

# Beaded Doll Headdress

Instructions by Kayla McDermott



This activity creates an Alutiiq-style 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

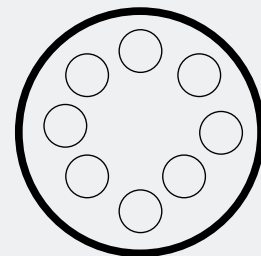
Once all the felt pieces are cut out, sew or hot glue the ends of the small felt strip together about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " inch from the ends. Repeat for long strip.



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.



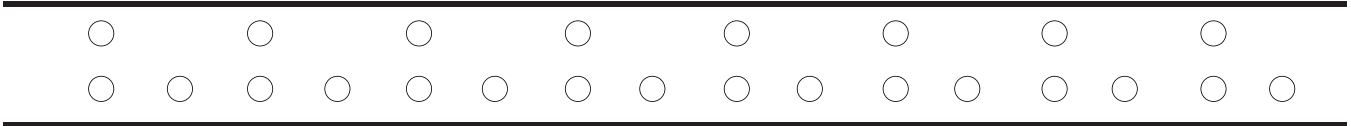
1" Felt Circle with Holes

# 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

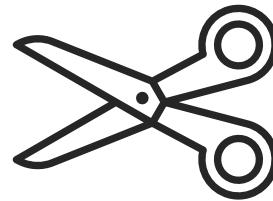
## STEP 5: PUNCH HOLES IN LARGE STRIP

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

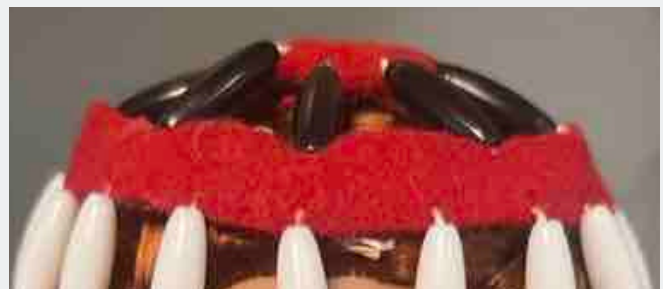
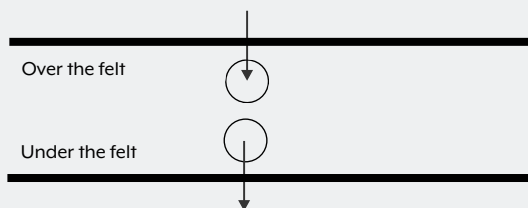
Cut wax thread pieces as follows:

- 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

Starting 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. Then string the thread over and under the middle-felt piece.



## STEP 8: CONTINUE BEADING

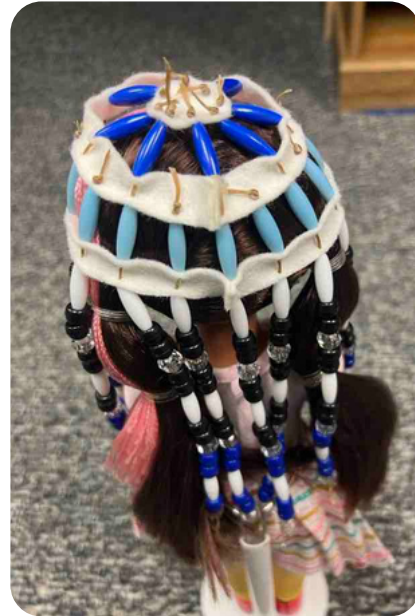
Continuing with the back middle string. Add 1 oval spaghetti bead and thread it through the long strip. Follow the back tail of the headdress pattern - see next page.

# 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 8: BEAD THE BANGS

Once finished with the back middle string, follow the order of work diagram on page 5 and bead the bangs.

## 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 and bead the bangs.

### 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: BEAD THE SIDE FRINGE

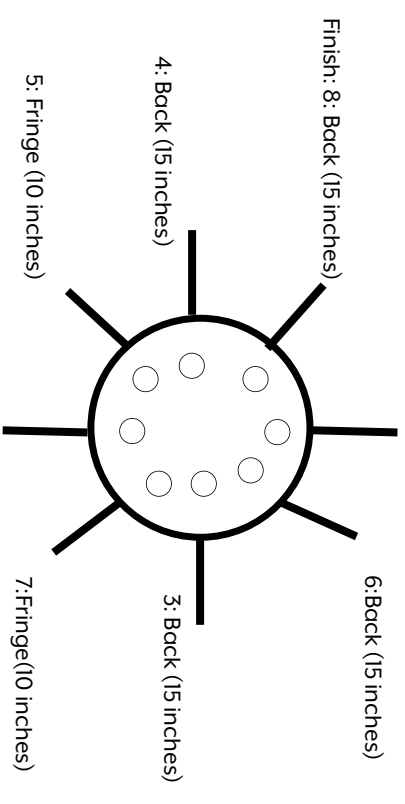
Flip the headdress inside out. Cut another felt circle, small, and long strip. Hot glue another piece on top of the knots to secure them under the headdress.



## Order of Work Diagram:

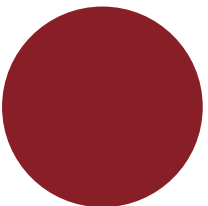
### Back of Head

Start: 1 - Back (15 inches)



### Front of Head

## Templates For Felt



Circle -1" Around

Small Strip - 8 "inches  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide

Long Strip- 10.5 inches and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide