

July Hat of the Month
Basic Hat Pattern #18
Greater St. Louis Knitters' Guild Pattern Book

Materials: #8 16" circular needles; #8 double-pointed needles;
about 3 oz. worsted weight yarn; marker

YO = Yarn Over

SSK = slip two stitches knitwise, one at a time. Then knit them together by inserting the left needle into the fronts of the stitches. This decrease slants to the left and is interchangeable with slip 1, K1, pass slip stitch over (PSSO). However, because SSK is closest to K2tog in appearance, it is often used when the decreases will be visible.

With circular needles, cast on 84 stitches. Join. Place marker.

Work **ribbing pattern** of 2x1 (K2, P1) for 6 rounds.

Work **design pattern** (multiples of 3 stitches with a 4-round pattern) until total length is about 5-1/2".

Pattern: Rounds 1, 3, 4: *K2, P1, repeat from *
Round 2: *YO, SSK, P1, repeat from *

Work decrease section in design pattern or stockinette stitch.

Decrease for Crown:

Round 1: *K10, K2tog, repeat from *

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Knit

Round 3: *K9, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 5: *K8, K2tog, repeat from *

(You'll probably want to change to double-pointed needles here.)

Round 7: *K7, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 9: *K6, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 11: *K5, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 12: *K4, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 13: *K3, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 14: *K2, K2tog, repeat from *

Round 15: *K1, K2tog, repeat from *

Cut yarn, leaving long enough tail to run through remaining stitches.

