

# Child's Beaded Headband



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Bella wearing a headband by her mother, Hanna.

## Materials:

Paper for making a pattern

Leather

Ultrasuede

Fur (real or faux)

Nymo thread

Size 6 glass beads (as desired )

Larger adornment beads (as desired)

Elastic

## Tools:

Pen or pencil

Scissors

Razor blade

Lighter or E600 adhesive

Leather sewing needle

Thimble

## Step One: Prepare Materials

1. Make a pattern. Cut rectangular strips of paper at the length needed to nearly circle the child's head. Leave about a 3 inch break between the end for adding a strip of elastic. The measurements below are a guide.

a. Leather Pattern - 13.5" x 1.25"

b. Fur Pattern - 13.5" x .75"

c. Ultrasuede Pattern - 13.5" x 2" (Note: the combined width of the leather and fur patterns should equal the width of the Ultrasuede pattern as the Ultrasuede will be backing for both the leather and the fur pieces.)

2. Trace your patterns on the back of each of your materials with a pen or a pencil.

3. Use razor blade to carefully cut out fur. Youth should have supervision.

4. Cut out the leather and Ultrasuede with scissors.

## Step Two: Stitch the Fur to the Leather

1. Line up the leather and fur for stitching together—the front of the fur and the front of the leather will be facing each other while you stitch them together.
2. Thread your needle and tie with a strong knot. Then, using a blanket stitch, carefully sew the leather and fur together along the seam. As you go, use your needle to tuck back any fur that comes through the seam. When you reach the end, tie a strong knot.

## Step Three: Add Beads

1. Lay out your beads to create a design for your headband. Use size 6 glass beads and larger accent beads to create the design. Stitch the beads onto the headband.
2. Decide if you want to add front and/or side fringes using accent beads and /or size 6 beads. Lay out your fringe along the headband. String the beads and stitch each strand onto the headband.

## Step Four: Stitch Ultrasuede Backing to Headband

1. Lay your beaded headband face down and line up the Ultrasuede with the top edge of the fur.
2. Sew the Ultrasuede to the fur using a blanket stitch.
3. Secure all the knots by either melting them with a lighter or adding adhesive. E600 is a good fabric adhesive.

## Step Five: Attach Elastic

1. Measure the headband against the child's head to determine how much elastic is needed. Cut the elastic with an extra half inch on each side.
2. Fold the Ultrasuede backing over the back side of the headband and line up the edges. Tuck one side of the elastic inside the edge of the headband with a seam allowance of about a half an inch.
3. Use a top stitch to sew the elastic into the headband, making sure that it is secure by sewing both down and then up the edge of the headband. Tie with a secure knot.
4. Repeat on the other side to complete the circle of the headband. Flip the headband inside out so that the beads and leather are facing inward while you stitch.

## Step Six: Tack the Edge of the Headband

1. Working behind the beaded fringe, use a long running stitch along the edge of the Ultrasuede and leather to hold the backing down.
2. Tie with a strong knot and hide the knots between the Ultrasuede and leather. You can choose to tack along the whole headband or just behind the fringe.

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