Gentleman's Fancy Hat

The offset rib pattern is based on a sock from Weldon's Volume 16, published in 1901.

Materials required:

Approximately 110 m bulky yarn (5). Sample was worked in Bernat Alpaca Natural Blends,
100g/110 m, 1 skein.
6.0 mm circular needle (40 cm) and set of 6.0 mm double-pointed needles
tapestry needle
stitch marker

Size:

Men's large. This is a very stretchy hat which will fit a 24 in head quite comfortably with room to
spare. At this length, the brim can be folded for a double thickness over the ears. Because of the
ribbing, it will also fit a size down (22 in).

Abbreviations:

SSK: slip one stitch knitwise, slip the next stitch knitwise, replace both stitches on the left
             needle then knit together through the back loops (decrease)
K2tog: knit two stitches together (decrease)

Directions:

Cast on 80 stitches and join for working in the round. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Work in K2 P2 ribbing until your work measures 2 in from cast-on edge.

Pattern:

Rounds 1 & 2:	Knit (stockinette stitch)
Rounds 3 – 8:	P2 K2 ribbing (6 rows)
Rounds 9 & 10:	Knit (stockinette stitch)
Rounds 11 – 16:	K2 P2 ribbing (6 rows)

Work in pattern stitch until your work measures 7.5 in from cast-on edge. Finish on a round 2 or a round 10. If you finish on a round 2, move the marker back one stitch. If you finish on a round 10, move the marker forward one stitch on the last stockinette round. The marker should fall between the two purl stitches of the previous group of ribbing.

Decrease rounds:

Round 1:	* SSK P1 K2 P1 K2tog; repeat from * to end of round
Rounds 2 – 6:	K1 P1 * K2 P1; repeat from * to end of round, ending on K1
Round 7:	* SSK K2 K2tog; repeat from * to end of round
Round 8:	Knit
Round 9:	*SSK K2tog; repeat from * to end of round
Round 10:	Knit
Round 11:	K2tog around (10 sts remain)
Round 12:	Knit
Round 13:	K2tog around (5 sts remain)

During the decrease rounds, switch to double-pointed needles when your stitches no longer fit comfortably on the circular needle. After round 13, break yarn, leaving an 8 in tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and pull tight. Secure tail and sew in ends.