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Ribbed Brim Hat

Yarn	about 90 (106, 126, 152) yards chunky yarn that gets 3 spi over St st
Needle	US #11, or size needed to obtain gauge US #9 needle for brim (or needle that is two sizes down from larger needle used)
Gauge	3 sts = 1"; 12 sts and 20 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.

Ribbing Pattern

(RS) K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

(WS) P2, *k2, p2; rep from * to end.

HAT

With smaller needle, cast on 74 (82, 90, 98) sts and work 24 rows in Ribbing Pattern, or until piece measures 4¾" from cast on edge with piece stretched a bit width-wise, side to side. Change to larger needle and work in Stockinette st, starting with a knit row, **AND AT SAME TIME** decrease 18 (20, 22, 24) sts evenly across row*: 56 (62, 68, 74) sts remain. Continue in Stockinette st until piece measures 8¾ (8¾, 9¾, 9¾)" from cast on edge.

**To decrease across row: K1, (k2, k2tog) 18 (20, 22, 24) times, k1.*

Shape Crown

Row 1 (RS) *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).

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Row 4	Purl.
Row 5	*K4, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).
Row 6	Purl.
Row 7	*K3, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).
Row 8	Purl.
Row 9	*K2, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).
Row 10	Purl.
Row 11	*K1, k2tog; rep from * to end, k0 (6, 4, 2).
Row 12	Purl.
Row 13	*K2tog; rep from * to end: 7 (10, 10, 10) 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.

