Roslin Fair Isle Hoodie
Designed by The Rainey Sisters
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The Roslin Fair Isle Hoodie© was designed by
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We are sisters who share our love of knitting and, even though we are separated by hundreds of miles, stay connected through our blog: The Rainey Sisters. The Roslin Fair Isle Hoodie was named to honor the Scottish roots of our design.

Shetland jumperweight wool is the yarn of choice for traditional fair isle knitting, but we did not want to use jumperweight for Roslin because of its small gauge. Jamieson Shetland yarns come in a variety of weights in identical colors, so we took advantage of this in our design: the body of the sweater is worked in a 3-ply DK weight, the fair isle panel is done in jumperweight, and then back to 3-ply for the sleeves and hood. Due to its unique construction, the transitions are virtually invisible. The resulting fabric has the same weight and "hand" on both the 3-ply stockinette areas and the fair isle band, which was a wonderful result and exactly what we hoped to achieve.

The Roslin Fair Isle Hoodie has subtle waist shaping and raglan sleeves. The body and fair isle panel are knit in the round, making a steek unnecessary. The sleeves are also knit in the round and then joined to the body. From that point, the knitting is worked back and forth to the hood. We kept the hood construction very clean, simple, and seamless. The optional kangaroo and sleeve pockets are fun details that add visual interest. Minimal seams and finishing are necessary. Four sizes are included.

This pattern is a gift to our readers. **Please credit us when using the pattern.** The pattern has not been test knitted in all sizes and in-depth pattern support is not available. Good faith estimates of yarn requirements are included, but they are estimates only. If you discover a typo or error, please let us know and we will make the necessary corrections.   Be sure to check the Roslin Errata page on our website for the latest revisions.

In order to best conceal the transition between yarn weights, we recommend using a dark color for the main color.

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Finished Sizes:
Small (Medium, Large, Extra Large)
38 ½ (40 ½, 45, 48) inches

Materials:
Simply Shetland Pure Knitting Wool in 2 ply and 3 ply by Jamieson

Main Color DK Weight 3-ply (MC-3) = Shetland DK in Loganberry (1290) – 17(18, 20, 22) 25 gm/75 m skeins
Main Color Jumperweight 2-ply (MC-2) = Simply Shetland Spindrift in Loganberry 1 (1, 1, 2) 25 gm/105 m skeins
Fair Isle Inset Colors (all sizes): 1 each of Burnt Umber (1190), Fog (272), Granny Smith (1140), Pacific (783),
        Rosemary (821), Sunset (186)

Needles: size 3.25 mm (US 3), 3.5 mm (US 4), 3.75 mm (US 5) -- 32"; Size 4 dpns, Size 5 dpns, Size 5 16" circular
One 5/8" button for opt. sleeve pocket

Gauge
Over 3 ply stockinette: 21 sts/28 rows per 4" with US 5
Over 2 ply fair isle: 30 sts/34 rows per 4" with US 3

Abbreviations
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
Rnd = round (one row worked in the round)
pm = place marker
sm = slip marker
tbl = through back loop
m1 = make 1 (inc 1 st using preferred method)
Sl = slip

DIRECTIONS
Please read through all directions before starting.

Facing
With MC-3 and US 4 circular needle (32"), cast on 204 (212, 236, 252) sts. Join to work in the round. Mark beg of rnd with marker (marks left side and beg of rnd), knit 102 (106, 118, 126) pm (marks right side). Knit 1 ¼ inches (approx 9 rnds). Purl 1 rnd (turning row). Change to US 5 32" needle and continue in stockinette st. Work 3 rnds. Note: Hoodie may be lengthened here by knitting additional rounds before starting pocket.

If the optional kangaroo pocket is being omitted, skip to Waist Shaping.

Optional Kangaroo Pocket
Work 16 (18, 24, 28) sts. Drop yarn (do not break) and knit next 71 sts with a new ball of yarn. Place rem sweater sts on waste yarn as holder. Continue to work 71 pocket sts back and forth.
Next Row (WS): K4, purl 63, k4.

Row 1 (RS):   knit
Row 2 & 4 (WS):   k4, purl to last 4 sts, k4
Row 3 (RS):   k5, ssk, knit to last 7 sts, k2tog, k5

Work these 4 rows until 47 sts remain. Work rows 1 & 2 once more. Place these sts on holder (52 pocket rows worked -- including 1st row).   The pocket will hang to the front as the body is worked.

Body and Waist Shaping

Continue body of sweater: using original ball of yarn, pick up into the back of each of the 71 pocket sts at base of kangaroo pocket, continue round as set.

