



Alicia, who happens to be a consummate story-teller, came to class wanting a pattern for a winter headband and this is what we designed. The headband is a quick-knit and a great gift for that last minute thing you need to whip up. It takes just a small amount of yarn and even the closure is a fleurette which can be knit in a contrasting (or multiple colors) color of yarn. There are four sizes for this headband (child, through large cranium) to meet any need on your list. What I like about this headband is it will keep my ears warm and not mash my hair into total flatness. Have fun with this!

Materials: US8 needles (straight or circular), 75-100 yards of worsted weight wool
Gauge: 18 stitches and 24 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

Directions: Cast on 8 stitches and work one row in (K1,P1) rib.
INCREASE SECTION -- This is done with an eight row repeat that maintains the K1,P1 rib at all times:

Row 1: (K1, P1) X (2,3,4,5,6,7,8 -- these eight rows will be worked seven times, each time you will work one more K1P1 pair as these numbers indicate), M1 (by backwards loop cast-on method onto the RH ndl), (K1,P1) to end of row.

Row 2: work in (K1,P1) rib to the M1 from the previous row, Kfb in that M1, work in (K1,P1) rib to end of row.

Row 3: *(K1, P1); repeat from * to end of row.

Row 4: *(K1, P1); repeat from * to end of row.

Row 5: (K1, P1) X (2,3,4,5,6,7,8 -- similar to row one, each of these numbers indicates the number of K1P1 pairs to work; these eight rows will be worked seven times and each time you will work one more K1P1 pair), K1, M1 as above, *(P1, K1); repeat from * to last stitch, P1.

Row 6: *(K1, P1); repeat from * to one stitch before the M1 completed in the previous row, K1, (P1, K1) into the M1, *(P1, K1); repeat from * to the last stitch, P1.

Row 7: *(K1, P1); repeat from * to end of row.

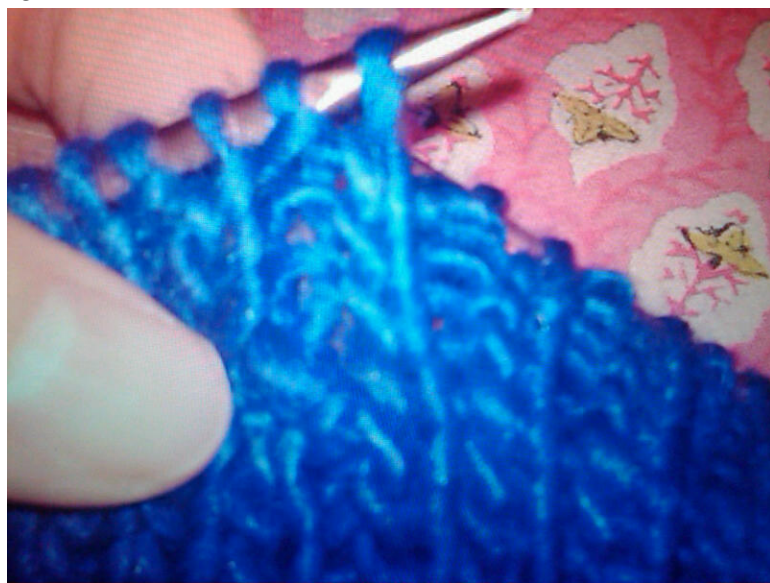
Row 8: *(K1, P1); repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat rows one through eight until you have a total of 34 stitches.

NEXT SECTION: Work even in K1,P1 rib (also known as 1x1 rib) over the 34 stitches for 1 inch (6 rows; this will give you an 18" length headband), 2 inches (12 rows; 20" headband), 4 inches (24 rows; 22" headband), 6 inches (36 rows; 24" headband).

DECREASE SECTION: this section utilizes one of two double decreases so again, the headband will always remain in a strict K1, P1 rib. Repeat these eight rows until only eight stitches remain.

Row 1: (K1,P1) X 8 (after first time repeat to one stitch before the center stitch of the last decrease), slip 1-K2tog-pass slipped st over the K2tog, work in pattern to end of row.



Row 2: *(K1,P1); repeat from * to end of row.

Row 3: see row 2.

Row 4: see row 2.

Row 5: (K1,P1) X 7 (or to two stitches before center stitch of last decrease), K1, slip one stitch-P2together-PSSO, work in pattern to end of row.

Row 6: *(K1,P1); repeat from * to end of row.

Row 7: see row 6.

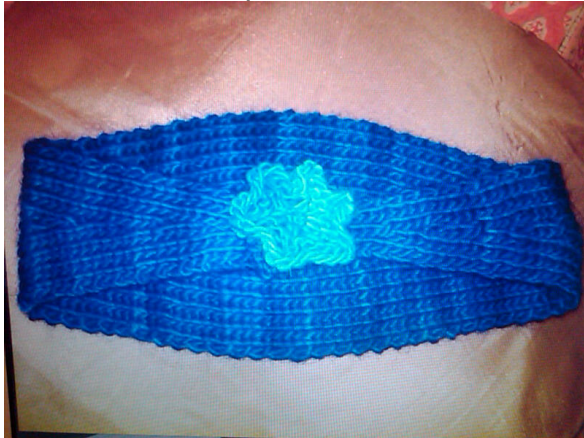
Row 8: see row 6.

Repeat Decrease Rows 1 - 8 until eight stitches remain.

MAKE BUTTONHOLE ROW 1: K1, P1, SSK, YO x 2, SSK, K1, P1.

MAKE BUTTONHOLE ROW 2: K1, P1, K1, P1 in the first loop of the double yarnover, K1 in the second loop of the double yarnover, P1, K1, P1.

Work six rows in pattern and then bind off in pattern. Bury ends.



FLEURETTE: Cast on 36 stitches and knit two rows. Next: *(K3, starting with second stitch just knit, bind off four stitches) X 6. Break yarn and thread through remaining live stitches two times. Use ends to sew the two end petals together and then to anchor flower to the headband. Bury ends in the flower for a neat professional look. It looks nice to sew a button or a bead in the center of the fleurette. Or, you can create a smaller fleurette by omitting the two knit rows after the cast on. This fleurette will fit through the buttonhole and hold the headband in place (really, I even tried this on my husband's big head and it even stay put there).

You can also make flowers to put on the center top of the headband as decoration. Use your imagination and have fun with this. Take care and happy knitting! xox
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