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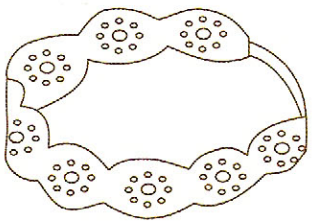
EYELET HEADBAND

This sweet felt headband features a traditional eyelet effect created simply with hole punches. Felt is a great sewing medium because you can cut it in any shape you want and it requires no hemming. But be sure to use a high-quality wool felt. This headband comes together so quickly, you can make one for all of your friends. With elastic at the back, the headband easily slides on and off for a quick and pretty accessory.

OPTIONS

- Make any type of headband in your choice of materials using these dimensions. Try cutting one from plain wool felt and sewing on your favorite trims.
- Use the hole-punched felt idea to make a necklace, bracelet, or other wool felt accessories.
- Add felt flowers, a patterned fabric backing, or other details to make it your own.
- Cut detailed eyelet designs into the felt using a craft knife.
- To fit a child's head, simply shorten the length by a few inches.
- Add beaded details to dress it up.



SUPPLIES

One 18"/46-cm square 2-mm wool felt (see note)

Sharp pencil

¼"/6-mm (standard-size) hole punch

⅛"/3-mm (mini) hole punch

6"/15 cm strip ½"/12 mm-wide elastic

Matching thread

NOTE: You only need an 18"-x-2"/46-cm-x-5-cm piece of felt for this project, but 2 mm felt is available in 18"-x-18"/46-cm-x-46-cm sheets. See Resources (page 165) for suggestions on where to buy 2 mm wool felt.

MULTIPLY YOUR SKILLS:
working with felt, cutout design

FINISHED DIMENSIONS:
1¼" x 19"–24"/3 cm x 48 cm–61 cm

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STEP 1: CUT FELT.

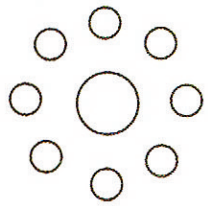
Cut out the Eyelet Headband template from the pattern sheet included with this book. On the back side of the felt, trace the scalloped silhouette of the headband onto the felt and cut it out with a pair of small, sharp scissors.

STEP 2: TRACE AND PUNCH OUT DESIGN.

Using a sharp pencil, poke through the paper to mark the position of the holes. With the standard-size hole punch, punch out the center circles. Then use the mini hole punch to punch out the smaller outer circles. See figure A.

STEP 3: SEW ELASTIC.

Fold under the raw end of the elastic by ¼"/6 mm and sew it to one end of the back side of the felt piece using a straight stitch. See figure B. Try the headband on to adjust the fit, then fold under the other end of the elastic and sew it down to the opposite end of the felt piece.



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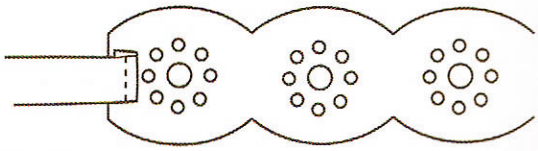

fig. B

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