The Bob Hat
pattern by Yarn-Dar

Hat is knit from the bottom up.

Sizes
Small (18-19" head), Medium (20-21" head),
and large (22-23" head)
Small size is given first, with larger sizes in parenthesis

Supplies
Size 7 and size 9 double pointed needles (or circular)

Size 7 straight needles
120 (130, 150) yds light worsted weight yarn in color 1
80 (95, 100) yds light worsted weight yarn in color 2
Please note: Hat is knit with yarn held double through-out

Gauge
16 sts, 24 rows = 4 inches in stockinette using larger needles

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Ribbing
With size 7 needles and color 1, CO 43 (48, 48) stitches.
Working back and forth on these stitches:
Row 1: *K3, p2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 2 and all even rows: *P3, K2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, P3.
Row 3: *K1, P1, K1, P2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, K1, P1, K1.
Row 4: Repeat row 2.
Repeat rows 3 and 4 four more times, then repeat row 3 once more. You will end on a wrong side row.

Using knitted cast on, CO 27 (27, 32) stitches to the live end of the ribbing.
At this point, you will need to transfer all stitches to smaller double pointed needles to join in the round (see instructions below).

Join to work in the round (70, 75, 80 sts total). To help avoid the gap at the join, pass the first stitch on the left needle to the right needle, then take the live stitch (this will now be the 2nd stitch on the right needle) and bring it over the first stitch (the one you just slipped) and over to the left needle. Be careful not to twist your knitting. You should now have the right side (k3, p2) facing outwards. Place marker here for start of the round (this will be off-set from your yarn end).

Round 1: *k3, p2; repeat from * around.
Round 2: *k1, p1, k1, p2; repeat from * around.
Repeat these 2 rounds 2 more times.

Change to stockinette (knit every row) and larger needles, distributing stitches evenly.
For small size only : k2tog, k13, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k20, k2tog, k19 (66 sts).
For medium size only: k2tog, k27, k2tog, k21, k2tog, k21 (72 sts).

Work in stockinette until hat measures 2.75 (3, 3.25) inches from the top of the ribbing (you will measure only the stockinette portion).

Join the 2nd color.

Round 1: *k1, slip 1; repeat from * around.
Work 5 (6, 6) more rounds in stockinette.

Decrease Rounds

For Small hat only:
Round 1: *k2tog, k4 ; repeat from * around (55 sts).
Rounds 2-5: knit around.
Round 6: *k2tog, k3; repeat from * around (44 sts).
Rounds 7-9: knit around.
Round 10: *k2tog, k2; repeat from * around (33 sts).
Rounds 11-12: knit around.
Round 13: *k2tog, k1; repeat from * around (22 sts).
Round 14: *k2tog; repeat from * around (11 sts).

For Medium hat only:
Round 1: *k2tog, k7; repeat from * around (64 sts).
Rounds 2-4: knit around.
Round 5: *k2tog, k6; repeat from * around (56 sts).
Rounds 6-8: knit around.
Round 9: *k2tog, k5; repeat from * around (48 sts).
Rounds 10-11: knit around.
Round 12: *k2tog, k4; repeat from * around (40 sts).
Rounds 13: knit around.
Round 14: *k2tog, k3; repeat from * around (32 sts).
Rounds 15: knit around.
Round 16: *k2tog, k2; repeat from * around (24 sts).
Rounds 17: knit around.
Round 18: *k2tog, k1; repeat from * around (16 sts).
Round 19: *k2tog; repeat from * around (8ts).

For Large hat only:
Round 1: *k2tog, k8 ; repeat from * around (72 sts).
Rounds 2-4: knit around.
Round 5: *k2tog, k7; repeat from * around (64 sts).
Rounds 6-8: knit around.
Round 9: *k2tog, k6; repeat from * around (56 sts).
Rounds 10-11: knit around.
Round 12: k2tog, k5; repeat from around (48 sts).
Rounds 13-14: knit around.
Round 15: k2tog, k4; repeat from around (40 sts).
Rounds 16: knit around.
Round 17: k2tog, k3; repeat from around (32 sts).
Round 18: knit around.
Round 19: k2tog, k2; repeat from around (24 sts).
Round 20: k2tog, k1; repeat from around (16 sts).
Round 21: k2tog; repeat from around (8 sts).

For all sizes:
Cut yarn leaving a couple inches for the tail. Weave ends through loops on needles as you pull each stitch off the needles, pull tight.
Weave in loose ends.