

## SKI BAND - KEEPS YOUR EARS WARM!



This ski band is made of sport weight handspun. In this case it was Finn lambswool. From a dyepot experiment that I call "Sunrise"  
Gauge: 5.5 stitches/inch 7.5 rows/inch

*Note: increase and decrease method assumes English style of knitting. The appropriate changes should be made for Continental style in order to obtain the correct slant to the increases and decreases.*

The headband is knitted in stockingette, circular, to form double layer for added warmth. I used size 6 needles, but use any needles to give the gauge.

Using either double point needles, or 2 identical circular needles cast on 24 stitches, 12 for each side. Any stretchy cast-on including "long tail" will do. Join into a circle and divide the stitches such that you can tell where the 2 sides are. On the double circular needles, that would be 12 stitches on each. With double point needles, I would put 12 on one, and 6 on each of the other 2, knitting with the 4th. This way you can easily see where to put increases and decreases.

Knit circular stockingette for 18 rows. You are ready to begin shaping for the ear as follows:

\*Row 19: K2, pick up stitch below next stitch and K it, K to last 3 stitches of the side..

Slip next stitch, using left needle pick up stitch below slipped stitch. return both to left needle and K final 4 stitches for the side. Repeat ½ row on the other side.

Row 20 K

Repeat these 2 rows 4 x for a total of 10 rows. Work will be 22 stitches on each side, a total of 44 stitches.

Row 29: K 17 rows.

Row 46 Begin decreases as follows: K2, slip 2 Knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit to final 4 stitches in row. K 2 together, K2.

Row 47 K

Repeat these 2 rows 4 x for a total of 10 rows. Work will be 12 stitches per side again, for a total of 24 stitches. \*\*

Knit 52 rows (8 inches) Repeat ear shaping from \* to \*\* Knit 18 rows. Total length, 20 inches.

Graft the 2 ends together invisibly. Wash and block.

You're done!