Crochet Honeycomb Hat

This textured hat's shaping ensures that it drapes, but won't droop; it complements almost any face shape. The ribbing is worked flat, then joined for working the body of the hat in the round.

Materials:

* One skein, plus a little extra, of worsted-weight yarn. (The example was created using Lion Brand Wool-Ease.)
* Size "H" crochet hook
* Yarn needle

Exact gauge is not important for this project.

Ribbing:

Foundation Row: Chain 13. Sc in 2nd chain from hook. Work one sc in each chain: 12 sc. Turn.

Row 1: Work 1 sc in the back loop of each sc. Turn.

Repeat Row 1 until the ribbing is between 18 and 20 inches long. Wrap the strip of ribbing around your head periodically to check the size; once the ends come together (with the ribbing stretched, but not excessively distorted), it's time to join and work in the round.

Join:
Overlap the ends of the ribbing, being careful not to twist. Slip stitch the ends of the ribbing together (creating one extra "rib" at the join).

Body:

Round 1: Ch1, then work 2 sc in each rib, all the way around. There's a small "space" at the edge of each rib (created when you turned your work after each row) that's convenient to work into, but exact placement isn't critical as long as you're consistent. Join the last sc of the round to the original ch1 with a sl st.

Round 2: Ch3. (Skip 1 sc, then dc into the next sc. Ch1, then dc into the same sc.) This is a variation on the "V" stitch. Repeat the pattern in parentheses, all the way around the hat, until you reach the original ch3. (You might not have to skip any sc once you reach the turning chain; that's no problem.) Dc underneath the base of the original ch3. Ch1, then complete the round with a sl st around the ch3.

Round 3 (Working Even): Ch3. (Dc under the ch1 in the "V" stitch from the previous row; ch1, then dc in the same space.) Repeat the pattern in parentheses all the way around. Once you reach the original ch3, dc underneath the base of the ch3, ch1, then complete the round with a sl st around the ch3.

 Rounds 4 and 5: Repeat Round 3 two more times.

Round 6 (Decrease Round): Ch3. (V-stitch under the ch1 of the previous row's V-stitch. Skip 1 V-stitch from the previous row, then V-stitch under the "gap" or "space" after that V-stitch. Skip the next V-stitch from the previous row and V-stitch under the next gap instead, then V-stitch under the second V-stitch from the hook.) Repeat the pattern in parentheses all the way around the hat. When you reach the original ch3 dc under the base of the ch3, ch1, then complete the round with a sl st around the ch3.

 Rounds 7 - 11: Repeat Round 3 (working even) five times.

 Rounds 12 - 14: Repeat Round 6 (decrease round) three times.

Round 15: Ch3. (Skip 1 V-stitch and the "gap" between V-stitches in the previous row, then V-stitch under the ch1 of the previous row's V-stitch. Skip the next gap and the next V-stitch, then V-stitch under the following gap.) Repeat the pattern in the parentheses all the way around the hat. Complete the round by working a dc under the base of the original ch3, ch1, then sl st around the ch3.

Round 16: Repeat Round 15.

Round 17: Ch1; work 1 sc under the ch1 for each V-stitch. At the end of the round, join to the ch1 with a slip stitch.

 Rounds 18 and onward: Do not chain any stitches to begin this round. Instead, (work 1 sc in each of next 4 scs, skip 1 sc). Repeat the pattern, working in a continuous inward spiral, until you have 15 or fewer stitches.
Crown: Cut the yarn, leaving at least a 16-inch tail, and pull it through the last loop from the hook. Using the yarn needle weave the yarn in and out through the remaining stitches, then draw them together to close the top of the hat. If the hole doesn't close completely, weave the yarn in and out through the stitches and gather them together again, repeating as needed until the top of the hat is neatly closed.

Finishing: Use the yarn needle to weave in any loose ends, then clip any remaining excess yarn.