



Bijou Headband

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Finished Measurements

18 (20, 22)" [46 (51, 56) cm] circumference by 4" [10 cm] wide

For best fit, choose size that measures 1 – 2" [2.5 – 5 cm] smaller than head circumference

Materials

- 110 (120, 135) yards [100 (110, 125) m] of worsted weight yarn
- US H [5.0mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn Needle
- Removable Stitch Markers (optional)

Yarn Used in Headbands Shown

- Top: Lion Brand Wool-Ease, 80% Acrylic/20% Wool; 197 yds [180 m]; 3 oz [85g], in the color Natural Heather #98, 1 skein
- Middle: Knit Picks Chroma, 70% Superwash Wool/30% Nylon; 198 yds [181 m]; 3.5 oz [100 g], in the color Seashorse, 1 ball
- Bottom: Combination of 7 different colors of worsted weight scrap yarn

Gauge

16 sts and 13 rows = 4" [10 cm] wide by 2.75" [7 cm] tall in yarn-over slip stitch through back loop only (yoslst blo) stitch pattern, worked in turned rows, blocked.

Note: Gauge is given for 13 rows, because that is the maximum number of rows needed in this project.

Yarn-Over Slip Stitch Gauge Swatch (worked flat):

Ch 17.

Row 1: Beginning with the second ch from hook, and working into the bottom of the chain, yoslst in each st across, turn. 16 sts.

Rows 2 – 13: Ch 1 (turning ch does not count as a stitch), yoslst blo in each st across, turn.

Notes

Worked predominantly in a variation of the slip stitch, this headband is squishy and stretchy- the perfect fabric to hug your head! A row of puff stitches decorates each edge, reminiscent of a line of beads. This is a great project for using up scrap yarn in stripes, but also works very well with an ombre yarn and equally well in a solid color.

The Bijou Headband is worked back and forth in turned rows to form a long rectangle. The short ends are folded around each other and seamed together to form the “twist”.

Abbreviations

blo: back loop only

ch(s): chain(s)

SC: single crochet

RS: Right side

st(s): stitch(es)

yo: yarn over

yoslst: yarn over slip stitch (see Special Stitches)

WS: Wrong side

3-yo puff st: 3-Yarn-over Puff stitch (see Special Stitches)

Working into the bottom of the chain:

This is also known as the back, backside, or bottom ridge loop of a chain stitch. This is the part of the chain stitch that is opposite of the two loops (the ones that form the “v”) that you would normally insert your hook under. In other words, if you turn the chain upside down, so that you are looking at the bottom of it, you will see a line of dashes. It is under each dash, that you would insert your hook if you were instructed to crochet into the bottom of each chain stitch.

Special Stitches

Yarn-over slip stitch (yoslst): Yo, insert hook into stitch, yo and pull up loop, continue to pull loop through both (all) loops on hook

Yarn-over slip stitch through back loop only (yoslst blo): stitch worked same as above but worked only through the back loop of stitch (not under both loops as normal)

3-Yarn-over Puff stitch (3-yo puff st):

[Yo, insert hook into indicated space and pull up loop] 3 times, yo and pull through all loops to complete st



Instructions

Ch 82 (90, 98).

Row 1 (WS): Beginning with the second ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, yo slst across, turn. 81 (89, 97) sts.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1 (turning ch does not count as a st here and throughout), SC in first st, [3-yo puff st in next st, ch 1, skip 1] 39 (43, 47) times, 3-yo puff st in next st, sc in last st, turn.

Rows 3 – 15: Ch 1, yostst blo in each st across.

Row 16 (RS): Rep Row 2.

Row 17 (WS): Rep Row 3. Fasten off leaving long tail.

Rectangle measures 20 (22, 24)" [51 (56, 61) cm] long by approximately 4" [10 cm] wide.

Note: Seaming the headband will deduct about 2" [5 cm] from its length

Finishing

Weave in all ends except for long ending tail. Wash and block to measurements if necessary.

Sew short ends together to form the twist as shown:

With RS facing, bend strip in "u" shape (fig 1). Overlap the right-side end over the left so that the left end is half-covered by the right end (fig 2). Fold left side over at halfway point (fig 3), then fold right side over at halfway point (fig 4). Whip stitch along edge catching all layers (fig 5 shows all layers before seaming). Turn so that seam faces WS. Block.



fig 1



fig 2



fig 3



fig 4



fig 5

My Notes

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