Lace Scrunchie

a free knitting pattern by Mary Ann Stephens

Pattern overview:

Circularly-knit, no-sew "Scrunchie" hair tie, worked in an easy lace stitch. Follow either the text or the chart to work the same lace rounds. Sample uses three different colors of Dale <u>Lerke</u>. You can knit the same design using only one color or as many as you please – in many different DK or Sport weight yarns. A great way to use up leftovers! For more designs in PDF format, click here.

Suggested yarn:

Three 50g balls (or remnants) of Dale <u>"Lerke"</u> DK weight washable merino / cotton blend. Sample uses: Center color = Red #4018; Middle color = Deep Cerise #4626 (aka fuchsia); Outer edge color = Orange #3217. Lerke, and many other Dale yarns, can be found on my retail website, <u>Kidsknits.com</u>.



GAUGE:

The outermost round on the sample = about 22 stitches per 4 inches / 10cm. But, in this case, the gauge is not crucial. What matters is that you're happy with the resulting fabric. **NOTE**: Don't judge your gauge by how rumpled things look once the elastic band is covered. It needs to be rumpled, when at rest, so that it's still fully covered, when stretched, while worn.

NEEDLES:

US #5 / 3.75mm, or whatever size needle you need to obtain your preferred gauge. You can use double-pointed needles, if you'd like; but, I highly recommend one long (32" to 40") circular needle with the magic loop method for this application.



One tapestry needle (for weaving in loose ends.)
One elastic hair band (shown below.)





It's always a good idea to read through the entire pattern before starting to knit!

ABBREVIATIONS:

 $\mathbf{K} = \text{knit}$

K2tog = knit two stitches together as one stitch.

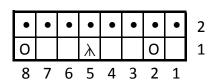
 \mathbf{P} = purl.

SK2P = slip 1 stitch, as if to knit; knit the next 2 stitches together as one; pass the slipped stitch over. St(s) = stitch(es).Yo = yarn over, i.e., bring yarn forward between the needles and lay it backward over the right needle.

Knitting the elastic band cover: Using red yarn (or whatever center color you'd like), and the common "long tail" cast-on method, cast on 72 sts. Distribute the sts evenly among your needles. Join circularly. K 5 rounds.

Joining the elastic band cover: * Insert right needle, front-to-back, through first st on left needle; slide elastic band onto right needle; fold knitted fabric up under the elastic band so that the knit side is on the outside and the cast-on edge is behind your knitting; insert right needle through the near half of the corresponding stitch column's cast-on chain; without twisting it, place that loop from the cast-on edge onto your left needle; k2tog. Repeat from * until all sts are joined.

Knitting the lace: Two Lace Rounds: *K 1, yo, k 2, SK2P, k 2, yo, repeat from * to end of round. P 1 round. Work the Two Lace Rounds in red; repeat. Work the Two Lace Rounds in fuchsia. Work the Two Lace Rounds in orange. Bind off all sts knitwise. Weave in any loose ends.



= Knit 1 stitch

O = yarn over

入 = SK2P

• = Purl 1 stitch



- 1) If you prefer, you can use a provisional cast-on, undo and slip on each cast-on stitch, rather than picking each one up from the edge, as you join. (I used the long-tail cast-on for the sample.)
- 2) It helps to stretch the band a bit as you work the last several stitches in the join.
- 3) SK2P is a left-leaning double decrease; feel free to use a centered S2KP, if you prefer.
- 4) Hey, don't forget that yarn over at the end of the round!
- 5) Have fun!





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