Elastic Mask Strap

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Description: A simple crocheted strap with buttons to help prevent soreness on ears from elastic face mask straps

Dimensions: 6 inches long by 1.5 inches wide

Supplies:

Size G crochet hook

Worsted weight cotton yarn (approximately 5 to 10 grams)

Locking stitch markers

Scissors

Yarn needle

2 buttons

Needle and thread (Optional if your button holes are not large enough for your yarn and yarn needle)

Stitches:

Ch- chain stitch

Sc- Single crochet

Dc- Double crochet

Sl St- slip stitch

Pattern:

Make a slip knot and chain 21 loosely. You will be working 2 stitches into each ch so you don't want this to get too tight.

Row 1:

Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook.

Work 1 sc in the back bump of each ch across to the last ch (19 sc)

In last ch, work 3 sc, placing marker in the second sc. Rotate chain so you can begin working in the tops of chain stitches.

Work 1 sc in each ch across to last ch. You can use this opportunity to crochet over your starting tail so you don't have to weave in that end. Or leave it loose and use it to sew on the button at that end.

Work 2 sc in final ch, placing marker in the final sc. (42 sc)

Row 2:

Beginning to work in the round, ch 1, work 1 dc in each sc across to marker.

Work 3 dc in marked stitch, remove marker.

Work 1 dc in each sc across to 2nd marker.

Work 2 dc in marked stitch, remove marker.

Join to first dc with sl st. Bind off and weave in tails or use the tail to sew on the second button. See picture below for button placement. You can use needle and thread if the holes in your buttons are not large enough to use the yarn.