

## Lace-Edged Women's Hat

### Knit Head Hugger

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Can also be found on [HeadHuggers.org](http://HeadHuggers.org)

This pattern can be easily adjusted to fit smaller or larger heads-the lace pattern is worked over a multiple of six stitches. Simply add or subtract six stitches for each 1.5" of desired head circumference.

#### Size:

- Women's Small (Medium, Large)
- Finished size: 18" (20.5", 22") diameter

#### Materials:

- Yarn that will knit to gauge (shown in Rowan Cashsoft DK) [Lion Brand "Micro Spun" 1 skein will work and makes a really soft cap.](#)
- Knitting needles-two circulars or one 16" circular and one set of DPNs (size US6 or size to knit gauge)
- One stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

#### Gauge

- 20 stitches = 4" in stockinette stitch ([Don't skip this step, fit is really important.](#))

#### Abbreviations

- yo: yarn over
- sk2p: slip one stitch purlwise, knit next two stitches together, pass slipped stitch over
- K2tog: knit two stitches together

#### Instructions

Cast on 84 (90,96) stitches on 16" circular needle.

Being careful not to twist the stitches, join and place marker at the beginning of next row.

Row 1: purl.

Row 2: \*yo, k1, sk2p, k1, yo, k1\* (repeat around).

Row 3: knit.

Row 4: \*k1, yo, sk2p, yo, k2\* (repeat around).



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Row 5: Knit.

Repeat rows 2-5 two times.

Row 14: Knit.

Continue knitting all rounds until piece measures 5 (5, 5.5) inches from bottom.

Begin decreases:

1st decrease: \*K12 (13, 14), k2tog\* (repeat around). Knit next row.

2nd decrease: \*K11 (12, 13), k2tog\* (repeat around). Knit next row.

3rd decrease: \*K10 (11, 12), k2tog\* (repeat around). Knit next row.

4th decrease: \*K9 (10, 11), k2 tog\* (repeat around). Knit next row.

5th decrease: \*K8 (9, 10), k2tog\* (repeat around). Knit next row.

Divide stitches evenly between two circular needles or three DPNs.

6th decrease: \*K7 (8, 9), k2tog\* (repeat around).

Continue in this pattern, decreasing every row, until 12 stitches remain.

K2tog around so that 6 sts remain; then pull yarn through remaining stitches with a tapestry needle.

Pull end through to inside of hat, weave in, and trim.