Crochet Hair Bow: A Classic Sailor Bow for Gifts

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Skill level: Beginner. You only need two stitches: chain and single crochet.

Finished size: Medium bow, about 4.5 inches wide by 3.5 inches high (about 11.5 cm by 9 cm). The source design also offers a mini about 3 inches wide by 2.5 inches high and a jumbo about 6 inches wide by 4.25 inches high.

Materials

- Medium worsted weight (4) yarn, about 16 grams or 30 yards for one medium bow. The source design prefers Caron Simply Soft for its texture and colors. Any smooth worsted weight yarn works.
- Crochet hook: H (5.00 mm).
- Yarn needle.
- Scissors.
- 3 small clear poly bands (small clear elastic bands).
- Locking stitch markers.
- 1 lined single prong alligator clip (or a nylon headband or a ponytail holder, if you prefer).

Gauge

About 4 single crochet stitches and 5 rows to 1 inch (about 10 cm square holds about 16 single crochet stitches and 20 rows). Gauge is not critical for this project, but a tight fabric helps the bow keep its shape.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

st(s): stitch(es)

FO: finish off

Pattern notes

- This pattern is written in US terms.

- The bow is made in 3 flat pieces: the body, the center band, and the tails. The pieces are pinched and joined, then the center band wraps around the middle and the clip is attached at the back.
- Chain 1 at the end of a row is a turning chain and does not count as a stitch.

Body (make 1)

Foundation chain: ch 41.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and sc in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. (40 sc)

Rows 2 to 5: Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. (40 sc per row)

Row 6: Sc in each st across. FO, leaving a long tail. Weave in only one of the two ends. (40 sc)

The body is 6 rows of 40 single crochet stitches.

Center band (make 1)

Foundation chain: ch 9.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and sc in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. (8 sc)

Row 2: Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. (8 sc)

Row 3: Sc in each st across. FO, leaving a long tail. Weave in only one of the two ends. (8 sc)

The center band is 3 rows of 8 single crochet stitches.

Tails (make 1)

Foundation chain: ch 17.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and sc in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. (16 sc)

Row 2: 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next 14 sts, 2 sc in the last st. Ch 1, turn. (18 sc)

Row 3: 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next 16 sts, 2 sc in the last st. Ch 1, turn. (20 sc)

Row 4: 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next 18 sts, 2 sc in the last st. Ch 1, turn. (22 sc)

Row 5: 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next 20 sts, 2 sc in the last st. Ch 1, turn. (24 sc)

Row 6: 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next 22 sts, 2 sc in the

last st. FO. Weave in both ends. (26 sc)

The tails piece grows by 2 stitches on every row, from 16 to 26.

Assembly

1. Fold the body piece in half, lining up the edges. Pin the edges together with stitch markers. Thread the long tail you left and stitch the raw edges together to form a band.
2. Turn the body so the seam sits in the center. The seam will be covered by the center band.
3. Pinch the center of the body and secure it with a poly band.
4. Pinch the center of the tails piece and secure it with a second poly band.
5. Place the body on top of the tails piece, lining up the centers. Attach them with a third poly band.
6. Lay the center band over the center of the bow, covering the poly bands.
7. Turn the bow over. If you use a nylon headband or a ponytail holder, lay it across the center of the bow. Wrap the edges of the center band around the center of the bow and the headband or holder, pin the edges together, then thread the long tail and stitch the raw edges together. If you use an alligator clip, stitch or hot glue the clip to the back center of the bow.
8. Turn the bow back to the front and shape the loops and tails.

Finishing

Weave in all remaining ends. Steam lightly or press gently with your fingers to shape the loops. Do not iron the bow flat.

Care

Hand wash cold and lay flat to dry, so the bow keeps its shape.

Pattern credit

This pattern is an original CrochetRooms pattern written from the measurements and construction of the free Classic Sailor Hair Bow by Alexa at The Wannabe Grandma (http://thewannabegrandma.com/classic-sailor-hair-bow-free-crochet-pattern).

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