

Perfectly Pink Headband

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Skill Level: Easy

Size: To fit head circumference 20 (22, 24)", teen/adult S (adult M, adult L); Shown in size 22"

Gauge: 13.5 sts and 12 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Woven Post Stitch pattern after steam blocking

Materials

Yarn: *Hobby Lobby I Love This Cotton! Solids* (100% cotton; 180 yards [165 meters]/100 grams): #312 Hot Orchid (1 skein)

Hook: US size 7 (4.5 mm) hook

Notions: Tapestry needle

Special Stitches

Foundation half-double crochet (Fhdc): Ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in 3rd chain from hook, 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.

Front post half-double crochet (Fpdc): Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to

front around post of corresponding stitch below, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

Back post half-double crochet (BPhdc): Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around post of corresponding stitch below, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Extended turning chain (ETC): At the beginning of a row, pull up a chain to the height of the stitch you are about to work and work the first stitch *without yarning over or pulling through to create a turning chain*. Using this long loop as a turning chain creates a slim, tidy edge to the fabric and helps you seam neatly.

Pattern Notes

This pattern is worked flat from the bottom up and seamed with slip stitches.

Pattern

Foundation Row: Fhdc 66 (72, 78), turn.

Row 1 (RS): ETC, *4 FPhdc, 7 (8, 9) hdc; rep from * across, turn.

Row 2 (WS): ETC, *7 (8, 9) hdc, 4 BPhdc; rep from * across, turn.

Rep Rows 1-2 once more.

Row 5: ETC, *4 FPhdc, 18 (20, 22) BPhdc; rep from * across.

Row 6: ETC, *18 (20, 22) FPhdc, 4 BPhdc; rep from * across.

Rep Rows 5-6 once more.

Rows 9-12: Rep Rows 1-2 twice more. Do not fasten off.

Turn piece so RS are facing each other. Sl st a seam along short sides of fabric strip to close the headband.

Fasten off. Break yarn leaving a 6" tail.

Finishing

Weave in yarn ends. Steam lightly to set and refine the stitches.



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