

Wow Meow

cat ears for costumes from Yarn Miracle



Materials

Bulky Yarn (or worsted held double - just double the amounts for worsted)

Main: about 25 yards

Contrast: about 10 yards

Headband - mine is 1/2" wide

Pair of US5 needles (or the size that suits you)

Yarn Needle

Gauge

Not a big deal, just make sure it's tight enough for the ears to stand up on their own. My usual bulky gauge for toys is 4.5 sts and 6 rows to an inch

Notes

These would also work well as fox ears.

Increases are the kind where you lift the bar between stitches.

Ears are worked all in one piece and then folded in half and seamed around a headband.

Abbreviations are standard. Links and explanations for unfamiliar techniques can be found at:

<http://yarnmiracle.com/techniques>

Ears (Make 2)

Cast on 3 stitches in main color.

Row 1: Purl

Row 2: K1, M1R, K1, M1L, K1

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K1, M1R, K to last stitch, M1L, K1

Row 5: Purl

Repeat rows 4 and 5 until there are 15 sts on the needle.

Work evenly in stockinette for twice the width of your selected headband. Knit one or two more rows to end with a right side row. Remember how many rows you worked for this middle section so your ears can match!



Break main color leaving an extra long tail (12 inches is good - it will be used to sew the ear together and fasten it to the headband). Attach contrast color as if to purl and continue.

Next (wrong side): Purl

Next: K2TOG, Knit to last two stitches, SSK

Repeat these two rows until three stitches remain.

Last: S1, K2TOG, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off of the needle

Break yarn and draw through the remaining stitch. Weave in all the ends but the long one.

Attach Ears to Headband

Fold ear in half around the head band (my ears are placed about 2 inches apart) and join the sides using the extra long yarn tail.

When you've got the ears where you want them, take another length of main color, and sew each ear tightly through both sides right across the top of the head band to secure it in place. Use your fingers to ease the ears into a cupped shape.



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