

# Fourth of July Headband

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I designed this oh-so-patriotic headband for my daughter to wear to our Fourth of July celebration. It is a very quick knit, taking just an hour or two from start to finish using worsted weight yarn and size 8 needles. While this headband was made to fit a child, it easily could be made to fit an adult by just casting on a few more stitches (see **NOTES**).

## YARN

KnitPicks Dishie (100% cotton; 190yds/100g), 1 ball each in Tomato (red), Swan (off-white) and Jay (blue).

## NEEDLES

US 8 (5mm) needles.

US 8 (5mm) set of 2 dpns (for I-cord).

Darning needle to finish.

## GAUGE

4.5 sts = 1" in pattern.

## FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 1.5" wide and 29" long.



## NOTES

I have not yet made an adult-size headband, however with a gauge of 4.5 sts per inch, casting on an extra 8 sts (so you would CO 57 sts) should add enough length for the headband to fit an adult. If you do choose to add sts, keep in mind that this pattern has a 4-st repeat, so you should add sts in increments of 4. Also adjust your I-cords to fit an adult, making them each 11" long.

If you don't have double-pointed needles or don't want to make an I-cord, you could make the headband ties by crocheting chains at each end of the headband.



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## HEADBAND INSTRUCTIONS

Note: When slipping stitches, always slip them purlwise, as if to purl.

With red, CO 49 sts and p one row.

Row 1 (RS): with white, k1, \*sl 3 wyib, k1; rep from \*.

Row 2: with white, p2, \*sl 1 wyif, p3; rep from \*, ending sl 1 wyif, p2.

Row 3: with white, k.

Row 4: with white, p.

Rows 5 through 7: with blue, rep Rows 1 through 3.

Still with blue, BO pwise and secure by passing entire ball of yarn through loop of last st, but DO NOT cut yarn. With blue yarn still attached at last st, weave in other ends not attached to yarn ball (there will be one red end, two white ends and one blue end to weave in).

## Headband Ties

With blue that is still attached where you BO, pick up and k 6 sts across the short end of the headband (where you just BO).

Row 1 (RS): ssk, k2, k2tog (4 sts remain).

Row 2: k.

Row 3: ssk, k2tog (2sts remain).

Rows 4 & 5: k.

With 2 remaining sts, make I-cord for 8.5". BO kwise. Cut yarn leaving 6" tail, secure last st and weave in end.

At opposite short end of headband, with WS facing, pick up and k 6 sts in whatever color you choose (my daughter chose red), and complete as above for first tie.

## ABBREVIATIONS

approx	approximately	p	purl	st(s)	stitch(es)
BO	bind off	patt	pattern	WS	wrong side
CO	cast on	RS	right side	wyib	with yarn in back
dpns	double-pointed needles	sl	slip	wyif	with yarn in front
k	knit	ssk	slip one stitch knitwise, slip another stitch knitwise, then knit both stitches together through their back loops	yd(s)	yard(s)
kwise	knitwise, as if to knit			*	repeat starting point
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together				
mm	millimeter(s)				
oz	ounce(s)				



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