

Cuddly Animal Headband

Yarn: Soft worsted weight
Shown in Painted Mist

Needle: Sizes 6 & 7, 16" circ
Size 8 for ears

Tapestry Needle

Gauge: 4 1/2 sts/inch on size 7



Using size 6 needle, CO 84** sts loosely. Place marker for beginning of round. Join being careful not to twist.

Work k1, p1 ribbing for 4 rounds.

Change to size 7 needle, knit even for 2 1/2".

Change to size 6 needle, (k1, p1) ribbing for 4 rounds.

Purl 1 round.

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Fold headband in half, wrong sides together, and bind off LOOSELY as you join edges together as follows:

Pick up the first cast on stitch with right needle tip, slip stitch to left needle, k2tog (knitting together the slipped stitch and the first stitch on left needle). *Pick up next cast on stitch and slip to left needle, k2tog, pass previous stitch over last stitch worked to bind off. Repeat from * around until all stitches are bound off, WORKING AT A VERY LOOSE TENSION. Weave in loose ends.

**To adjust size of headband, cast on more or less sts. See picture of headband to add animal character to headband as follows:

Ears

Holding a double strand of yarn, pick up and knit 11 sts along edge of headband.

Knit 10 rows (5 ridges).

Decrease row: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Knit 1 row.

Repeat these 2 rows, 2 more times. (5 sts)

Decrease row: K1, CDD (Slip 1 st, k2tog, pssso), k1.

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Pull yarn through last stitch, weave in end.

With 3" between ears, repeat for second ear.

Take a small tuck with yarn at back base of each ear to make ear stand up.

Whiskers - Satin Stitch 4 strands of yarn, 1 1/2" from bottom edge and center of ears, leaving tails of yarn for whiskers.

Eyes - Use darker strand of yarn to satin stitch eyes.