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O n bright, sunny days, I'm underdressed without a sunhat. I hadn't thought to knit one until I started thinking of designs for this book. Inspired by Annie Modesitt's knitted millinery, I decided to give it a go. I've always loved the simple organic spirals created by regular decreases on the crowns of hats and decided to play them up on this lovely, light sunhat. This sunhat provides just enough cover to keep the sun off your face, but never feels hot or heavy.

pattern notes

This pattern uses millinery wire to support the broad brim. You can find it online and in some craft stores. You can also substitute any other sturdy, rustproof wire.

directions

CO 192 (200) sts on circular needle. Join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

brim

Set-up Round: *K24 (25), place marker (pm), rep from * around, using contrasting marker last to indicate the end of round.

Round 1: *K to 3 sts before marker, yo, sk2p, slip marker (sm), rep from * around.

Round 2: Knit.

Rep these 2 rounds until 80 (88) sts rem. There will be 10 (11) sts between each set of markers.

SIZE
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To fit 20–22 (22–24)" circumference heads

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Outside circumference, stretched: 42 (44)"

Inside circumference, unstretched: 16 (17½)"

MATERIALS
- Berroco *Seduce* (47% rayon, 25% linen, 17% silk, 11% nylon; 100 yd. per 40g skein); color: 4448 Verdigris; 2 (2) skeins
- US 6 (4mm) circular needle, 16" length *(or size needed to match gauge)*
- US 6 (4mm) double-pointed needles
- Size G (4mm) crochet hook
- 50" length of 18-gauge millinery wire, or other similar wire

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- 1 package K1C2 Rainbow Elastic Thread (3mm Bulky; 25 yd. per package); color: 60
  (Use a color that matches or is slightly darker than your yarn.)
- 8 stitch markers, 1 contrasting
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

20 sts × 28 rows = 4" in St st

SKILLS USED

double-pointed needles, knitting in the round, decreasing, yarn overs, single crochet

body of hat

Round 1: *K8 (9), yo, skp, sm, rep from * around.

Round 2 and all even rounds: Knit.

Round 3: *K7 (8), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 5: *K6 (7), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 7: *K5 (6), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 9: *K4 (5), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 11: *K3 (4), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 13: *K2 (3), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 15: *K1 (2), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Round 17: *K0 (1), yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around

For larger size only:

Round 19: *Yo, skp, k to marker, sm, rep from * around.

Both sizes continue:

Next round: Knit.

Next round: *K to 1 st before marker, sl next st to right needle, remove marker, sl st back to left needle, replace marker, yo, skp, rep from * around. (The marker should sit between the yarn over and the decrease.)

Next round: Knit.

Next round: *K to 2 sts before marker, yo, skp, sm, rep from * around.

Next round: Knit.

crown

Switch to dpns to shape crown.

Round 1: *K to 3 sts before marker, yo, sk2p, sm, rep from * around.

Round 2: Knit.

Rep these 2 rounds until 16 sts rem.

Next round: *K2tog, rep from * around.

finishing

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Use a tapestry needle to thread yarn through rem sts. Pull to close. Bring yarn through all sts again and weave in the end to secure it.

Cut millinery wire to approximately 50". Form a circle with the wire, overlap the two ends by about 5", and hold in place with clothespins or a piece of tape.

Using crochet hook and yarn, single crochet in each st around the hat brim (single crochet twice in each eyelet), capturing the wire in the crochet casing. To do so, attach the yarn to the hat, then *insert the crochet hook from RS into 1 st on the edge of the brim, bring the hook *under* the wire, wrap the yarn around the hook and pull through, bring the yarn *over* the wire, wrap the yarn around the hook and pull through both loops. Rep from * until you have concealed all but 2" of wire. Adjust the size of the wire circle so the brim lies flat. Trim the ends of the wire, if necessary, and securely tape the over-lapped ends to secure. Continue crocheting to finish encasing the wire. Cut yarn end and pull through last loop to secure.

Weave in ends.

With a tapestry needle, on the WS of work, thread elastic through a row of sts at the base of the crown. Adjust to fit comfortably on the head. Run elastic through another row of sts, double-check the fit, and fasten off the ends of the elastic.