

Zooey

A Fair Isle adventure suitable for beginners and beyond.



- Yarn:** 2 skeins Nashua Creative Focus Worsted, 75% Wool, 25% Alpaca, 220 yards per skein. Used for main color and one contrast color. Colors shown: Taupe Heather and Chocolate.
- 1 skein Ella Rae Kamelsoft, 75% Merino, 25% Camel, 88 yards per skein for second contrast color. Color shown: Mustard.
- Gauge:** 5 stitches per inch on size 7 needles for small size.
4.5 stitches per inch on size 8 needles for medium size.
4 stitches per inch on size 9 needles for large size.
- Needles:** Size 4.0 mm (US 6) 40" circular needle or DPNs for all sizes.
Size 4.5 mm (US 7) 40" circular needle or DPNs for small hat.
Size 5.0 mm (US 8) 40" circular needle or DPNs for medium hat.
Size 5.5 mm (US 9) 40" circular needle or DPNs for large hat.
- Notions:** Tapestry needle, stitch markers.
- Size:** Small: Approx. 17.5" circumference, 8" height. (unstretched)
Medium: Approx. 19" circumference, 8.75" height. (unstretched)
Large: Approx. 21" circumference, 9.5" height. (unstretched)

Notes:

Sizes are altered by changing needles size to alter the gauge. You may want to measure a hat you like the fit of to choose the best size. More rows can be added to the ribbing or before the decreases to obtain greater height. Please use whichever needle size produces the most accurate gauge for the fit you desire.

Fair Isle has less ease than a hat of similar size might. Keep this in mind when choosing your size.

A second contrast color is optional. Only about half of ball of main color is used for this pattern.

This hat benefits from blocking as the Fair Isle part of the hat is likely to pucker if not blocked.

This pattern has long (9 stitch) floats of the main color. It is highly beneficial to weave this float. A good visual tutorial can be found [here](#). I recommend weaving on the 3rd and 7th stitch in this float to make it weaving more invisible, rather than every other stitch as suggested by the tutorial.

Abbreviations:

K2tog: knit 2 stitches together to decrease one stitch

SSK: slip, slip, knit to decrease one stitch

pm: place marker

MIR: lift the bar between the sts from the back with the left needle. Knit the new st through the front loop (may be tight).

MIL: lift the bar between the sts from the front with the left needle. Knit new st through the back loop.

Cast On:

Cast on 80 stitches with 4.0 mm needles, using an Italian Tubular Cast On. You can find a good example of one [here](#). Divide among 4 DPNs or split for magic loop method. Knit for 1.25" lightly stretched, or to desired length.

Begin knitting with needles size necessary for desired hat size.

K 1 round, increasing 4 stitches evenly across the row. I use MIL and MIR paired increases. Feel free to use your preferred method.

K 1 round.

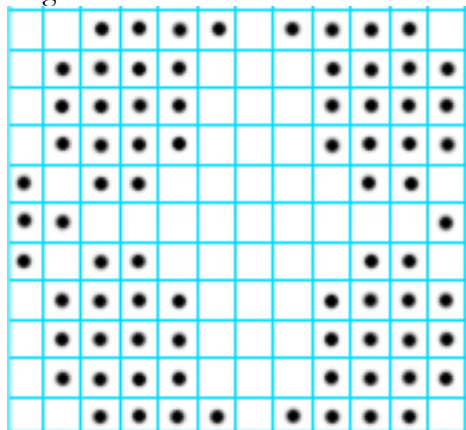
Begin Chart A:

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The chart should repeat 7 times for each round. The dots represent the contrast color, while the blank spaces represent use of the main color. When chart is complete, if you are using only one contrast color, do not break the yarn. If you are using 2 contrast colors, break yarn.

Following the completion of Chart A, K 2 rounds in main color. Continue with a second contrast color, or continue with the first.

Begin Chart B:



For all sizes, K 5 rounds, or as many as necessary to achieve desired height for fit.

*K 21, pm. Repeat to end. If you are using DPNs, your hat should already be divided in this way and you will not need the markers.

Decreases:

On next round *k2tog, knit until 2 stitches from marker or end of needle, ssk. Repeat 3 more times.

Knit one round.

Alternate decrease rounds followed and knit rounds until 12 sts remain. Cut yarn and thread through the remaining 12 sts. Pull snugly. Block and weave in ends.

Celebrate!

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