Ruse – A Cloche-Inspired Crochet Hat

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Materials:

Worsted weight yarn in 2 colours (Main Colour [MC] and Contrasting Colour [CC]) 5.00mm crochet hook (US H/8)

Yarn needle

Stitch markers (for counting)

Notes:

- I used Nashua Handknits Creative Focus Superwash (50% merino, 50% wool) in CFSW.0044 Bright Fushia (CC) and a dark pewter gray (not official colour name; colour #29) (MC).
- Any worsted weight (4) yarn should work fine in this pattern. I used less than 100g of MC and you could probably get away with using leftovers for the CC.
- Due to the need to be able to see the stitches, 'fun fur' style yarns are not recommended. I recommend the use of solid coloured yarns for the classic cloche look.

Revisions:

Revision 1 (released August 21, 2010): Changes made to directions for Round 1 (eg. how to do 10 hdcs into the starting ring).

Revision 2 (released March 3, 2011): Changes made to the pattern format.

Abbreviation	Description
* *	Repeat instructions between asterisks as many times as directed
ch	Chain
dc	Double crochet stitch
F/O	Fasten off
hdc	Half-double crochet stitch
sc	Single crochet stitch
sl st	Slip stitch
st	Stitch

Gauge:

3 hdc per 1" or 6 hdc per 5cm

Sizing:

Measure the circumference of your head (measure it right around your head, above your ears).

The sizes in this pattern are for 21.25", 22" and 24" circumference head sizes.

Circumference of 53cm (21.25") – work pattern as directed.

Circumference of 56cm (22") - you will want to have 80 st around.

After round 7:

ch 1, *hdc in 6 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (80 st)

Continue with the rest of the pattern.

Circumference of 61cm (24") - you will want to have 100 st around.

After round 7:

ch 1, *hdc in 6 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (80 st)

ch 1, *hdc in 7 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (90 st)

ch 1, *hdc in 8 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (100 st)

Continue with the rest of the pattern.

Directions:

Cloche (in MC)

At the end of each round, join with sl st before beginning next round.

Round 1: ch 3 (last 2 chains count as 1 hdc), 9 hdc in first chain (10)

Round 2: ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around (20)

Round 3: ch 1, *hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st* (30)

Round 4: ch 1, *hdc in 2 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (40)

Round 5: ch 1, *hdc in 3 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (50)

Round 6: ch 1, *hdc in 4 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (60)

Round 7: ch 1, *hdc in 5 next st, 2 hdc in next st* (70)

Round 8-17: ch 1, work even in hdc (70) (80) (100)

Round 18: ch 2, work even in dc (70) (80) (100)

Round 19: ch 1, work even in sc (70) (80) (100)

Round 20: ch 1, *sc 1, 2 sc in next st* (105) (120) (150)

Round 21: ch 1, work even in sc (105) (120) (150)

Round 22: ch 1, work even in sc (105) (120) (150)

Round 23: ch 1, work even in sc (105) (120) (150)

F/O

"Ribbon" (in CC)

Ch 140-190 length is dependent on how long you'd like the ribbon to look (and how you will be tying it)

Ss into back loop of ch across

F/O

Weave "ribbon" through round 18 (the row of dc).

This can be done in many ways - I did over 3 dc, under 1 dc all the way around the cloche. Keep the ends even and tie in a bow.

Alternatives: Use ribbon in place of crocheted ribbon (cutting the ribbon ends at an angle helps to prevent fraying).

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