

HAIR RING PATTERN

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The Quilted Fish

SUPPLIES

For pieced reversible headband:

One 4" x 10" piece of fabric
Four 1 1/2" x width of fabric strips of two or more different fabrics
One 6" x 2 1/2" strip of fabric
One 4 1/2" piece of 1/2" elastic
One package of crocheted flowers
Three buttons (varying sizes)
Scrap of felt
Alligator clip

For solid reversible headband:

Two 4" x 10" pieces of fabric
One 6" x 2 1/2" strip of fabric
One 4 1/2" piece of 1/2" elastic
One package of crocheted flowers
Three buttons (varying sizes)
Scrap of felt
Alligator clip

INSTRUCTIONS

To make pieced section:

1. Sew the four 1 1/2" strips together along the width of fabric, alternating fabrics.
2. Cross cut pieced strips into 4" sections. Piece together 6 cross cut sections.

To make headband with finished edges:

1. Sew 6" x 2 1/2" strip together along the 6" side to form the elastic casing. Turn right side out.
2. Put a safety pin on one end of the elastic and slide it inside of the elastic casing. Match up the end without the safety pin to the inside of a raw edge of the casing. Sew elastic to casing on raw edges, 1/8" from the raw edge. Feed safety pin on elastic through to the other end of the casing. Sew casing and elastic together 1/8" from the raw edge. Replace safety pin in one end of the casing.

3. Cut two of the headband templates (either from pieced section or from solid fabric). Lay headband pieces together, with right sides facing. On one of the ends, fold the fabric up 1/4" and press.
4. On the ends of the headband pieces that are not folded, pin the end of the elastic and casing without the safety pin between the layers. Sew around three sides of the headband, leaving the folded edge open. Clip the corners on the sewn end. (see diagram)
5. Feed the safety pin on the casing through the open (folded) edge of the headband piece, and pull headband right side out. Remove safety pin from casing and press headband.
6. Slip the loose end of the elastic and casing into folded edge and pin. Topstitch all the way around the headband starting on the end where the elastic is pinned. Finish on the same end, going over the stitching again.
7. Make a 1/4" buttonhole 6" from one end (where headband piece and casing meet) of the headband.
8. Lay out crocheted flowers on felt to determine a pleasing arrangement. Sew or glue flowers in place. Clip a 1/4" slit in felt, slip alligator clip in, with the flat side facing out. Glue in place. Add buttons to the center of the flower.
9. Slide clip into buttonhole on the headband.

To make headband with raw edges:

1. Follow steps 1-3 for headband with finished edges.
2. On the end of the headband pieces that are not folded, pin the end of the elastic and casing without the safety pin between the layers. Sew only that end of the headband. (see diagram)
3. Open the headband pieces up, and lay them back together with wrong sides together. Sew a generous 1/4" seam along long edges of headband pieces.
4. Slip the loose end of the elastic and casing into folded edge and pin. Sew along that end. Topstitch the other side of the headband where casing is sewn in to match.
5. Using pinking shears, carefully cut raw edges for a decorative finish.
6. Make a 1/4" buttonhole 6" from one end (where headband piece and casing meet) of the headband.
7. Lay out crocheted flowers on felt to determine a pleasing arrangement. Sew or glue flowers in place. Clip a 1/4" slit in felt, slip alligator clip in, with the flat side facing out. Glue in place. Add buttons to the center of the flower.
8. Slide clip into buttonhole on the headband.

