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THEY SAY IMITATION IS THE HIGHEST form of flattery, but sometimes we can't see what's right under our noses just waiting to be imitated! Three years ago customers began asking for the pattern to an unimpressive headband that appeared in a knitting magazine. The editors couldn't identify it for me, but wherever I went, knitters wanted to talk about this pattern.

Someone was even making their own version to sell at local boutiques. Finally, after our move, we had time to give it some attention. This ribbed Duchess is Stitch Therapy's version of the headband that haunted Park Slope!



Level of difficulty:  
Experienced

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Duchess

# Duchess



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Size: Medium-Large

**Materials:** 1 ball Berocco "Cuzco" 130 yards US 17 needles  
Tapestry needle, Button

**Gauge:** 8 sts = 4" over stockinette stitch.

With 2 strands held together CO 3 sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** sl 1 purl-wise, p2.

**Row 2:** sl 1 knit-wise, yrn (wrap yarn around needle towards you), k1, yo, k1.

**Row 3:** sl 1 purl-wise, k1 tbl (through back loop), p1, k1 tfl (through front loop), p1.

**Row 4:** sl 1 knit-wise, p1, yrn, k1, yo, p1, k1.  
Cont to slip sts as est.

**Row 5:** sl 1, k1, p1 tbl, p1, p1 tfl, k1, p1.

**Row 6:** sl 1, p1, k1, yrn, k1, yo, k1, p1, k1.

**Row 7:** sl 1, k1, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tfl, p1, k1, p1.

**Row 8:** sl 1, p1, k1, p1, yrn, k1, yo, p1, k1, p1, k1.

**Row 9:** sl 1, k1, p1, k1, p1 tbl, p1, p1 tfl, k1, p1, k1, p1.

**Row 10:** sl 1, (p1, k1) 2x, yrn, k1, yo, (k1, p1) 2x, k1.

**Row 11:** sl 1, (k1, p1) 2x, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tfl, (p1, k1) 2x, p1.

**Row 12:** sl 1, (p1, k1) 2x, p1, yrn, k1, yo, p1, (k1, p1) 2x, k1.

**Row 13:** sl 1, (k1, p1) 2x, k1, p1 tbl, p1, p1 tfl, k1, (p1, k1) 2x, p1.

**Row 14:** sl 1, (p1, k1) 3x, yrn, k1, yo, (k1, p1) 3x, k1.

**Row 15:** sl 1, (k1, p1) 3x, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tfl, (p1, k1) 3x, p1.

**Row 16:** sl 1, (p1, k1) 3x, p1, yrn, k1, yo, p1, (k1, p1) 3x, k1.

**Row 17:** sl 1, (k1, p1) 3x, k1, p1 tbl, p1, p1 tfl, k1, (p1, k1) 3x, p1.

**Row 18:** sl 1, (p1, k1) 4x, yrn, k1, yo, (k1, p1) 4x, k1.

**Row 19:** sl 1, (k1, p1) 4x, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tfl, (p1, k1) 4x, p1. 21 sts.

**Row 20:** sl 1, k2tog, (p1, k1) 3x, p1, yrn, k1, yo, p1, (k1, p1) 3x, skp, k1.

**Row 21:** sl 1, p1, (k1, p1) 3x, k1. p1 tbl, p1, p1 tfl, k1, (p1, k1) 3x, p2. Sew on large button for closure.

**Row 22:** sl 1, p2tog, (k1, p1) 3x, k1, yrn, k1, yo, k1, (p1, k1) 3x, p2tog, k1.

**Row 23:** sl 1, k1, (p1, k1) 3x, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tfl, p1, (k1, p1) 3x, k1. p1.

**Row 24:** sl 1, \*p1, k1; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

**Row 25:** sl 1, \*k1, p1; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

Rep last 2 rows until piece measures 9" ending with row 25.

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**Next row:** sl 1, yo, (p1, k1) 4x, p3tog, (k1, p1) 4x, yo, k1.

**Next row:** sl 1, p1 tbl, (k1, p1) to last 2 sts, p1 tbl, p1.

**Next row:** sl 1, yo, (k1, p1) 4x, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, (p1, k1) 4x, yo, k1

**Next row:** sl 1, k1 tbl, p1, (k1, p1) to last 2 sts, k1 tbl, p1.

## Decrease stitches as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** sl 1, rib 8, p3tog, rib 8, k1.

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** sl 1, rib to last st, p1.

**Row 3:** sl 1, rib 7, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, rib 7, k1.

**Row 5:** sl 1, rib 6, p3tog, rib 6, k1.

**Row 7:** sl 1, rib 5, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, rib 5, k1.

**Row 9:** sl 1, rib 4, p3tog, rib 4, k1.

**Row 11:** sl 1, rib 3, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, rib 3, k1.

**Row 13:** sl 1, rib 2, p3tog, rib 2, k1.

**Row 15:** sl 1, p1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, p1, k1.

**Row 17:** sl 1, p3tog, k1.

**Row 19:** slip 1, k1, p1.

**Row 21:** sl 1 knit-wise, k2tog, pssso.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Gently block with rib lightly stretched.

## Abbreviations

**beg** – beginning; **cc** – contrasting color;

**k** – knit; **p** – purl, **LH** – left hand; **RH** – right hand;

**pat** – pattern, work current pattern;

**pm** – place marker; **ssk** – slip, slip, knit;

**rnd** – round; **tog** – together; **sts** - stitches;

**skp** – slip1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the k1 and off the knitting needle; **x** – times

**rib** - knit the knits and purl the purls as they appear

**pssso** - pass the slipped stitch over and off the right needle; **wyif** - with yarn in front; **yrn** - lay yarn over

right knitting needle; **tbl** - through the back of the loop; **tfl** - through the front of the loop

**Embellishment notes:** jazz it up with flowers and bows; knit or crochet; yarn, ribbon, or buttons.

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