



### "The Inaugural Hat"

This hat will keep you warm and looking super stylish. The simple bow knot is meant to be worn on the side and adds just the right amount of glamour. We designed this hat after spying a similar style on one of the anchorwomen covering President Obama's Inauguration. It was just so perfect we had to have one too! This is the little black dress of winter hats.

You will need:

Yarn: 2 skeins of Rowan 4-ply yarn( we think black is best!)  
Needles: #1 (16") & #0 (24") circular needles, A Set of #1 Double Point Needles

Notions: A Stitch marker & Clover Tapestry Needle

Gauge: 30 stitches per 4"

Key: 2 tog= decrease knit two stitches together.

Please read directions completely before starting.

Cast On: 156 Stitches loosely on your size 1 needles.  
Use your stitch marker to mark the beginning of a round.  
Working in the round, knit 34 rows in stockinette stitch.

Begin Decreases:

Row 35: Knit 11 stitches, knit 2 tog, repeat all around to end.

Row 36: Knit all around to end.

Row 37: Knit 10 stitches, knit 2 tog, repeat all around to end.

- Row 38: Knit all around to end.  
Row 39: Knit 9 stitches, knit 2 tog, repeat all around to end.  
Row 40: Knit all around to end.  
Row 41: Knit 8 stitches, knit 2 tog, repeat all around to end.  
Row 42: Knit all around to end.  
Row 43: Knit 7 stitches, knit 2 tog, repeat all around to end.  
Row 44: Knit all around to end.  
Row 45: Knit 6 stitches, knit 2 tog, repeat all around to end.  
Row 46: Knit all around to end.

Continue decreasing in this fashion until you need to change to double pointed needles. Continue decreasing until you knit 2 tog all the way around. Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail. Using a clover tapestry needle thread the tail and go through the remaining stitches, tie off and weave end.

#### Lower Band:

With the size 0 needles cast on 48 stitches. With right side of hat facing you, begin picking up stitches at lower edge (cast on edge). Where you begin on the lower edge is unimportant. Continue picking up stitches until you have picked up 145( you will need to skip 3 stitches, spread evenly across the circumference as you pick up), you should have a total of 193 stitches. There should be an 8 stitch spot where no stitches will be picked up. This space allows for the knot to be tied when you are done. Now cast on 48 more stitches. This lower band will have a total of 241 stitches. The band is knit in garter stitch and is knit back and forth-NOT IN THE ROUND. Knit 28 rows, and then cast off. Tie your knot 2-times, and look absolutely fabulous in this hat!

