

CRAZY BEADED HEADBAND

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Let yourself go and use a mixture of beads to decorate this easy-to-knit headband. Knit in elasticized cotton, this accessory is not only fun to wear but is comfortable as well.



Size

Adult Medium to fit 20 – 22" head circumference (19" finished circumference)

Materials

50 yds Sport weight yarn. Blue & Purple sample knit in Cascade Fixation yarn (98.3% cotton / 1.7% elastic)
½ skein, Green sample knit in Orlon handspun

US size 3 (3.25mm) needles

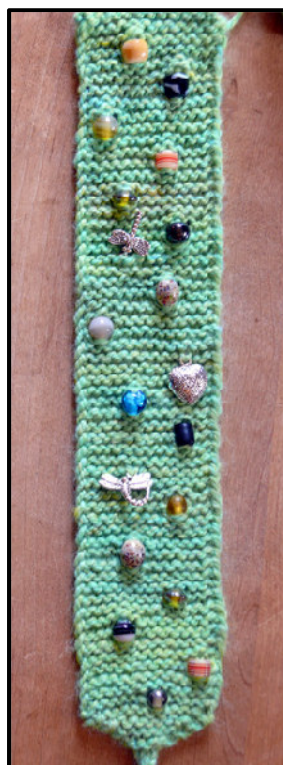
Approx 20 to 25 assorted beads and/or charms with holes large enough for the crochet hook to pass through

Very small sized steel crochet hook (I used a size 7 steel)

Gauge: 7 sts = 1" over garter stitch

Notes

1. You can either use a regular cast-on and bind off then sew the two ends of I-cord together, or use a provisional cast-on method and graft the two edges together – your choice.
2. To apply beads, insert crochet hook through the hole in the bead. With crochet hook, catch the stitch you wish to bead, pull stitch loop through the bead hole with the crochet hook. Replace stitch to needle and knit as usual. With larger beads, you may need to stretch the loop quite a bit to accommodate the bead. Push beads to right side of fabric.



BACK STRAP

Cast-on 4 sts. Work I-Cord for 5 ½ inches measuring with knitting *relaxed, not stretched*.

HEADBAND

The beaded section of the headband is worked knitting back and forth.

Increase Rows: Knit into the front and back of the first stitch of each row, knit to end of row. Continue to increase each row until you have a total of 14 sts.

Garter Stitch Center Section:

You have a choice to either slip the first stitch of each row (purlwise with yarn in front, then take yarn to the back and knit the following stitches) or to simply knit all stitches. The slipped stitch edge makes a chain stitch design along the edges as seen in the sample photo of the green headband.

Knit each row. Work in beads randomly on one side only (which will be the right side) as you desire.

Continue until the total piece measures 13 ½ inches from cast-on edge measuring with knitting *relaxed, not stretched*.

Decrease Rows: SSK, knit to the end of the row with no beads placed. Continue to decrease each row with no beads, until you have 4 sts remaining.

BACK STRAP

Work I-Cord for 5 ½ inches or to desired length.

Sew or graft ends together. Weave in yarn tails. Enjoy!

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