Classic Sailor Hair Bow

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Start Here

- To make your bow, you will crochet 3 individual pieces (the body, the center, and the tails).
- Assemble your bow using the instructions on pages 4-7.

Abbreviations

- CH - Chain
- SC - Single crochet
- FO - Finish off

Guage

A 1" by 1" square represents roughly 4 SCs by 5 rows.

Supply List

- Medium worsted weight yarn (I prefer Caron Simply Soft for its texture and beautiful fall colors)
- Size H/5.00mm crochet hook (I got mine here, but you can find a more basic one here)
- Scissors
- 3 small, clear polybands
- Yarn needle
- Locking stitch markers
- Nylon headbands, alligator clips, or ponytail holders
- Yarn bowl (optional but useful)

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Pattern - Medium

Body

Foundation Chain: CH 41

Row 1: SC in the 2nd chain from the hook & SC in each CH. CH 1, turn. (40 SCs)

Rows 2-5: SC in each stitch across. CH 1, turn. (40 SCs/row)

Row 6: SC in each stitch across. FO. Weave in only one of the two ends. (40 SCs)

Center

Foundation Chain: CH 9

Row 1: SC in the 2nd chain from the hook & SC in each CH. CH 1, turn. (8 SCs)

Row 2: SC in each stitch across. CH 1, turn. (8 SCs)

Row 3: SC in each stitch across. FO. Weave in only one of the two ends. (8 SCs)

Tails

Foundation Chain: CH 17

Row 1: SC in the 2nd chain from the hook & SC in each CH. CH 1, turn. (16 SCs)

Row 2: 2 SC in first stitch, SC in next 14 stitches, 2 SC in last stitch. CH 1, turn. (18 SCs)

Row 3: 2 SC in first stitch, SC in next 16 stitches, 2 SC in last stitch. CH 1, turn. (20 SCs)

Row 4: 2 SC in first stitch, SC in next 18 stitches, 2 SC in last stitch. CH 1, turn. (22 SCs)

Row 5: 2 SC in first stitch, SC in next 20 stitches, 2 SC in last stitch. CH 1, turn. (24 SCs)

Row 6: 2 SC in first stitch, SC in next 22 stitches, 2 SC in last stitch. FO. Weave in both ends. (26 SCs)

Assembly

1 First, fold the body piece in half, lining up the edges. Pin the edges together using the stitch counters. Thread the end of the yarn that you didn't weave in and stitch the raw edges together to form a band.

2 Fold the body so that the seam that you just stitched is in the center. This way, the seam will be covered by the center of the bow.

seam

Assembly

3 Pinch the center of the body and secure using a polyband.

4 Next, pinch the center of the tail piece and secure it with another polyband.

Assembly

5 Place the body on top of the tail piece, aligning the centers. Attach them using a third polyband.

6 Next, place the center piece over the center of your bow, covering the polybands.

Assembly

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Flip the bow over. If you plan to use a nylon headband or a ponytail holder, place it on top of the center of the bow as in the photo. Wrap the edges of the center piece around the center of the bow & the nylon headband or ponytail holder. Pin the edges together using the stitch counters. Thread the end of the yarn that you didn't weave in and stitch the raw edges together. If you're using an alligator clip, stitch or hot glue the clip to the back center of the bow.

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Turn the bow back to the front and shape the body & tails as in the photo below.