

# Windy Days Lace Hat

*My preferred haircut is a bob, which doesn't mix well with windy coastal weather. Too short to put in a ponytail, too long to stay out of my face . . . I needed something else to help me corral my hair. It had to be heavy enough to hold my hair down without giving me hat head or being too hot. This was the result.*



**Size:** Adult (one size fits all)

**Finished Measurements:**

Height: 7 ½"

Circumference: 18 ½"

**Materials:**

Handmaiden Sea Silk - 0.25 skeins\*

(2) Size US9 circular needles (any length)\*\*

(2) Size US10 circular needles (any length)\*\*

Tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 18 sts = 4" in K1P1 rib

\*Sea Silk is a fingering weight silk blend; I chose silk because its weight is what holds the hat (and hair) down, so take that into account when substituting yarn.

\*\*Instructions are written for knitting on 2 circular needles; one circular needle and double pointed needles (DPNs) can be substituted.

## Turkish Stitch variation

Turkish Stitch is a faggotting stitch, which I found in Barbara Walker's *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, p. 185. Because this variation is knit in the round, the right side does not have alternating knit and purl rows.

- K1, \*YO, K2tog, rep from \* to last st on needle, K1; repeat on second needle

## INSTRUCTIONS

- With smaller circular needle, CO 108 sts. Place half the stitches on the 2<sup>nd</sup> smaller circular needle; join in a round, being careful not to twist.
- Knit in K1P1 ribbing for 2".
- Shift to larger needles, and begin knitting in Turkish Stitch until hat measures 6" from cast on edge.

## Begin decreases.

- Row 1 – K1, \*(YO, K2tog) x4, K2tog, rep from \* to last 3 sts, YO, K2tog, K1; rep on second needle (98 sts, 49 each needle)
- Row 2 – K1, (YO, K2tog) x12, K1, K2tog, \*YO, K2tog, rep from \* to last st, K1; rep on second needle (96 sts, 48 each needle)



- Row 3 – K1, (YO, K2tog) x3, K2tog, \*(YO, K2tog) x2, K2tog, rep from \* to last 3 sts, YO, K2tog, K1; rep on second needle (82 sts, 41 each needle)
- Row 4 – K1, (YO, K2tog) x10, K1, K2tog, \*YO, K2tog, rep from \* to last st, K1; rep on second needle (80 sts, 40 each needle)



- Row 5 – K1, K2tog, [(YO, K2tog) x2, K2tog] x3, K2tog, YO, (K2tog) x2, \*(YO, K2tog) x2, K2tog, rep from \* to last st, K1; rep on second needle (64 sts, 32 each needle)
- Row 6 – K1, K2tog, \*YO, (K2tog) x2, rep from \* to last st, K1; rep on second needle (48 sts, 24 each needle)
- Row 7 – K1, \*K2tog, rep from \* to last st, K1; rep on second needle (26 sts, 13 each needle)
- Row 8 – K2tog all around, shifting stitches as needed (13 sts)
- Row 9 – K1, K2tog to end (7 sts)

Cut yarn, thread thru yarn needle and draw through remaining stitches. Remove circls and pull yarn tight, closing hole. Knot yarn and weave in ends.

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