CTDEC06 Kid's Crochet Headband

Headband measures approximately 1" wide.

RED HEART® "Kids™": 1 Skein 2945 Bikini.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4"; 13 rows = 4" in sc. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

BASIC STRIP
Ch 4.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch; turn – 3 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.
Repeat Row 2 until desired length. Fasten off.

HEADBAND
Make the Basic Strip approximately 18" long. Check to see that it will fit comfortably, with a little bit of stretching, around the head at the desired position before fastening off. Fasten off leaving a yarn tail of about 10".

Thread the yarn tail into the yarn needle and sew the ends of the first and last rows together, being careful that the strip is not twisted.

For a little more pizzazz:
- weave one or two strands of contrasting color yarn through the strip: over 2 rows, under 2 rows and repeat around the headband.
- With sewing needle and thread, sew sequins or beads to the crown area that will show most when worn.

The versatile Strip is so easy that you'll want to make more cool stuff. Here are some ideas:

WRIST BAND
Make the Basic Strip approximately 6" long. Check to see that it will fit comfortably, with a little bit of stretching, around the wrist before fastening off. Fasten off leaving a 10" yarn tail.

Thread the yarn tail into the yarn needle and sew the ends of the first and last rows together, being careful that the strip is not twisted.

Jazz up your wristband with weaving yarn strands, sewing sequins, beads, or charms – see Headband.

BELT
Make the Basic Strip approximately 36" long. Check to see that it will fit comfortably around the waist and still have 6-8" of strip on each side of where you tie it before fastening off. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Add fringe to each end of the belt: cut twelve 6" pieces of yarn – these can be the same color as your belt or any other color you like. Holding 2 pieces together, fold them in half, forming a loop. Insert your crochet hook through one of the stitches at the end of the belt and draw the loop through the fabric, then draw the cut ends through the loop and pull to tighten. Repeat in each stitch on each end of the belt. Trim the fringe so that all the cut ends are even.

Feeling adventurous? Here's another way to make a belt: Make a chain that is 36" long. Then work Basic Strip Row 1 and Row 2 across the chain, then work Row 2 once more and fasten off. And of course you can work it all in the same color or change colors every row! Add beads, fringe, ribbon or whatever suits your mood.


ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es).

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