

## ***Knit a Headband/Ear Warmer***

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You Knitters, here is a Headband/Ear Warmer pattern that has become all the rage! Here is the pattern:

Note: This pattern does have Cable Stitches

**Headband:** Cast on 19 sts

Needles Pointed needles US 7 or needle size needed to get 18 sts x 23 rows in stockinette st on 4" x 4".

1st row. 1 st in garter st, \*K-2, P-1 \* repeat a total of 5 times - end row with K-2 and 1 st in garter st.

Repeat 1st and 2nd row.

When piece measures 3" on next row from RS inc all P-1 to P-3 = 24 sts on needle.

When piece measures 5" on next row from RS inc all P-2 to P-3 = 29 sts on needle.

When piece measures 7" on next row from RS inc all P-3 to P-4 = 34 sts on needle

When piece measures 9 1/2 work next row from RS as follows:

1 st in garter st, K-2,P-5,K-2 ,P-4, put next K-2 on a cable needle in front of work, put nest P5 on a cable needle behind work, K2

from left needle, P5 from cable needle behind work, K-2 from cable needle in front of work, P-4, K-2, P-5, K-2, 1st in garter st.

This is half way and now work piece mirrored - i.e. when piece measures  $10\frac{3}{4}$  work next row from RS the same way as when piece measured  $8\frac{1}{4}$  but now dec. all P- 5 to P-4 by purling 4th and 5th st P at tog, Continue with K-2, P-4, at the same time as you dec mirrored to where it was inc wihe piece measured 12", 14" and 16" after last dec there are 19 sts on needle again . Bind off when piece measures 19" Sew side tog with mattress sts.