**1898 HAT**
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Finished Size: 19” circumference x 8” deep

Using provisional cast on, CO 27 stitches, leaving a 20 inch tail. (If you prefer to seam instead of graft the ends together, use your preferred cast on, but leave the same length tail.)

Set up row (WS): Sl1, k11, pm, sl3 wyif, pm, k12.

Start back of headband:
- **Row A (RS)** = Sl1, k to marker, sl m, k3, sl m, k to end.
- **Row B** (all WS rows) = Sl1, k to marker, sl m, sl3 wyif, sl m, k to end.

Repeat Rows A & B 8 times (18 total rows incl. cast on and set up row).
Make right earflap:
Row C = Sl1, k until 1 st before marker, kfb, sl m, k3, sl m, kfb, k to end.
Repeat Rows C & B 9 times (45 st; 36 total rows).
Repeat Rows A & B 3 times (42 total rows).
Row D = Sl1, k until 2 st before marker, k2tog, sl m, k3, sl m, ssk, k to end.
Repeat Rows D & B 9 times (27 st; 60 total rows).

Make front of headband:
Repeat Rows A & B 24 times (108 total rows).

Make left earflap:
Repeat Rows C & B 9 times (45 st; 126 total rows).
Repeat Rows A & B 3 times (132 total rows).
Repeat Rows D & B 9 times (27 st; 150 total rows).

Finish back of headband:
Repeat Rows A & B 9 times (168 total rows).

Do not cut working yarn. Graft or seam two ends together using tail. Weave in tail.

Fold headband in half along slipped stitch ridge in middle of headband. Pick up stitches from the front and back of the band simultaneously to attach front and back together. Starting from the side facing you, slide the circular needle (or a crochet hook) through one “bar” on the side of the front band then the matching “bar” of the back band; pick up the working yarn and bring it back through both bars. One stitch will now connect the front and back bands together; place on right hand needle. Continue along the circle formed by the band until 84 stitches are picked up.

PM to indicate beginning of round (at back seam).

Knit in the round until hat measures 5 inches from bottom edge (non-earflap) of hat. (See schematic at right.)

Start decreases.

*Knit 10 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (77 st). Knit 2 rounds.
*Knit 9 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (70 st). Knit 2 rounds.

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PATTERN NOTES

The construction of this hat was inspired by one pictured in a magazine published around 1910. Knitting the headband side to side provides a double layer of garter stitch to keep the ears warm, and allows for easy shaping of the earflaps. The edges of the headband are folded together along a slipped stitch seam, and picked up together to finish in the round. The hat has plenty of depth so it can be pulled low on the forehead, and the earflaps will naturally cup around the ears to keep them warm.

Stitches are always slipped purlwise. For the first stitch on each row of the headband, hold the yarn in back; for the middle three, hold the yarn in the front.

Counting the number of rows is easy in garter stitch! Every bumpy (purl side) row on the right side marks two rows of garter stitch.

pm = place marker
sl m = slip marker
wyif = with yarn held in front of work
sl x = slip specified number of stitches purlwise
kfb= knit into the front and back of the same stitch to make two stitches (increase)
k2tog = knit two together (decrease)
ssk = slip first and second st purlwise, then insert needle into front of two st and knit together (decrease)
*Knit 8 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (63 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 7 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (56 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 6 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (49 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 5 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (42 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 4 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (35 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 3 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (28 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 2 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (21 st). Knit 1 round.
*Knit 1 k2tog* repeat from * to end of round (14 st). K2tog 7 times (7 st).

Cut yarn, leaving a 6 inch tail. Using needle, thread tail through 7 remaining stitches. Pull tight, and bring the needle down through the center. Use needle to weave in end on the wrong side. Do not block.