Rhinebeck or Bust Hat

The question was innocent enough: "What's everyone knitting for Rhinebeck?" Knitting? For Rhinebeck? Of course—why did I think of that? It's a fiber festival, after all. But what to knit, especially for an outdoor festival in the northeast in mid-October, when temperatures can range from the 30s to the 80s…sometimes all in the same day?

Size: Adult*
Finished Measurements:*
    Height: 9"
    Circumference: 22"
Materials:
    Three Irish Girls Carys BFL –
      120 yds
    Size US9 circular needle
    Tapestry needle
Gauge: 16 sts = 4" in garter stitch

*This hat can easily be resized by adding or removing an even number of stitches from the cast on, or by adding or removing one or more lace pattern repeats. As the pattern is written, the hat has a slightly slouchy look.

Open Honeycomb Stitch
(Modified from Barbara Walker's *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, p. 152)

Round 1 (RS) – Purl
Round 2 – Knit
Round 3 – *YO, k2tog tbl, rep from * to end of round
Round 4 – Knit

Instructions

Cast on 88 stitches. Place marker (PM) and join in a round, being careful not to twist.

Knit in garter stitch for 2", ending with a knit row.

Begin Open Honeycomb Stitch pattern; knit in pattern until hat is 5 ½".

Begin decreases

Round 1 and all odd rounds – Purl
Round 2 – *k9, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (80 sts)
Round 4 – *k8, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (72 sts)
Round 6 – *k7, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (64 sts)
Round 8 – *k6, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (56 sts)
Round 10 – *k5, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (48 sts)
Round 12 – *k4, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (40 sts)
Round 14 – *k3, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (32 sts)
Round 16 – *k2, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (24 sts)
Round 18 – *k1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round (16 sts)
Round 20 – *k2tog all around (8 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving several inches. Using a tapestry needle, thread the yarn through the sts remaining on the needles. Remove the circular needle, pull the yarn tight, and knot off. Weave in ends.