Lace-Edged Women's Hat Knit Head Hugger

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This pattern can be esasily 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)
- 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

  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).
  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.