

# Neon Ski Bonnet

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This hat is knit in two parts. First the band is knit circularly as a tube, to provide double thickness over the ears. Then the body of the hat is picked up and knit flat before joining in the round. Top it all off with a garter band trim, giant pom-pom, and twisty ties, and you've got a cheerfully warm hat for all ages!

**SIZES**, by head circumference at widest point:

Small Child 18" (Large Child 20", Small Adult 22", Large Adult 24")

*Please see the schematic and note on sizing on page 6 for more info on how to get a great fitting bonnet! Pictured in Small Adult 22", modeled on an adult with a 22" head circumference*

**YARN:** 1 (2, 2, 2) skeins Cascade 220 in Neon Yellow, or 220 (440, 440, 440) yards of comparable worsted-weight yarn

*Without the pom-pom, you can make this hat with just 1 skein -- but that's really just no fun, right?*

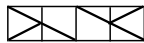
**RECOMMENDED NEEDLE SIZE:** Size US 7 needles - Circular and 1 DPN or cable needle

*I used circular needles and knit the seamless "in the round" parts of the hat using the Magic Loop method. You may also use DPNs if you prefer, but you will need 1 extra DPN or a cable needle to create the wraps on the body of the hat.*

**GAUGE:** 20 sts / 25 rows = 4 inches in stockinette, 22 sts / 28 rows in Chart B pattern.

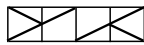
### CHARTS FOR BAND

#### Stitch Key



**C4F (Cable 4 Front)**

Slip 2 stitches to a DPN and hold to the front, knit 2 stitches, knit 2 stitches from DPN



**C4B (Cable 4 Back)**

Slip 2 stitches to a DPN and hold to the back, knit 2 stitches, knit 2 stitches from DPN



**LT (Left Twist)**

Slip 1 stitch to a DPN and hold to the front, knit 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch from DPN



**RT (Right Twist)**

Slip 1 stitch to a DPN and hold to the back, knit 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch from DPN

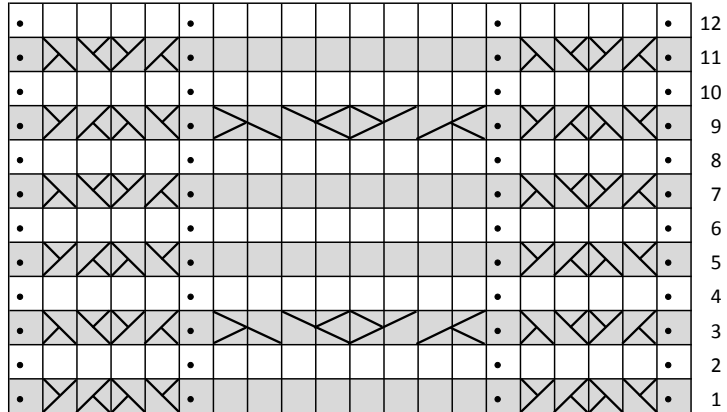


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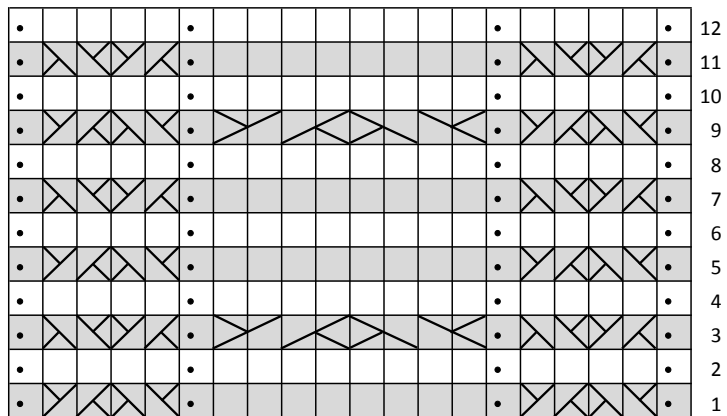


**K (Knit)**

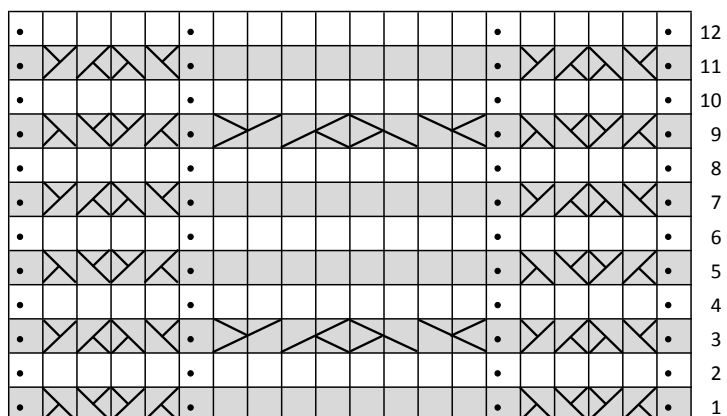
**Chart A1 (Band - First Half - All Sizes)**



