



### The Prada Headband

Knits play a large role in the designer fashion collections for Fall/2010. In Prada's collection a cabled headband was worn around a retro bouffant hairstyle.

Urban Knitters has designed a similar headband using Malabrigo Chunky, so you can quickly knit up this fetching accessory for fall without paying the designer prices.

### Prada Headband

#### Materials

1 hank of Malabrigo Chunky  
7mm straight needles  
crochet hook 5.5mm or larger  
dpn's optional for bind off

#### Finished Measurements

approximately 3" wide and 18" around

#### Close Braid Cable

**Note:** (FC)- Front Cross - sl2 sts to dpn and hold in front, p1, then k2 from dpn.

(BC) - Back Cross - sl1 st to dpn and hold in back, k2, then p1 from dpn.

Slip first and last stitches purlwise on all RS rows.

Row 1 (WS)- p1, k3, p4, k2, p2, k2, p1.

Row 2 (RS) - wyib sl1, p2, FC, BC, FC, p2, wyib sl1.

Row 3 and all subsequent WS rows - p1, knit all knit sts and purl all purl sts, p1.

Row 4 - wyib sl1, p3, sl next 2 sts to dpn and hold in back, k2, then k2 from dpn, p2, k2, p2, wyib sl1.

Row 6 - wyib sl1, p2, BC, FC, BC, pf2, wyib sl1.

Row 8 - wyib sl1, p2, k2, p2, sl next 2 sts to dpn and hold in front, k2, then k2 from dpn, p3, wyib sl1.

Repeat rows 1 through 8.

#### Abbreviations

dpn(s) - double pointed needle(s)



g st - garter stitch, knitting every row  
k - knit  
p - purl  
rpt - repeat  
RS - right side  
sl - slip  
st(s) - stitch(es)  
WS - wrong side  
wyib - with yarn in back

### **Headband**

With crochet hook and contrasting yarn chain 17 loosely. With 7mm needle and yarn pick up and knit 15 stitches from chain. Work in close braid cable, repeating rows 1 through 8 till piece measures 18" finishing with row 8. Leave live sts on needle. Carefully remove contrasting chain at beginning and place live sts on another 7mm needle. You can use smaller dpn's which are easier.

Instead of grafting as in kitchener st do a bind off that doesn't create a seam. Line up the needles with right sides together, each needle holding 15 sts. Insert a third needle knitwise into first st on front needle, then purlwise into first st on back needle and slip them off. Repeat across row. All sts are on one needle. Turn the work. Sl first 2 sts purlwise to right hand needle. \*Pull the first st over the second st (as in a regular bind off). Slip next st purlwise. Rpt from \* until all sts have been bound off. You might find it easier to use a smaller needle to do the final bind off. Weave in yarn ends on WS. Block headband.

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