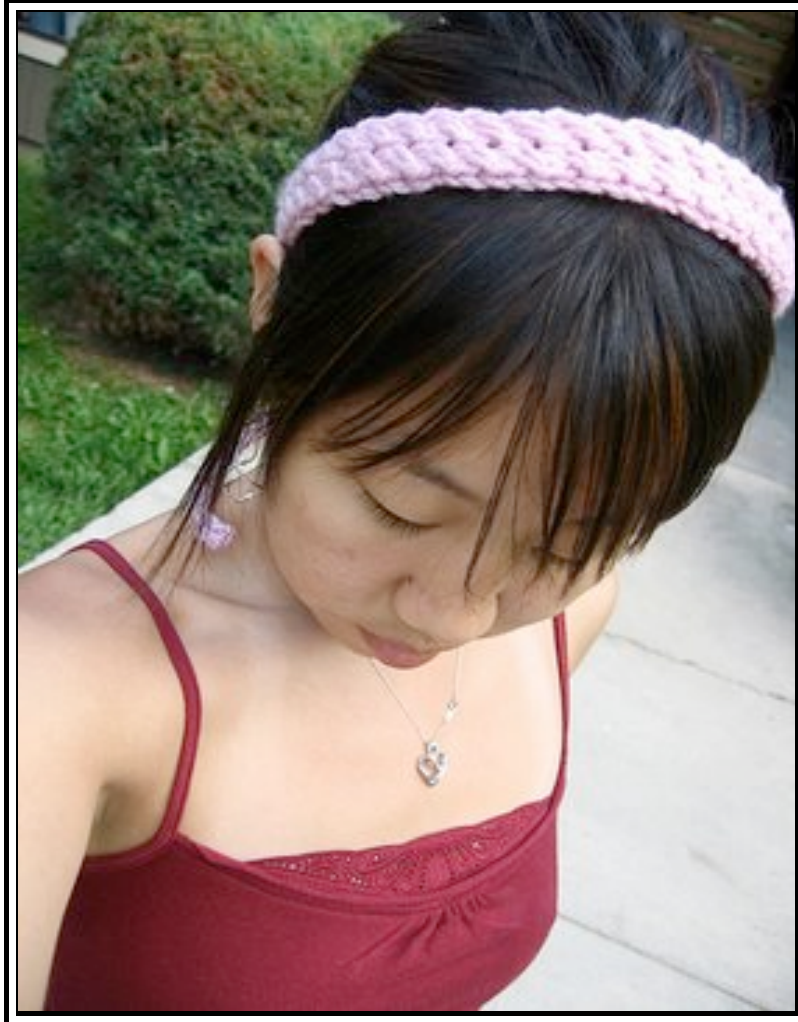


Oeillet Headband



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This is a cute pink headband I made for a headband swap on craftster.org. I used up some leftover Bernat Softee Chunky from the stash, but any chunky or bulky yarn will do. In fact, you can use this pattern on any size yarn, just increase the i-cord stitches, lengthen the ties, and knit more pattern repeats and rows.

The stitch is called "cross stitch fabric" and was taken out of "A Compedium of Knitted Stitch Patterns" by Shelagh Hollingworth. This is a simple knit that adds a quaint flair to any outfit.

The entire headband is made in one piece from tie to tie.

I named the headband after the French word for eyelet or the small holes made in stitching, which often have flower-like shapes.

The pattern stitch is a multiple of 2 stitches + 2 so make sure you have an even number of stitches when you begin the headband body. This piece is very adjustable to any sort of modifications.

Materials:

Yarn: Bernat Softee Chunky in Dusk (or other similar bulky/chunky yarn)

Needle: 2 US7 DPNs and/or US7 Straights

Tapestry Needle ---

Ties:

Cast on **2** stitches using your favorite cast-on method.

Knit an i-cord until piece measures 6-7 inches. (You may have to adjust this length to fit different size heads or depending on how long you want your ties to be. Patterned section should begin at ear level.)

Headband:

With **2** stitches on needle:

Set up Row 1: increase to 6 stitches: k1 through front and back loop, k1 through front and back loop (total of: 4)

Set up Row 2: k1, k1 through front and back loop, k1 through front and back loop, k1 (total of: 6)

Headband Body:

With 6 stitches on needles:

1st Row: k2, *yo, k2* repeat from * to end.

2nd row: p1, *sl next stitch on to right hand needle dropping the extra loop then sl the stitch back on to left hand needle, miss this stitch, purl in second stitch on left hand needle then purl the missed stitch; rep from * to last stitch, p1.

Repeat above two rows until reached desired length. Headband body should reach from ear to ear, now you are ready for the tie.

When desired length is reached decrease back to 2 stitches:

Ending Row 1: k1, k2tog, ssk, k1. (total of 4 stitches)

Ending Row 2: k2tog, ssk. (total of 2 stitches)

You should have 2 stitches on your needle as when you first began and are not ready to repeat "Ties" instruction. BO, Weave in ends.

Wear and enjoy!

If you have any problems with this pattern, need clarification, or suggest a pattern change, please email me at [mi\[dot\]yuck@gmail.com](mailto:mi[dot]yuck@gmail.com)

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