



fascinator HEADBAND

Stand out from the crowd
with this statement-
making felt headband.

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from your stash

Felt scraps in assorted colors

gather

Basic felt sewing kit

Templates (page 4)

Matching thread

Elastic headband (or length of narrow elastic)

*make*

- 1 Trace the oval templates from page 4 onto the main color of felt you want to use and cut out the shapes. These ovals will form the base of the headband.
- 2 Trace the circle templates from page 4 onto the felt scraps and cut out a selection of circles in different colors and sizes to completely cover the oval base, using the photo as a guide.
- 3 Position the circles on one of the felt ovals so the circles are as close together as possible—slightly overlap the edges of the oval. When you're happy with the arrangement, sew them in place. Using thread to match the base of the headband, sew two small stitches in the center of each circle, forming a cross.

4 Cut out more traced circles to layer on top of your pattern. Layer the newly cut circles on top of the ones you've already stitched in place, making sure they're centered. Sew the circles in place with another small cross of two stitches. Set aside the decorated oval (**fig. A**).

5 Sew an elastic headband to the second (undecorated) base piece. Use whip stitches to sew it in place along the center of the length of the oval, sewing up one side of the elastic and down the other. If you don't have an elastic headband, cut a length of narrow elastic to fit your head, make a loop, and sew it in place so the ends of the elastic join together in the middle of the oval (**fig. B**).

6 Place the two ovals together, so the headband or elastic goes through the middle and comes out either side. Sew the ovals together using a whipstitch around the edge. Bend the overlapping circles back slightly as you sew, and finish your stitches neatly on the back (**fig. C**).



fig. A



fig. B



fig. C

variations!

To make matching hair clips, cut out two circles as the base, sew one pile of layered circles on top of one base circle, and secure them with a cross. Sew a hair clip onto the second base circle and join both base pieces together with a whip stitch.

For a necklace, follow the instructions for steps 1 to 4. At step 5, cut two lengths of ribbon and pin them to either end of the bottom oval. Carefully try on the unfinished necklace to make sure you like how it hangs, then stitch the ribbons securely in place. Follow step 6 to finish the necklace.

