

Beaded Doll Headdress

Instructions by Kayla McDermott



This activity creates an Alutiiq woman's beaded headdress that fits a Glitter Girls Doll (<https://myglittergirls.com>). It can be adapted for other dolls.

MATERIALS:

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 60 Oval Spaghetti Beads | Doll |
| 100 Pony Beads | Doll Stand |
| 40 Decorative Beads | Measuring Tape |
| Waxed Thread or Imitation Sinew | Wool Felt |
| Scissors | Leather Hole Punch |
| Template (page 4) | Plastic Canvas Needle |
| Optional: Rotary Cutter, Cutting Mat, Pins, Hot Glue, Glue Gun | |

STEP 1: CUT FELT PIECES

Cut out the template and trace it onto the piece of wool felt. You can use pins to secure the paper template to the felt. After tracing, cut out the felt pieces. If not using the template, measure out a circle that is 1" inch across, then measure two strips—one small, one large. The small strip will be 8" long and $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide. The long strip will be $10\frac{1}{2}$ " long and $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide. For other dolls, use a measuring tape to measure around the doll's head in two places to estimate the length of the felt strips.

STEP 2: SECURE ENDS OF FELT STRIPS

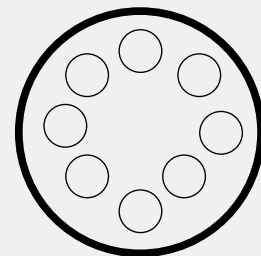
Once all the felt pieces are cut out, sew or hot glue the ends of the small felt strip together about $\frac{1}{2}$ " inch from the ends. Repeat for long strip.



Stitched Felt Band

STEP 3: PUNCH HOLES IN FELT CIRCLE

Use the leather hole punch on the smallest setting to punch 8 holes around the felt circle piece. This is the top of the headdress. These holes should be about $\frac{1}{16}$ " of an inch from the edge.



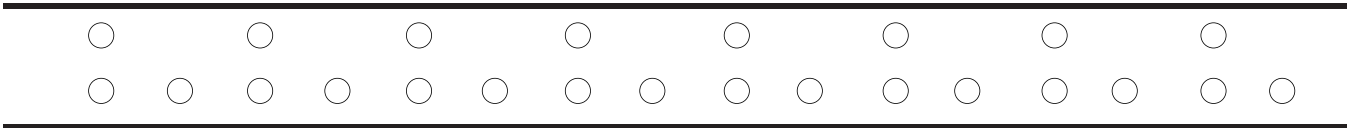
1" Felt Circle with Holes

Beaded Doll Headdress

STEP 4: PUNCH HOLES IN SMALL STRIP

Next punch 8 holes along the top of the small felt strip and 16 holes along the bottom. Make sure the top 8 holes line up with those in the circular felt piece, with holes in between the spaces.

Top: 8 Holes

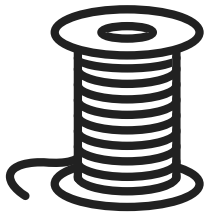


Bottom: 16 Holes

Small Strip: 8 inches long and 3/4" wide

STEP 5: PUNCH HOLES IN LARGE STRIP

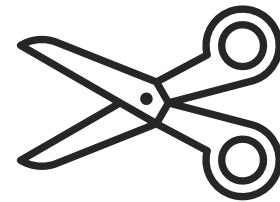
Repeat Step 4 with the large felt strip, but punch 16 holes on the top and bottom, matching up all the holes.



STEP 6: CUT WAX THREAD

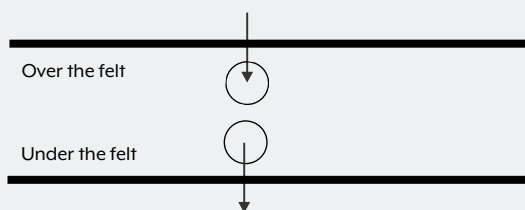
Cut wax thread pieces as follows:

- 3 pieces @ 8" each for the front bangs
- 4 pieces @ 10" each for the side fringe
- 9 pieces @ 15" each for the back



STEP 7: START BEADING

Start with the hole punches next to the back seam. Take a piece of the 15-inch waxed thread, thread the plastic needle and tie a knot. Put the needle through the hole punch top circle piece. Starting with the back middle, string 1 oval spaghetti bead through the needle. Next, string the thread over and under the middle-felt piece.