**Chart A2 (Band - Second Half - Large Child and Large Adult Sizes)**



**Chart A3 (Band - Second Half - Small Child and Small Adult Sizes)**



## CHART FOR BODY

### Stitch Key



**Wrap** K2, p2, k2 onto DPN, wrap yarn around 6 sts on DPN twice, slip 6 st from DPN to right needle



**P (Purl)** Purl on right side; Knit on wrong side

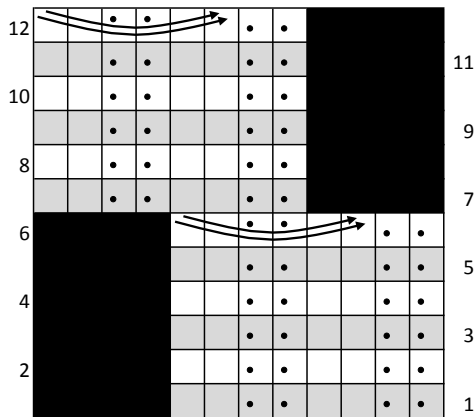


**K (Knit)** Knit on right side; Purl on wrong side



**No Stitch**

### Chart B (Body)



*Written directions for Chart B (Body):*

**Row 1 [WS]:** k2, \*p2, k2\*, repeat \* until end.

**Rows 2 - 5:** Continue knitting in 2x2 rib as established.

**Row 6 [RS]:** p2, \*(k2, p2, k2) onto DPN, wrap yarn around 6 sts on DPN twice, slip 6 sts from DPN to your right needle, p2\*, repeat \* until end.

**Rows 7 - 11:** Continue in 2x2 rib as established.

**Row 12 [RS]:** (p2, k2) onto DPN, wrap yarn around 4 sts on DPN twice, slip 4 sts from DPN to right needle, p2, \*(k2, p2, k2) onto DPN, wrap yarn around 6 sts on DPN twice, slip 6 sts from DPN to your right needle, p2\*, repeat \* until 4 sts before end. (k2, p2) onto DPN, wrap yarn around 4 sts on DPN twice, slip 4 sts from DPN to right needle.

*Always wrap stitches from the RS of your work. To wrap, pull the working yarn in front of your DPN stitches from left to right, then across the back from right to left. Wrap each set of 6 stitches twice, then slip the stitches on the DPN back onto your right needle. Wraps should be snug enough to pull the ribs together, but not so tight that your stitches look strangled. :) This may take some practice if you've never used decorative wraps before.*

**Note:** *On the edges of the body pattern, you will have less than 6 stitches to wrap. This is ok! Wrap however many stitches you have at the edge in order to keep the pattern balanced.*



## DIRECTIONS

### BAND:

**All sizes:** CO 38 stitches. Join to knit in the round; the first 20 stitches will form the cabled side of the band, and the last 18 stitches will be knit in stockinette throughout for the back of the band.

Knit 42 (48, 54, 60) rounds following Chart A1.

Knit 41 (47, 53, 59) rounds following Chart A2 (Large Child & Large Adult sizes) or Chart A3 (Small Child & Small Adult Sizes)

Bind off. It may be helpful to gently steam block the band before proceeding.

### BODY:

Using your circular needle, with the right side of the cable band facing you, pick up and knit 78 (90, 102, 114) stitches along the long side. *Note that if you pick up every stitch, you'll end up with 5 too many stitches; you need to evenly skip 5 stitches across the edge while picking up.*

When picking up, leave one neat line of knit stitches intact on the front of the band, as shown below:



**Body Row 1 [WS]:** Work flat following first row of Chart B [body of hat], decreasing 12 stitches evenly in pattern. 66 (78, 90, 102) remaining.

Work rows 2 through 14 (16, 18, 20) in pattern following Chart B [body of hat].  
CO 6 stitches, pm, and join for knitting in the round. 72 (84, 96, 108) stitches.  
Work rounds 15 (17, 19, 21) through 19 (25, 25, 31) in pattern as established.

