



Wise Owl Knits *by Cheryl Beckerich*

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Shamrock Basket Headband



Skill Level

Easy

Finished Size

19-23 in/49-59 cm to fit head size. 3 1/2 inches/9 cm wide.

Materials

1 skein Berroco Vintage Chunky; 50% Acrylic, 40% Wool, 10% Nylon, 100 g, 130 yds, White, 6100.

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Size 11 US/8 mm needles.

Size 6 US/4 mm double-point needles.

Stitch holder

Crochet hook and waste yarn for provisional CO

Gauge

4 sts per inch in basketweave headband pattern with larger needles and chunky yarn double stranded.

Headband

With Vintage Chunky double stranded on larger needles, use a provisional cast on, CO 14.

Row 1: K1, p1, k10, p1, k1. (RS)

Row 2 and 4: P1, k1, p1, k3, p2, k3, p1, k1, p1.

Row 3: K1, p1, k1, p3, k2, p3, k1, p1, k1.

Row 5: K1, p1, k10, p1, k1.

Row 6 and 8: P1, k1, p2, k6, p2, k1, p1.

Row 7: K1, p1, k2, p6, k2, p1, k1.

Repeat these 8 rows until headband is 20-22 inches long (depending on head size.)

The length should be 1 inch less than actual head measurement. Pick up live stitches from provisional cast on. Using the kitchener stitch, graft the 2 ends of the headband together. Optionally, you could use a 3 needle bind off to join the 2 ends.

Shamrock

With smaller needles, and Vintage single stranded, CO 15. You will work each leaf separately. 5 stitches per leaf.

Row 1: P2, k1, p2. Place remaining 10 stitches on a stitch holder.

Row 2: K2, pfb, k2. 6 sts.

Row 3: P2, k2, p2.

Row 4: K2, pfb twice, k2. 8 sts.

Row 5: P2, k4, p2.

Row 6: K2, pfb, p2, pfb, k2. 10 sts.

Row 7: P2, k6, p2.

Row 8: K2, pfb, p4, pfb, k2. 12 sts.

Row 9: P2, k8, p2.

Row 10: K2, p2tog, p4, p2tog, k2. 10 sts.

Row 11: P2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, p2. 8 sts.

Row 12: K2, p2tog, p2tog, k2. 6 sts.

Row 13: P2, k2tog, p2. 5 sts.

Row 14: K1, ssk, leaving 2 sts unworked.

Cut yarn leaving an 8 inch tail. Using the kitchener stitch, graft the 2 worked stitches to the 2 unworked stitches. With a tapestry needle and the yarn tail,

thread the tail down through the center of the top of the leaf to scrunch the top in the shape of a shamrock leaf.

Re-attach yarn and repeat on the next 2 leaves. When all three leaves are complete, arrange in the shape of a shamrock and secure. With new yarn, pick up 3 stitches for the stem at the bottom center of the shamrock. Work an eye cord for 2 inches. BO and secure all yarn ends. Sew to headband.

Abbreviations

BO - Bind off.

CO - Cast on.

K - Knit

P - Purl

Pfb - Purl into the front and back of st.

P2tog - Purl 2 together.

Ssk - Slip 1 st as if to knit, slip a 2nd st as if to knit, insert left needle into the front of the 2 slipped sts and knit together.

St - Stitch

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