

Anthro-tastic Headband

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Okay – so there is a headband/ear-warmer that is really cute, but it retails at a price that is way out of my budget at almost \$100. If you are in the same budget category as me, let's knit one instead!



Size: 4.5"/11.5 cm wide and 17 (19, 21)"/43 (48.5, 53.5) cm long, to fit 18 (20, 22)"/46 (51, 56) cm head circumference.

Materials:

Loops & Thread Cozy Wool (50% Wool/50% Acrylic) – 90 yds/80m per 4.5 oz/127g skein – Super Bulky Yarn
1 skein (the larger sizes uses approx. 52 yds/48 m)
1 set of US # 13 (9 mm) needles
Spare DPN or large cable needle or spare circular needle
Tapestry Needle

Gauge: 9 sts & 12 rows= 4 inches in stockinette stitch

Gauge is not critically important, if you work the cowl in a less bulky yarn, it will not be as wide. Just work additional rows to get the necessary length.

Abbreviations:

st/sts	stitch/stitches
CO	cast on
WS	wrong-side row
RS	right-side row
K	knit
P	purl

Pattern Notes:

In the pattern directions, sts from the provisional cast-on and the last row worked are grafted together.

(You can find multiple tutorials on the internet.)

Alternatively, you can work a regular cast-on and bind-off in pattern in the last row and then seam the headband together using a mattress stitch.

I found that using a thicker sized DPN, like a size U.S. 9 (5.5 mm) worked better than using a cable needle, for the cross over cable at the center of the headband. You could also use a circular needle.

In the cable row, the 2x2 rib pattern is “disrupted” because there will be 4 K sts in the center. But in the following WS the 2x2 rib pattern will be re-established. This means that the first half of the row, the K & P sts match up with the K & P sts from the previous rows. BUT, in the second half of the row, the sts won't match up from the previous rows. This is not an error. The changes will not be visible from the RS of the fabric. Just work a few more rows and you will see.

Directions:

CO 16 sts, using provisional cast-On Method.

R1 (RS): P1, *K2, P2* - rep to last 3 sts, K3.

R2 (WS): P3, *K2, P2* - rep to last st, K1.

Repeat **R1 & R2** until piece measures 8 (9, 10)"/20.5 (23, 25.5) cm, ending with a WS row.

Next R (RS): P1, slip next 6 sts onto DPN, hold in front, work next 8 sts from working needle, P2, K2, P2, K2 work next 6 sts from DPN, K2, P2, K2, work 1 remaining st from working needle K1.

Next R (WS): P3, *K2, P2* - rep to last st, K1.

Repeat **R1 & R2** until piece measures 17 (19, 21)"/43 (48.5, 53.5) cm long. Break yarn, leaving a 20"/50 cm yarn tail.

Finishing:

Place provisionally cast on sts, onto the second knitting needle. With WS held together, hold the two needles parallel in left hand.

Thread the 20"/50 cm tail into tapestry needle and graft the sts from front and back needle.

Weave in ends, block lightly, ENJOY! :)