#### **Decrease Rounds:**

**Round 1:** \*p2tog, k2, p2, k2\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 2:** \*p1, k2, p2, k2\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 3:** \*p1, k2, p2tog, k2\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 4:** \*p1, k2\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 5:** Following 1x2 rib pattern, knit wraps across 5 stitches instead of 6.

**Round 6:** \*p1, k1, (s1 as if to knit, k2tog, pss0), k1\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 7 and 8:** \*p1, k3\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 9:** p1, \*(s1 as if to knit, k2tog, pss0)\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 10:** \*p1, k1\*, repeat until end of row.

**Round 11:** \*k2tog\*, repeat until end of row. Cut yarn and pull tail through remaining 6 (7, 8, 9) stitches.

*You will now have a slightly ridiculous looking bonnet hat! Go ahead, steam block it a bit, put it on, feel a bit silly, & wonder if it's actually going to look OK when it's done (it will - that garter edge is magic!)*

#### **GARTER EDGE:**

Pick up and knit 60 (68, 72, 76) stitches along the bottom edge.

*Again, you'll need to skip a few stitches to get the correct number.*

When picking up through the cast-on edge of the band, be sure to pick up through both the front and back of the tube.

**Row 1:** k 30 (34, 36, 38), pm, k to end.

**Even Rows 2 - 8:** k to 2 st before marker, ssk, slip marker, k2tog, k to end

**Odd Rows 3 - 9:** Knit

Bind off

#### **FINISHING:**

Weave in all ends. Block as desired, using steam or wet-blocking.



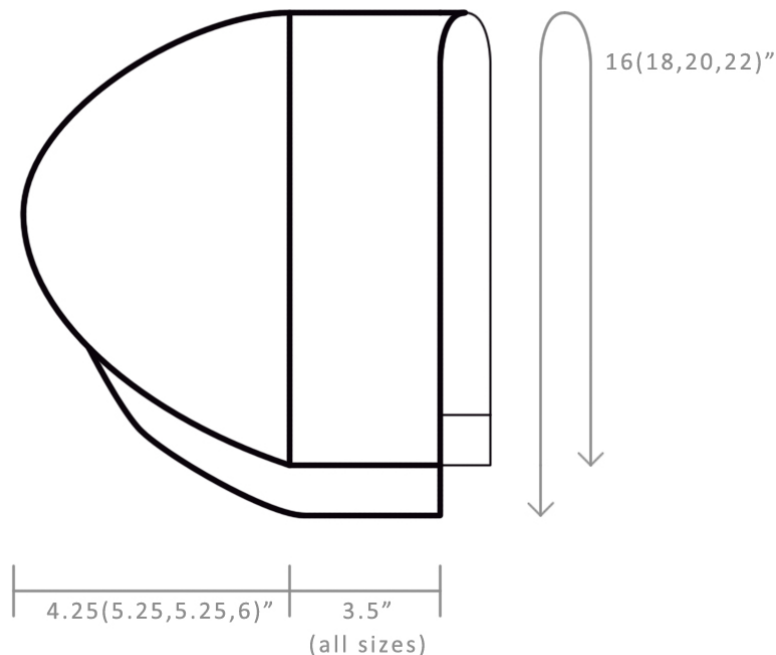
**TO MAKE TWISTS** measure a long strand of yarn by pulling it out at maximum arm's length four times, folding the yarn over itself so you have 4 visible strands. One end should have two loops, while the other end has one loop and two ends. Loop the end with two loops over your big toe or a cabinet knob. :)

Twist the yarn until it starts to kink up on itself, then fold the length in half and allow it to curl up and relax. Measure 18 inches from the toe-end of your twist and tie the loose end in a loose knot. Repeat.

**TO ATTACH TWISTS** pull the non-knotted end through the garter band on your hat, between the second and third garter ridge. Pull the knotted end through the loop to secure.

**MAKE A 4.5" POM-POM** using your favorite method - mine is the method described in [this YouTube video](#) (the video describes making lots of pom-poms at once, but you can easily move the nails closer together to make one at a time). I recommend attaching your pom-pom 1 to 1.5 inches above the gathered point of the hat, so that it sits more on top of your head (instead of behind it). The pom-pom should still be large enough to cover the gathered point where the hat was closed.

**A NOTE ON SIZING:** Bonnet-style hats can be difficult to fit, since the hat doesn't wrap around the circumference of your head! I recommend using the front edge measurement (on the right below) to determine band size: measure from below your ear at your jawline, over your head, to the jawline on the other side, then choose a band length based on that measurement. If you're between sizes, you may want to size up or add a few more garter edge rows to increase the length slightly.



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