

# Small Diadem

## A Disney Princess Headband Knitting Pattern

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**WHAT:** A slim knitted headband.

**SIZE:** Adult.

**YARN:**

Any laceweight merino yarn

**ACCESSORIES:**

- ❖ 2.0 mm/US 0/UK 14 DPN or circular knitting needles
- ❖ slim cable needle
- ❖ tapestry needle or crochet hook
- ❖ glass-head pins for blocking
- ❖ 1 pair eyes and hooks to fasten

**TENSION SWATCH:**

not needed

**LEVEL:** beginner

This pattern is part of my Scrap Buster series, where I develop pretty things with small bits of leftover yarn.



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## ABBREV:

st – stitch

k – knit

p – purl

**k1fb** – knit into the front and back loops of that stitch

**x4r** – cross 4 right

= slip 3 st onto cable needle & hold at back of work  
k1, k3 from cable needle

**x4l** – cross 4 left

= slip 1 st onto cable needle & hold at front of work  
k3, k1 from cable needle

**s1k1pssso** – slip your next st onto your right-hand needle, knit the following stitch, then pass the slipped stitch over the one you've just knit

**k2tog** – knit the next 2 st on your left-hand needle together

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUE: I-cord

cast on 3 stitches

k3

\* slip the 3 stitches from the right-hand onto the left-hand needle

\* making sure you hold the yarn at the back, k3

repeat these last 2 steps until your cord has the desired length.



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## PATTERN:

Cast on 3 st. Work an **I-cord** measuring 14 cm / 5 ½ in.

Work an **increase** series as follows:

r1 - k1fb, k1, k1fb

r2 - p all

r3 - k1, k1fb, k1, k1fb, k1

r4 - p all

r5 - k1, k1fb, k3, k1fb, k1

r6 - p all

Next, work the **Laddered Waves** pattern:

r1 - k all

r2 - p all

r3 - x4l, k1, x4r

r4 - p all

r5 - k all

r6 - p all

Repeat these 6 rows until this laddered section measures 25 cm / 10 in.

Then, work a **decrease** series as follows:

r1 - s1k1pssso, k5, k2tog

r2 - p all

r3 - s1k1pssso, k3, k2tog

r4 - p all

r5 - s1k1pssso, k1, k2tog

r6 - p all

Finally, work an **I-cord** measuring 14 cm / 5 ½ in. Draw yarn through st & break.

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## CONSTRUCTION:

The length of this headband is completely customizable. Here's how:

Knit your I-cord, and gently stretch it out against your head.

You want it to hit from the back of your neck to about midway behind your ear. (Write down how many rounds this took.)

Measure the distance from just above the tip of one ear to just above the tip of the other. Work the main pattern until its length is 5 cm / 2 in shorter than your eartip-to- eartip length.

Decrease, then work the same number of I-cord stitches you did at the start.

Since it's so fine, this headband is perfect for tucking under hair from behind your ears down. It's especially suitable to wear if you have fine hair that gets overwhelmed by classic headbands.

The slim construction of this headband also makes it perfect to knit for girls, as it creates that gorgeous Disney Princess look without overwhelming soft hair or little elfin features.

## FINISHING:

Decide whether you'll want to use an eye-and-hook closure or whether you'll sew your headband together. *If you're making this for littles, please sew the ends closed.*

Lay your headband out and block it, either by soaking it and pinning it into place or by steaming.

Use the tail ends of your yarn to either sew in the eye and hook, or to sew the ends of your I-cords together. Weave in the rest.