Earmuffs

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The earmuffs are made of 2 pairs of hexagons; each pair is joined with one round of single crochet around edges.

For headband: pick up the stitches on one side of hexagon and knit in garter stitch for the length needed.

Knit two I-cords for the ties.

What you need

1 skein Noro Kureyon color 173 – Main Colour (MC)
A small amount of Cascade black - Contrasting Colour (CC)
Circular needle 5.5 mm/9 USA
Hook 4.5/7 or   USA
1 yarn needle

Stitch glossary

K: knit
Kfb: knit into front and back
dc: double crochet

Make the hexagon (11 cm circumference)

With MC Cast on 6 sts using the Emily Ocker method:
http://www.spellingtuesday.com/circular_co.html

Place 6 sts on circular needle, place marker at start of round.

Round 1:	K all sts (6 sts)
Round 2:	Kfb6, (12 sts)
Rounds 3,5,7,9,11:	K all sts
Round 4:	*K1, Kfb1, rep from *; (18 sts)
Round 6:	*K2, Kfb1, rep from *; (24 sts)
Round 8:	*K3, Kfb1, rep from *; (30 sts)
Round 10:	*K4, Kfb1, rep from *; (36 sts)
Round 12:	*K5, Kfb1, rep from *; (42 sts)
Round 13:	K all sts

Now place all stitches on a stitch holder.

Make 3 more hexagons for a total of 4.

How to join hexagons into pairs

Put one hexagon on top of another (wrong sides facing), using CC insert hook into first 2 sts in each hexagon, draw through one loop, chain 1, insert hook into second 2 sts of hexagons, draw through one loop, 1 dc, continue to the end.
Join remaining 2 hexagons in the same way.

Make the headband

With MC yarn and circular needle 5.5 mm pick up 9 sts from one side of hexagon, knit in garter stitch until desired length is reached, do not bind stitches off. (My headband: 49 rounds = 20 cm).

How to join headband to second hexagon

Slip headband off circular needle. Match the 9 live stitches of the headband to the stitches of one side of the hexagon. Insert crochet hook #7 into the first live stitch of the headband and then through one stitch of the hexagon, draw up a loop and make a single crochet, binding off the live stitch. Continue until all 9 stitches have been bound off and attached with single crochet.

Make 2 I-cords

Knit 2 I-cords using 3 sts; each cord should be 20 cm long. Attach them to the hexagon earmuffs opposite the side the headband is attached to (see photo).
If desired, use CC to finish off headband with one round of double crochet.

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