LONGITUDE

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Pattern #55717

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

22” circumference x 6” deep

YARN

Knit Picks The Big Cozy (55% Superfine Alpaca, 45% Peruvian Highland Wool; 44 yards/100g): Finnley Heather 26488, 2 balls.

HOOKS

US Q/19 (15mm), or size to obtain gauge

NOTIONS

Yarn Needle

GAUGE

6 sts and 8 rows = 4” in pattern.

Longitude

Notes: When working in rounds, work first stitch in same stitch as join. Join means connect last stitch in round to first stitch using a slip stitch. All stitches are worked in the back loop except for the set-up rounds of the brim and top of crown. Stretch is vertical and horizontal, but more horizontal so consider fit preference – snug vs. loose. A 17" fabric may fit up to 20" head circumference..

sc2tog (Single crochet two together)
Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook —1 stitch decreased

DIRECTIONS

Ch 11.
Row 1: Working in BLO (bump of chain), SC in the second ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. (10 sc)
Row 2 (WS): Ch 1, Sl St in BLO of each sc across row, turn. (10 sl st)
Row 3 (RS): SC in BLO of each sl st across row, turn. (10 sc)
Rep Rows 2-3 for desired fit.
For adult size, work a total of 44 rows for about 22"

Place RS together, matching up stitches, and with WS facing, sl st through strands that are touching, one from each stitch along. Do not fasten off. Turn work right side out.

Brim

Rnd 1: Working along row edges, SC in each row around, join.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, working in BLO, SC in each sc around, join.
Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Top

Attach yarn to top edge at seam.
Rnd 1: Working in row edges, *SC in the next 3 sts, SC2tog; rep from * to end of rnd, join. Work in BLO for remaining rounds.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, SC in the next 2 sc, SC2tog; rep from * around to end of rnd, join.
Rnd 3: Ch 1, *SC in the next sc, SC2tog; rep from * around to end of rnd, join.
Rnd 4: Ch 1, (SC2tog) 2 times, SC in the next sc; rep from * around, ending with SC in last 2 sts, join.
Rnd 5: *SC2tog; rep from * around to end of rnd, join.
Rnd 6: *SC2tog; rep from * around to end of rnd, join..
Leaving a 24" length of yarn for weaving, fasten off. Weave stitches together and use length to fill gaps from decreases

Finishing

Weave in any remaining ends, wash and block..



About the Designer

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Abbreviations

BLO	Back Loop Only
Ch	chain
RS	right side
SC	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet two together:
Sl st	slip stitch
St(s)	turning chain
WS	wrong side