



Vine Lace Hat

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Finished size (completely unstretched): 18" circumference, 8–8.5" crown to brim

Gauge: 4.5 stitches and 6 rows per inch in stockinette stitch in the round

Materials

Yarn: 100 yards worsted weight yarn. The sample was knit using Hobby Lobby, I Love This Cotton! 16" circular needle, US size 7 (4.5mm) or size needed to obtain gauge DPNs or 40" circular needle (for working Magic Loop), US size 7 (4.5mm) or size needed to obtain gauge, tapestry needle, stitch markers.

Abbreviations

YO=yarn over

K2tog=knit 2 together

SSK=slip, slip, knit

Knitting instructions

Using the 16" circular, cast on 81. Place a marker on your needle and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Work 4 rounds of garter stitch as follows:

Round 1: Knit all stitches

Round 2: Purl all stitches

Round 3: Knit all stitches

Round 4: Purl all stitches

Begin working lace pattern as follows:

(Note: When knitting lace, I often find it helpful to place a stitch marker at the end of each pattern repeat. I like to use a different color for my start-of-round marker.)

Round 1: Knit all stitches.

Round 2: * YO, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; repeat from *.

Round 3: Knit all stitches.

Round 4: * K1, yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo; repeat from *.

Repeat rounds 1–4 two more times (for a total of 12 rounds in lace pattern).

Next round: Knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog. (You'll be knitting a knit stitch together with a yo.) —80 stitches.

Work in stockinette stitch, knitting all the stitches on every round, until your hat measures 5.5–6 inches from the cast-on edge.

Crown

Work decreases as follows (switching to dpns or Magic Loop when your stitches no longer fit around your 16" circular needle):

Round 1: * K8, k2tog; repeat from *.—72 stitches

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Round 3: * K7, k2tog; repeat from *.—64 stitches

Round 4: Knit all stitches.

Round 5: * K6, k2tog; repeat from *.—56 stitches

Round 6: Knit all stitches.

Round 7: * K5, k2tog; repeat from *.—48 stitches

Round 8: Knit all stitches.

Round 9: * K4, k2tog; repeat from *.—40 stitches

Round 10: Knit all stitches.

Continue decreasing in this fashion until 8 sts remain. Break off your working yarn and thread it through the final 8 stitches to close the hole. Weave in ends and block.