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Garter Stitch Hat

Yarn	about 112 (126, 150, 180) yards chunky yarn that gets 3 spi over St st
Needle	US #10½, or size needed to obtain gauge US #9 for brim (or needle that is two sizes down from larger needle used)
Gauge	¾ sts = 1"; 13 sts and 28 rows = 4x4" square over Stockinette St
Sizes	S (M, L, XL) <i>Measure around crown of head. S=19-20"(kid to teen, women's small), M=21-22"(average woman), L=23-24"(average man), XL=25-26".</i>

For half-size head measurements (i.e. 20½"), work next size up (M). Remember: knitting hats is not perfect. If it does not fit the intended recipient, it will fit someone! ☺

NOTE: Hat is worked flat and seam is joined with Mattress Stitch.

HAT

With smaller needle, cast on 60 (68, 74, 86) sts and work 18 rows Garter st, or until piece measures 2¼" from cast on edge. Change to larger needle and continue in Garter st until piece measures 6½ (6½, 7½, 7½)" from cast on edge.

Shape Crown

Row 1 (RS)	*K6, k2tog; rep from * to end, k4 (4, 2, 6).
Row 2	Knit.
Row 3	*K5, k2tog; rep from * to end, k4 (4, 2, 6).
Row 4	Knit.
Row 5	*K4, k2tog; rep from * to end, k4 (4, 2, 6).
Row 6	Knit.
Row 7	*K3, k2tog; rep from * to end, k4 (4, 2, 6).
Row 8	Knit.

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- Row 9 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end, k4 (4, 2, 6).
Row 10 Knit.
Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end, k4 (4, 2, 6).
Row 12 Knit.
Row 13 *K2tog; rep from * to end: 9 (10, 10, 13) sts remain on needle.

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving a 16" tail. With yarn needle, thread this yarn tail through the remaining stitches, removing them from needle. Pull yarn tail tightly through these stitches to close hole. Sew hat seam using Mattress Stitch.

Weave in ends.