

Ellie Headband

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Ellie makes every day a good hair day! Warm, comfortable, and right on trend, this headband is the key to effortless style. The pattern is worked flat in a long strip then twisted into shape and sewn into place creating a perfect fit for the wearer. The back band is thinner than the front making it easy to wear under a ponytail or over your hair without too much bulk. All the girls in your family will want one! This pattern is offered in four sizes from toddler to large adult.

Sizing

Finished Head Circumference (measure from base of skull, over ears and forehead at hairline): 18 (20, 22, 24)" / 46 [51, 56, 61] cm

Yarn

#2 sport weight yarn

Shown Here: Yarn Bee Lace (80% Acrylic, 10% Mohair, 10% Wool; 456 yd [417 m] /85g): #20 Vintage Rose, 1 (1, 1, 1) skein.

Hook

Size G (4.0 mm)

Gauge

17 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] worked in single crochet and half double crochet rows

Notions

- Yarn needle
- 2 locking stitch markers or safety pins

Abbreviations

": inches

ch: chain

cm: centimeters

etc: extended turning chain

f hdc: foundation half double crochet

g: grams

hdc: half double crochet

m: meters

mm: millimeters

oz: ounces

sc: single crochet

st(s): stitch(es)

yd: yards

Special Stitches

Extended turning chain (etc): Instead of the conventional 2-ch turning chain used with hdc, I like to make 1 long chain that reaches the height of the hdc you are about to work. Using this method, you will turn your work to begin a new row and then simply pull up a longer loop than normal - pull up the loop to reach as high as the stitch you are about to work. **Do not yo & pull through**, you aren't making a complete chain. Just work your hdc into the last st of the previous row, there is no need to skip any stitches at the edge of your work when you use this method.

Foundation Half Double Crochet (f hdc): Ch 1, ETC, yarn over, insert hook in chain, yarn over and pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 1 loop (1 chain made), yarn over and draw through all loops on hook—1 foundation half double crochet. *Yarn over, insert hook under the 2 loops of the "chain" stitch of last stitch and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through 1 loop, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook; repeat from * for length of foundation.

Pattern Stitch: single crochet and half double crochet rows

Foundation Row: Make an odd number of f hdc, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Etc, hdc in each st across, turn.

Rep Rows 2-3 for pattern.

Pattern Notes

- Choose the size closest to the wearer's head measurement and create a custom fit during finishing.

Instructions

Make Headband

Foundation Row: Make 149 (159, 169, 179 fhdc), turn.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 2: ETC, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rep Rows 2-3 5 (7, 7, 7) times more.

Fasten off. Break yarn leaving 10" [25 cm] tail for seaming.

Join yarn at foundation edge.

Edge Row: Ch 1, sc in base of each fhdc across.

Fasten off. Break yarn leaving 10" [25 cm] tail for seaming.

Finishing

Step 1: Create the Twist

Hold the strip behind your head with right side facing your head and the center positioned at the base of your skull; the ends should come forward over the ears with even lengths on both sides.

Bring the ends forward so they cross one another and twist counter-clockwise. Switch hands so that your right hand now holds the left end, and your left hand holds the right end. Hold in position with stitch locking stitch markers.

Complete the twist by attaching the each end to the ear area (I like to stretch mine so that the double thickness will cover my ears) with stitch markers or safety pins. You have marked the perfect place to seam the ends to the band.

Step 2: Sew the Ends

Whipstitch each short end to the headband. Don't stitch all the way through the headband, you don't want the stitches to show on the other side. Once you've stitched both ends down securely, weave in any yarn ends and turn the headband right side out.

Step 3: Finishing Details

Weave in yarn ends. Steam lightly to set stitches.