18), k2tog, SM, k28 (30), SM, ssk, k16 (18). [62 (68) st]

Remove markers on Row 8.

Work even in stockinette until piece measures 6 (6.5) inches from cast on edge.

Start back shaping:

Row 1: K39 (43), ssk, turn.

Row 2: Sl1, p18 (18), p2tog, turn.

Row 3: Sl1, k18 (18), ssk, turn.

Row 4: Sl1, p18 (18), p2tog, turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 19 (22) times. [20 (20) st remaining.] BO.

Attached I-cord Border:

Using size 10/6 mm dpns, CO 3 st; set aside empty needle.

Using size 4/3.5mm dpn, and starting at center of bound off edge, pick up 12-15 st without knitting them. This will be your left needle. Slip 3 st from size 10/6 mm needle to left needle.

*K2, sl1, k1 of the picked up st, psso.

Replace the 3 remaining st onto left needle, and repeat from *, picking up more st as needed.

Turning corners:

When you reach a corner of your bonnet, work 2 rows in plain I-cord.

Plain I-cord:

*K3, slide to right hand side of right needle.

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*K3, slide to right hand side of right needle.

Rep from *.

Once you've knit around the hat back to where you started, graft the ends of the I-cord together.

After washing, block the bonnet to shape and let it dry. You may want to try on the hat when it is almost dry and shape it to your head. Weave in ends.

Ties:

After hat is dry, turn inside out. Starting one inch in from right-hand corner and using size 7 needles, pick up and k 4 st. K for 14 inches in garter st. Bind off and weave in ends.

Repeat on opposite corner.

The ties will stretch with use and grow longer.

Leaf (make 2):

Using size 7/4.5 mm needles, CO 3 st.

Row 1 (RS): P1, k1, p1.

Row 2 and all WS rows through Row 12: K the knit st and p the purl st.

Row 3: P1, M1P, k1, M1P, p1.

Row 5: P1, M1P, p1, k1, p1, M1P, p1.

Row 7: P1, M1P, p2, k1, p2, M1P, p1.

Rows 9 & 11: P4, k1, p4. (9 st)

Row 13: P1, p2tog, p1, k1, p1, p2tog, p1.

Row 14: K1, k2tog, p1, k2tog, k1.

Row 15: P2tog, k1, P2tog.

BO.

Block leaves and weave in ends.

Flowers (make 3 three inch lengths of plain I-cord):

Using size 10/6 mm dpns, CO 3 st.

Row 1: K across.

Row 2: Slide st to right-hand side of needle, k across.

Rep Row 2 until I-cord measures 3 inches.

BO.

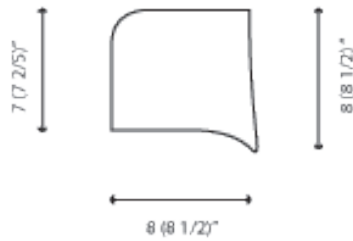
Finishing:

Weave in ends.

Place leaves and flowers on the right side of the bonnet as indicated below. Attach leaves by sewing a little more than halfway up the middle of the center knit stitches. This will attach the leaves firmly to the hat, but they will still be able to curl. Curl I-cord lengths into spirals and sew onto hat. I found that it worked better for me when I curled the I-cord as I attached it to the hat, rather than ahead of time.

Weave in ends.





Abbreviation Key:

BO: Bind off

CO: Cast on

dpn: Double pointed needle(s)

k: Knit

k2tog: Knit two together

M1P: Lift the bar between two stitches and knit through the back loop

p: Purl

P2tog: Purl two together

PM: Place marker

pssso: Pass slipped stitch over

RS: Right side

Sl1: Slip one

SM: Slide marker

ssk: Slip one stitch knitwise, slip one purlwise, knit both together through back loops*

St: Stitch

*Directions for ssk taken from knittinghelp.com, which suggested this as an “improved” version of ssk. Since I've found it to be so, I used those directions.