

Star Stitch Hatband/Headband

For ladies hat size 56 (58) cm.* Worked in the round with half-trebles and star stitch.

Suggested yarn; ggh mystik. The best effect will be achieved with a cotton yarn that has some shine.

Gauge = 20 stitches and 18 rows = 10 x 10 cm worked in htr, with hook size 3 mm.



Starting chain: Chain 120 (124). Join ends together with slip stitch (sl st).

Round 1: Ch 2, htr in every stitch. Join to start of round with sl st.

Round 2: Ch3. Working in back loop only, work star stitch in every stitch until final stitch**, work htr in final stitch, join to beginning of round with sl st.

Round 3: Ch2, work 2htr in the centre chain space of every star. Join to start of round with sl st.

Round 4: Ch2, working in back loop only, htr in every stitch. Join to start of round with sl st.

Round 5: Loosely slip stitch in every stitch to give the band durability and resist stretching. Bind off yarn.

Round 6: Turn piece upside down and join yarn at start of chain row. Slip stitch in bottom of every chain to add durability and resist stretching. Bind off yarn.

Finishing: weave in yarn ends. Sew onto hat if desired or wear as headband.

* To modify this pattern for size S=54cm or XL=60cm, use 116 or 128 starting chains. For a child size hat use 112 chains.

** To work the first star, yo and draw up a loop in the 2nd and 3rd chain from hook and then in the first 3 stitches (6 loops on hook), yo and pull through all 6 loops. Then ch1 to make the centre of the star. In all subsequent stars, yo and draw up a loop in the chain space just worked,

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the vertical bar at the side of the previous star, the stitch at the base of the previous star, and the next 2 stitches (6 loops on hook). Complete the star with a yo, pull through all 6 loops, ch1. The star stitch decreases the number of stitches in this row so don't be surprised if the band seems to shrink during this row, it will return to size once the next round is worked.



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