Ugly Duckling Headband

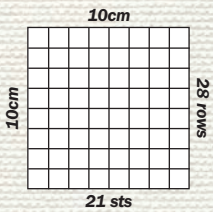
Practise your intarsia skills on a small scale with this adorable headband, featuring a pair of swans

Essentials

Yarn used
Rooster Almerino DK
1 ball each in Cornish (MC) and Beach (CC)
£4.95 per ball from
www.laughinghens.com

About the Yarn
DK; 112.5m per 50g ball;
50% baby alpaca,
50% Merino wool

Tension
Measured over St st on larger needles



Needles used
3.25mm straight
4mm straight

Other supplies
tapestry needle

For a full list of abbreviations please see the glossary on page 95

When new designer Hollie sent in her idea for this headband, we just couldn't resist. The swan motifs are just so cute, and a headband is just the thing for keeping the cold from your ears whilst not messing up your hair!

Start knitting...

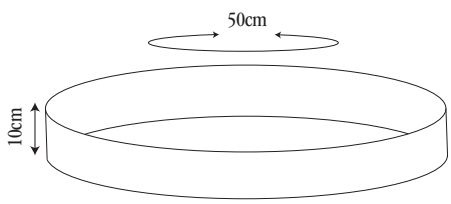
Main panel
With CC and smaller needles, cast on 96 sts.
Work 4 rows in 1x1 rib.
Change to larger needles, join MC and cut CC leaving a long tail.
Next Row (RS): Knit.
Next Row (WS): Purl.
Join CC.
Next Row (RS): K11, work Row 1 of chart, K10, work row 1 of chart, K11
Cont in this manner until chart is complete.
Cut CC leaving a long tail.
Next Row (RS): Knit.
Next Row (WS): Purl.
Change to smaller needles, join CC and cut MC leaving a long tail.
Work 4 rows in 1x1 rib.
Cast off.

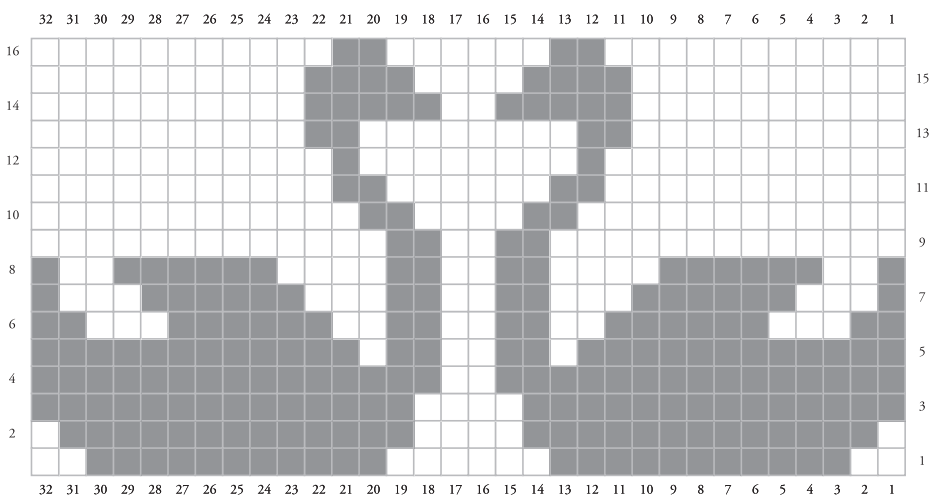
Back panel
With CC and smaller needles, cast on 20 sts.
Work in 1x1 rib until work measures 11cm from cast-on edge. Work this section longer or shorter to fit a smaller or larger head.
Cast off loosely.

Making up: Block to measurements.
Weave in ends.
Seam cast on and cast off edges of back panel to side edges of main panel, stretching front panel to fit.

Hints and tips
The colourwork uses the intarsia method, so use a separate length of yarn for each section of colour. The headband is designed to be worn quite far back on the head and pulled down over the ears, so the size may seem large at first reading! You can vary the size of the headband by changing the length of the back panel

Schematic





Key

CC, K on RS, P on WS

MC, K on RS, P on WS

Designer Challenge

BEGINNER

100g DK

KNIT IN... hours