

Tiara Headband



This headband is made using a picot fan stitch and also woven stitch (I have come across this before as linen stitch). Woven stitch is nice and stretchy and provides the elasticity.

This was made to fit a 1-year old but you can easily adjust to fit by adding extra rows of the woven stitch or by adding in more picot fans (if you are making for an adult).

The best bit is this is a pretty quick make and can be made using any dk stash yarn you may have to use up. Do allow time to block this one out though – it makes the picots nice and pointy.

Materials

Any dk yarn (I used Debbie Bliss Prima in white)

Size 4.00mm hook

Special stitch: Picot

Ch3, insert hook down between the front and back loops of the st just made, yarn over, draw up a loop, draw this loop through the second loop on hook to close.

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Pattern:

Ch 60 + 1

(This makes 5 "fans" – chain a multiple of 12n + 1 to adjust – for example to make a 6 fan version for an adult chain 72 + 1.)

R1: Turn, dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each ch to end (60 sts)

R2: ch1, turn, dc in 1st st, *ch5, sk 3sts, dc, repeat from * to end (15 ch sps)

R3: ch5, turn, dc in 1st ch sp, *8tr in next ch-sp, dc in next ch sp, ch5, dc in next ch sp, repeat from * 3 more times, 8tr in next ch-sp, dc in next ch sp, ch2, tr in final st (5 shells of tr's, and 6 ch sps)

R4: ch1, turn, dc into tr just worked, (*tr in next tr, picot, repeat from * 6 times, tr in last tr of this shell, dc in ch sp), repeat between () 4 more times.

The main part of the tiara is done. I recommend blocking at this point – I wet blocked mine and pinned out all the picots. You can leave the yarn attached, just draw up a large loop and only dunk the headband in the cold water, not the yarn ball!

The woven stitch part of the headband provides the stretch and if you block this at the end the headband may be too drapy and not have enough elasticity. However, you can always stitch in a piece of elastic, if you prefer to block at the end.

Now turn the piece 90° to work along the edge of the headband.

R5: 2dc into the 3rd ch of the chain sp you are already in (this should make a nice corner), 2 dc in ch sp, dc into the side of the next dc, dc into the side of the dc of R1, dc into the foundation ch (7sts).

R6: ch1, turn, dc in 1st st, *ch1, sk1st, dc, repeat from * 2 more times (4dc and 3 ch sps)

R7: ch1, turn, dc in 1st ch sp, *ch1, sk1st, dc, repeat from * 2 more times, ch1, sk final dc st and dc in turning ch (4dc and 3 ch sps)

Repeat R7 until the band is long enough for the piece to fit on the head without being too tight. (I made mine 16 inches in total length, which stretched to 19 inches total, to fit a 1yr old.)

Fasten off and sew the piece together to make a band. I used mattress stitch for an invisible finish, but also because I didn't want there to be a bulky seam pressing into the head.

If you like you can stitch in some elastic to the back part of your woven stitch for extra stretch – particularly if you waited till the end to block.

How about adding some beads to the picots?

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