

Fair Isle Hat

by Deborah V. Gardner

Materials:

Cascade 220, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 1 skein each
#4192 Soft Pink (MC), #7814 Chartreuse (color 2), #2409
Palm (color 3), #8912 Lilac Mist (color 4), 8901 Groseille
(color 5), #4147 Lemon Yellow (color 6)

Small amount of smooth waste yarn in a contrasting color the
same weight as the MC

US 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular needle or size to obtain correct
gauge

US 5 (3.5 mm) 16" circular needle or size to obtain correct
gauge

Set of 4 or 5 double pointed needles in the same size as the
smaller needle
tapestry needle



Gauge:

26 stitches x 26 rows in Fair Isle *in the round* = 4" x 4" (10 cm x 10 cm) with larger needles

26 stitches x 30 rows in stockinette stitch *in the round* = 4" x 4" (10 cm x 10 cm) with smaller needles

It is important to check your gauge with both needle sizes!

Directions for Tubular Cast On:

- Cast on 70 sts with waste yarn. Join, being careful not to twist.
- Purl 3 rounds.
- Change to MC and purl 4 rounds.
- Weave the MC yarn end into the first purl bump of the waste yarn on the last needle to create another MC purl bump (figure 1).
- *P1, pick up and knit the "bump" of the MC 4 rounds below the needle, repeat from * to end of round. You now have 140 sts on the needles.
- Work several rounds of 1 x 1 ribbing before carefully cutting away the waste yarn.



figure 1

Directions:

With smaller needles and using the tubular cast-on described above, cast on 140 sts. Work in 1x1 ribbing for 1⁷/₈".

Knit 2 rounds.

Change to larger circular needle and begin the chart. Start at the lower right corner and working from right to left, repeat stitches 1 – 20 seven times.

When chart is complete, change to smaller circular needle (or needle size used to obtain proper stockinette stitch gauge) and knit 3 rounds with MC.

Begin decreases changing to the dpns when there are too few stitches for you to knit comfortably on the circular needle:

Rnd 1: *K12, k2tog; rep from * around (130 sts).

Rnd 2 and all even rnds: K.

Rnd 3: *K11, k2tog; rep from * around (120 sts).

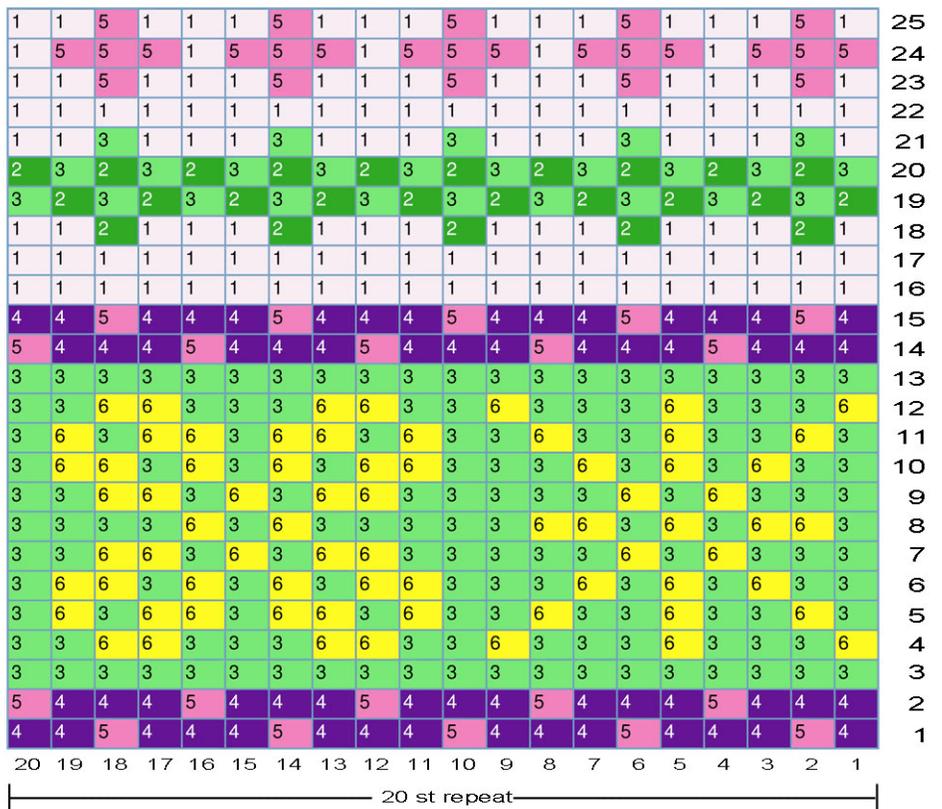
Rnd 5: *K10, k2tog; rep from * around (110 sts).

Rnd 7: *K9, k2tog; rep from * around (100 sts).
 Rnd 9: *K8, k2tog; rep from * around (90 sts).
 Rnd 10: *K7, k2tog; rep from * around (80 sts).
 Rnd 13: *K6, k2tog; rep from * around (70 sts).
 Rnd 15: *K5, k2tog; rep from * around (60 sts).
 Rnd 17: *K4, k2tog; rep from * around (50 sts).
 Rnd 19: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around (30 sts).
 Rnd 21: *K2, K2tog; rep from * around (20 sts).
 Rnd 23: *K1, K2tog; rep from * around (10 sts)..
 Rnd 24: *K2 tog; rep from * around (5 sts).

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread the tapestry needle with tail and pull through remaining 5 sts. Pull the tail snug, go through the 5 sts again pulling tail snug and weave in end. Weave in all other ends. Block. (Tip: use a balloon to block your hat.)

Color Codes

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 3	3	#2409 Palm
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 5	5	8901 Groseille
 6	6	#4147 Lemon



References and Acknowledgements:
 Mary Forte, "Fair Isle: A Quick History"
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