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Ribbed cinched ear warmer

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Ribbed Cinched Ear Warmer



Size: One Size Fits Most (Preteen - Adult Woman). Earwarmer measures 18" around, and is 3" wide.

Materials:

- H hook (5.00mm)
- About 60 yards of [Lion Brand Heartland](#)* (Sample shown in Katmai/Grand Canyon)
- ***About Heartland:** #4 worsted, 100% Acrylic
- Yarn needle

Gauge: With H hook, 4 HDC = 1"

Stitches Used:

CH (chain)
SL ST (slip stitch)
FHDC (foundation half double crochet - [click for tutorial](#))
RibHDC (also known as Camel Stitch or 3rd Loop HDC; see Special Stitch)

Special Stitch:

RibHDC - instead of putting your HDC in the top loops, find the 3rd loop. Because we're working in turned rows, the third loop will be located just underneath the front loop. Insert your hook there and create your HDC. This forces both of the top loops to rest on the front of your project, creating a ribbing effect. It is also referred to as a Camel Stitch or 3rd Loop HDC. (Confused? You can view a photo tutorial [here](#).)

Notes:

- (1) This pattern is written in American Standard terms.
- (2) Starting chains do not count as stitches.
- (3) This pattern is easily adjusted to any head size. You might want to wrap the first round around your head as you go to get the perfect fit for you.
- (4) For the tan-colored sample in the photos, I actually used two different colors of Heartland (Katmai and Grand

Canyon). I switched colors every other row, and carried my yarn instead of fastening it off each time.

Pattern

With H hook,

Round 1: FHDC 68. Join to the first FHDC with a SL ST, being careful not to twist the row. (Or, optionally: CH 69, HDC in second CH from hook and HDC across; join.)

Round 2: CH1, turn. RibHDC around. Join with a SL ST to first RibHDC. (68)

Rounds 3-12: Repeat Round 2.

Cut your yarn, leaving about a 12" tail, and finish off but don't weave in the tail. Use your yarn needle to sew up the first round of FDCs, then weave in that tail and cut.

To Cinch:

Please note that the photos below are taken from my original [Cinched Ear Warmer pattern](#), so the pattern looks slightly different, but it's the same concept.)

- (1.) Thread the long tail through your yarn needle. Gather the seamed section of the headband, and fold in half so that the fold is facing you.
- (2.) Bring either side up to the top of the fold and hold secure with your fingers.
- (3.) Run your yarn needle through all three sections of gathered material. The closer you get to the surface, the better your cinch will look; so I run mine right under the top loops of the outer sections, and under just a few strands of the center fold.
- (4.) Wrap the yarn around the underside of the cinch, then through the sections again. Do this a few times to secure the cinch, then tie off underneath and weave in the tail.

