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A DK Weight Headband with Button Closure, featuring a Leaf Lace Pattern

Materials

- 100 yards of DK Weight Yarn (Sublime Bamboo & Pearls dk)
- 3.75mm needles
- A yarn needle
- 5 buttons

Stitch Glossary

CO: Cast on

Yo: Yarn Over

P2tog: Purl two stitches together

Ssk: Slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together

K2tog: Knit two stitches together

Pfb: Purl front of stitch and then purl the back of the same stitch

Sk2p: Slip one, knit two together, then pass slipped stitch over

BO: Bind off

Notes on Sizing and Gauge

This pattern is customizable to the size of the head you are making it for. Make sure you knit a gauge swatch before you begin.

For my 22 inch head: The yarn I used (Sublime Bamboo & Pearls dk) had a lot of negative ease and my gauge swatch of one repeat of the 20 row Leaf Lace Motif Pattern measured 3inches not stretched, but actually stretched out to 4.5 inches per 20 row repeat. I picked a happy medium and called it 4 inches per pattern repeat.

Therefore my math went like this: I divided 22 (size of head) by 4 (inches per repeat) and got 5.5 (Repeats of pattern to get desired size of headband.

*If you end up with a half repeat of the pattern you can either stop halfway through at row 10, or you can stop and the nearest whole repeat (in my case 5 repeats) and knit a few extra rows of garter stitch on the button band to make up the difference, It's all up to you.

Pattern Instructions

Garter Stitch Button Band

CO 25 stitches

Knit 8 rows

Leaf Lace Motif Pattern

Row 1: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 2: k5, p4, k2, p5, k2, p4, k5

Row 3: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 4: k5, p4, k2, p7, k2, p4, k5

Row 5: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 6: k5, p4, k2, p9, k2, p4, k5

Row 7: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 8: k5, p4, k2, p11, k2, p4, k5

Row 9: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, k11, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 10: k5, p4, k2, p11, k2, p4, k5

Row 11: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, ssk, k7, k2tog, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 12: k5, p4, k2, p9, k2, p4, k5

Row 13: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, ssk, k5, k2tog, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 14: k5, p4, k2, p7, k2, p4, k5

Row 15: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, ssk, k3, k2tog, p2, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 16: k5, p4, k2, p5, k2, p4, k5

Row 17: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p2, ssk, k1, k2tog, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 18: k5, p4, k2, p3, k2, p4, k5

Row 19: k5, (yo, p2tog) twice, p1, pfb, sk2p, pfb, p1, (p2tog, yo) twice, k5

Row 20: k5, p4, k2, p3, k2, p4, k5

Repeat rows 1-20 until piece measures circumference of head.

Garter Stitch Buttonhole Band

You can do any method of creating buttonholes you like, just make sure you make the holes small enough for the buttons. The yarn over, K2tog method made holes too large for my buttons and they kept coming undone. This is what I did:

Knit 4 rows

Next row: (k2, slip 1 stitch with yarn held in front of knitting, slip 1 stitch with yarn held in back of knitting, bind off 1 (stitch by passing first slip stitch over second slipped stitch), pass remaining slipped stitch back to left needle, and cast on 2 stitch on left needle, then slip 1 stitch from right needle to left needle, k2tog through the back loops, k3) repeat 5 times.

Knit 4 rows. Bind off. Sew on Buttons, Weave in ends. Wear and Enjoy!

Happy Knitting!!!

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