

# BOX WINE BIRTHDAY BRAIDED I-CORD HEADBAND

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- SIZE 6 US REGULAR NEEDLES
- SIZE 5 US DPN (2 OF THEM) FOR I-CORD
- THREE STITCH HOLDERS
- DARNING NEEDLE
- BOX WINE\* \*OPTIONAL

**STEP 1:** Cast on 6 stitches with the regular size 6 US needles. Knit garter stitch for 1".

**STEP 2:** Begin first I-Cord. Slide first two stitches onto a size 5 US DPN. Put the next two stitches on a stitch holder, and the last two on a stitch holder. (see pic) Start making I-Cord with the first two stitches – go for 19" approx. Leave a long enough tail of yarn to knit the back closure (6 stitches across, 1" of garter). Slide onto a stitch marker. **Note:** when making I-Cord, I like to give the work a slight pull down after each row to straighten it up and make it uniform.



**STEP #1 & #2**  
KNIT GARTER, BEGIN 1<sup>ST</sup> I-CORD



**STEP #3**  
FINISHED I-CORDS BEFORE BRAIDING

**STEP 3:** Finish I-Cords before braiding - Same thing with the next two stitches – Start making I-Cord, go for 19" approx. Again leave a long enough tail of yarn to knit the back closure (6 stitches across, 1" of garter). Same thing with the last two stitches - Start making I-Cord, go for 19" approx. Again leave a long enough tail of yarn to knit the back closure (6 stitches across, 1" of garter).



**STEP #4**  
PRE-BRAIDING TECHNIQUE

**STEP 4:** Pre-braiding technique - Now you are ready to braid them together. You can see that I used embroidery floss cards to hold the excess yarn at the end of the I-Cords to make them easier to braid with. Why I left enough yarn at the end of each I-Cord is so that you don't have to work your braid to get the one with the long tail to sit on the end. (confusing, sorry)

**STEP 5:** Finish braiding and trim ends – trim off the extra yarn that you aren't going to use for the final garter stitch portion. I tied the two ends together and wove into the piece.



**STEP #5**  
FINISH BRAIDING, TRIM ENDS



**STEP #6**  
PREP FOR FINAL GARTER STITCH FINISH

**STEP 6:** Prep for final garter stitch finish – Now that you are done braiding, put the 6 stitches back on one of the size 6 US regular needles, making sure that you have the long string that you left for the garter stitch on the end of your needle. Go ahead and knit garter for another inch or so, bind off.

**STEP 7:**  
SEW TOGETHER.  
PUT ON. LOOK FAB.



**STEP #7**  
SEW TOGETHER!



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