



Gemini Headband

A BaxterKnits Pattern by Cindy Guggemos

This is a very basic, unassuming project, but it has its virtues. It's fast. It's easy. The garter based slipped stitch pattern makes a cushy warm fabric. It uses less than a skein of worsted weight yarn, so it's great for using up leftovers. Great for a last minute gift! I liked mine so much, I made a second one as soon as the first was off the needles.



ABBREVIATIONS

k	knit
kfb	increase by knitting into the front and then the back of the stitch
k2tog	knit two sts together (right leaning decrease)
p	purl
ssk	slip, slip knit (left leaning decrease)
RS	Right side (the side of the fabric facing outward when worn)
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	Wrong Side (the side of the fabric facing inward when worn)
yo	yarn over

PATTERN STITCH

Row 1 (RS): [sl 1, k2] 7 times, sl 1.

Row 2 (WS): [p1, k2] 7 times, p1.

WORKING NOTES

All slipped stitches are slipped purlwise with yarn in back.

At the beginning of WS rows the working yarn will come from the second stitch from the end of the left needle. Don't let this throw you. Simply insert the right needle into the first stitch, carry the yarn to position and purl.

Difficulty rating

Easy

Sizes

Adult

Finished Measurements

Length: 22 inches

Width: 4 inches

Materials

Yarn: Approximately 1 ¼ oz (50 gm) of Medium (worsted) weight yarn.

Sample in Lion Wool from Lion Brand.

3.75 mm (US 5) needles, *or size needed to obtain gauge.*

Two Buttons about 5/8 inch diameter

Tapestry Needle

Smaller needle and lighter weight yarn or thread for sewing buttons

Gauge

4 sts = 1 inch in Pattern Stitch

Hint: measure gauge on WS of fabric

DIRECTIONS*Increase Section*

Cast on 10 sts.

Knit one row.

Increase Row (RS): sl 1, kfb, knit until there are 2 sts remaining, kfb, sl 1.

Return Row: p1, knit to the last st, p1.

Repeat Increase and Return Rows until there are 22 sts on needle. Finish by working a Return Row.

Center Section

Work Rows 1 and 2 of Pattern Stitch until piece measures 20¼ inches from cast on (or 1¾ inches less than desired finished length.)

End by working a WS row.

Decrease Section

Row 1 (RS): sl 1, k2tog, k16, ssk, sl 1.

Row 2 and all Wrong Side rows: p1, knit to the last st, p1.

Row 3: sl 1, k2tog, k14, ssk, sl 1.

Row 5: sl 1, k2tog, k12, ssk, sl 1.

Row 7 (buttonhole row): sl1 k2tog, k2, yo, ssk, k2, k2tog, yo, k2 ssk, sl 1.

Row 8: sl 1, k2tog, k8, ssk, sl 1.

Row 10: sl 1, k2tog, k6, ssk, sl 1.

Row 12: Bind off in knit.

Finishing

Use tapestry needle to weave in loose end. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.



Oh look! It's a neck wrap, too.

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