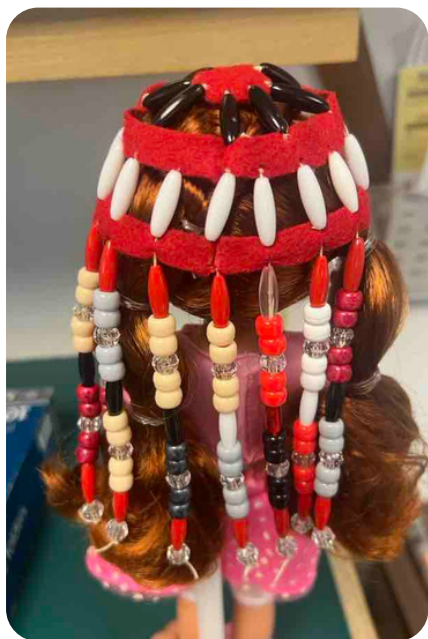


STEP 8: CONTINUE BEADING

Continuing with the back middle string. Add 1 oval spaghetti bead and thread it through the long strip. Follow the back tail bead pattern - see next page.

Beaded Doll Headdress

Back Tail Pattern - 15" threads



- Circle felt
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Small felt strip
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Long felt strip
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Pony bead (x2)
- Decorative bead
- Pony bead (x2)
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Pony bead (x2)
- Decorative bead
- Pony bead (x2)
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Decorative bead
- Knot



Reverse

STEP 9: BEAD THE BANGS

After beading the bangs, follow the order of work diagram on page 5. Bead the back pieces again and then the side fringe..

Front Bang Pattern - 8" threads



- Circle felt piece
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Small felt strip
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Long felt strip
- Pony bead
- Decorative bead
- Knot



Reverse

Beaded Doll Headdress

STEP 10: BEAD THE SIDE FRINGE

Once finished with the back middle string, follow the order of work diagram on page 5. Bead the back pieces again and then the side fringe.

Side Fringe Pattern - 10" threads



- Circle felt
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Small felt strip
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Long felt strip
- Oval spaghetti bead
- Pony bead (x2)
- Decorative bead
- Pony bead (x2)
- Decorative bead
- Knot



Reverse

STEP 11: FINISH BEADING

Continue to work around the headdress following the order for the top 8-hole punched pieces. Once you have completed all 8 top pieces. Start filling in the hole punched places in between on the small strip. Tie a knot underneath and continue with the patterns for the section you are working on.

STEP 12: FINAL STEPS

Flip the headdress inside out. Cut another felt circle, small, and long strip. Hot glue another piece on top of the knots to secure them under the headdress.



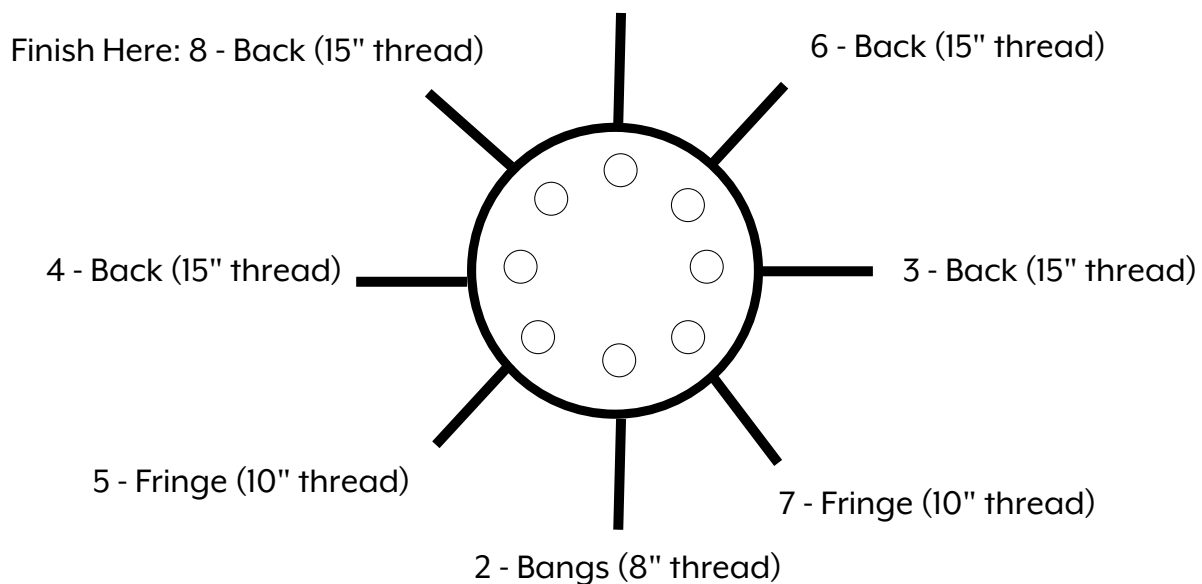
Beaded Doll Headdress

ORDER OF WORK

Follow the numbered steps in this diagram below and add the beaded strands filling in the headdress.

BACK OF HEAD

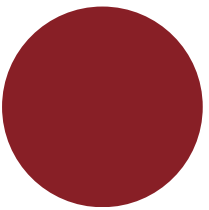
Start Here: 1 - Back (15" thread)



FRONT OF HEAD



TEMPLATES FOR FELT PIECES



Circle -1" Around

Small Strip - 8 "inches 3/4" wide



Long Strip- 10.5 inches and 3/4" wide