



Last minute Butterfly Headband

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Materials:

- 2 colors of Leftovers of Malabrigo Merino worsted & 5 mm/H8 crochet hook
- small amounts of wool top + needle felting needles & foam pad

Gauge:

2" in hdc = 10 st and 6 rows

Notes:

- I designed this headband for little girls, but it actually also fits an adult (am currently wearing one as I type this). You could also work a few more rows to make it slightly longer for an adult version.
- This headband is very quick to make.: I designed and made and first one in less than 2 hours
- Each row starts with ch2, and first st is worked in same st as initial ch 2 (which will NOT be counted in final stitch count)

Abbreviations used: (American crochet terminology)

ch = chain sc = single crochet sl st= slip stitch
 hdc= half double crochet hdc2tog= decrease by working 2 hdc together
 MC= Main color CC = contrasting color FO= fasten off

Instructions for girls Headband:

Body of Headband: With MC, ch5

Row 1: Insert hook in 3rd st from hook, work 3 hdc. Turn (3 st + turning ch)

Row 2: ch2, work *2hdc in each st* accross. Turn (6 st + turning ch)

Row 3: ch2, hdc 6

Row 4: ch2, 2 hdc in first hdc, hdc 4 , 2 hdc in last hdc. Turn (8 st)

Row 5 to 35: ch2, hdc 8. Turn. (8 st)

Row 35: ch2, hdc2tog, hdc4, hdc2tog. Turn. (6 st)

Row 36: ch2, hdc 6. Turn. (6 st)

Row 37: ch2, hdc2tog 3 times. Turn. (3 st)

Row 38: ch2, hdc 3. FO and cut yarn.

Straps and contrasting edge

Next, join with CC at one end of headband (ideally in middle stitch of first 3 hdc) and chain 30. Then, turn and work 30 sc along other side of chains, starting in 2nd ch from hook. Finally, sc in same stitch.

Next, work in sc along side of headband (I worked 3 st along each 2 hdc) until other end.

Work another strap as first one. And finally, work in sc along second side of headband.

FO, cut yarn. Weave in ends. Block if desired.

Needle-felted add-ons:

Prepare small needle felted add-ons to add a final and personal touch to your headband.

I made a heart and a butterfly on first headband, and only a butterfly on the second one: For best results I recommend using a maximum of 2, one on each side. Focusing only the general shape and felting them not completely yet, prepare the felted add-ons you want. Then apply them on each side of headband, needle in place and apply details if applicable, such as dots on the wings of the butterfly.



Here's a step-by-step tutorial on how I needle-felt my Butterflies:



With a small strip of roving, make an oval shape. Twist it to form an « 8 » shape (will be the wings of the butterfly), and needle it lightly in place. Keep in mind that felted shapes shrink when felted, so you need to make the initial shape larger than your intended final butterfly.



Then prepare the « body » of the butterfly with a little length of another color's roving which you will roll between your hands. Place it above the wings, and needle in place. Again, don't felt the butterfly too much if you want to keep it slightly puffy. Prepare a few dots (tiny amounts of wool rolled as beads in your hands, then needled to be as round as possible). At this stage, lift the butterfly from your foam pad and place it on one side of headband. Needle it in place carefully keeping your needle around the outline of the wings (to keep the wings nicely puffed) and along all the body of the butterfly. You can poke the needle sideways around the wings to attach it securely.



Finally, Needle the dots on wings. Depending on size of dots, I managed 2 dots on each wing for my first headband, but only 1 on each wing for the second. The goal is to avoid them being too crammed in there... :-)

And that's it really !! :-D

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