Skull cap

The perfect accent piece, this darling topper is super simple to make. If you’d like, use a contrasting fabric for the top.

SIZE
Adaptable; Pictured on O’Sheanna, age 4

MATERIALS
~ Pattern (see page 3)
~ ½ yard of medium-weight fabric
~ 6-inch piece of elastic, ⅜ inch wide

TOOLS
Basic sewing supplies

Seam allowance is ½ inch unless otherwise noted

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TO CUT
1. Find the pattern on page three.
2. At one end of the fabric, cut a 10 x 24-inch rectangle for the headband. If 24 inches is too much for a smaller head, adjust accordingly.
3. Fold the remaining fabric, place the top pattern along the fold, and cut out one top piece.

TO SEW
4. Stitch a wide gathering stitch around the circumference of the top piece. Gently pull the bobbin threads to slightly gather the top.
5. To make the headband:
* With right sides facing, match the short ends of the rectangle piece to make a loop. Pin, stitch, and press the seam. Topstitch along either side of the seam. With wrong sides facing, fold this loop in half.
lengthwise. Press a crease along the fold (see fig. 1). Topstitch about 1 inch from the folded edge.

* On the wrong side of the fabric, center and pin the elastic strip over the seam, along the topstitching line. Tack the center of the elastic to secure, then stretch the elastic ends on each side as you pin and tack them in place.

* To secure the elastic, stretch the fabric and zigzag it in place. (see fig. 2).

5. To complete the hat:

* With right sides facing, pin the headband to the top, aligning raw edges. Position the headband seam and elastic at the back. Adjusting the gathering as needed to fit the headband.

* Stitch in place. Press the seam allowance up toward the top. If you like, topstitch around the headband, ¼-inch from the top seam.

* Tina's tip To vary the size range just a bit, use a little more (or less) elastic in the headband.