When a total of 12 rnds have been worked above turning row, place markers as follows to mark waist shaping: *knit 19 (21, 27, 31) pm, k65, pm, knit 18 (20, 26, 30) sm, rep from * once more to end of rnd.

Dec rnd: [knit to 2 sts before 1st marker, ssk, sm, k to 2nd marker, sm, k2tog, knit to underarm marker], repeat betw [ ] once more.

[Work 5 rnds plain and then rep dec rnd] x 3 (4 dec rnds total) -- 188 (196, 220, 236) sts. Work 11 rnds plain.

Inc Rnd: [knit to 1st marker, m1, sm, k to 2nd marker, sm, m1, knit to underarm marker], repeat betw [ ] once more.

[Work 7 rnds plain and then rep inc rnd] x 3 (4 inc rnds total). **AT SAME TIME**, when 55 rnds have been completed on the body of the sweater above the turning row (including pick up rnd), join kangaroo pocket:

Place pocket sts on a spare knitting needle and hold at front of work. Knit to 1st marker of body, sm, k9, *slip 1 st from pocket as to knit, slip next st from sweater front as to knit, knit these 2 sts tog TBL (like ssk)* cont betw * * until all pocket sts are joined. Continue round and continue shaping as described above (remove markers for shaping after last inc completed). Work 9 rnds plain 204 (212, 236, 252) sts.

Fair Isle Inset

To complete the fair isle inset, change to smaller needles and MC-2. The stitch count will need to be increased accordingly to accommodate the difference in gauge.

Increase Round:
Change to Size 3 needles and MC-2 ply yarn. Follow instructions for fair isle insert for given size.

Note: when reading instructions with both parentheses and brackets, read as shown in example:
  [k3, yo, (k2, yo) x 3] x 6
  Means: k3, yo, k2, yo, k2, yo, k2, yo -- and repeat all of this 6 times

SMALL
*(k2, yo) x 3, (k2, yo, k3, yo) x 8, (k2, yo) x 2, k3 (mark 2nd st of the 3 sts as center st using small piece of scrap yarn or coil-less safety pin), (yo, k2) x 2, (yo, k3, yo, k2) x 8, (yo, k2) x 2, yo, k1; slip marker and repeat from * (288 sts, 144 sts front and back).

MEDIUM
*(k2, yo) x 26, k3 (mark 2nd st of the 3 sts as center st using small piece of scrap yarn or coil-less safety pin), (yo, k2) x 25, yo, k1; slip marker and repeat from * (316 sts, 158 sts front and back).

LARGE
*(k2, yo) x 2, [k3, yo, (k2, yo) x 3] x 6, k3 (mark 2nd st of the 3 sts as center st using small piece of scrap yarn or coil-less safety pin), [(yo, k2) x 3, yo, k3] x 6, yo, k2, yo, k1; slip marker and repeat from * (340 sts, 170 sts front and back).

EXTRA LARGE
*k2, yo, [(k2, yo) x 2, k3, yo] x 8, (k2, yo) x 2, k3 (mark 2nd st of the 3 sts as center st using small piece of scrap yarn or coil-less safety pin), (yo, k2) x 2, [yo, k3, (yo, k2) x 2] x 8, yo, k1; slip marker and repeat from * (360 sts, 180 sts front and back).

All sizes: Knit next round, knitting all yo's tbl. *These instructions create the nearly invisible transition.*
Start fair isle charts (see last pages of pattern) as follows, joining and breaking off colors as needed and reading charts from right to left across each row.

Note for size Extra Large only: the fair isle pattern will be centered on the center stitch of Chart A; all other sizes will center on the first stitch of Chart A

SMALL
Work Chart A x 8 repeats.

MEDIUM
*Work Chart B x 1 over 7 sts, work Chart A x 4 repeats over next 144 sts, work Chart C over 7 sts, sm and rep from * once more.

LARGE
*Work Chart D x 1 over 13 sts, work Chart A x 4 repeats over next 144 sts, work Chart E over 13 sts, sm and rep from * once more.

EXTRA LARGE
Work Chart A x 10 repeats.

All sizes: Work charts as set until 33 chart rounds are complete. Work 1 round in MC-2.   Fair Isle Inset complete.

Transition to MC-3: decrease round
Change to US 5 (size for MC-3 and body of sweater) and MC-3 and work decreases for each size as follows:

SMALL
*(k1, k2tog) x 3, (K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog) x 8, [(k1, k2tog) x 2, k2, k2tog] x 2, (K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog) x 7, (k1, k2tog) x 3, K1; slip marker and repeat from * (204 sts)

MEDIUM
*(k1, k2tog) x 26, k2, (k2tog, k1) x 26; slip marker and repeat from * (212 sts).

LARGE
*(k1, k2tog) x 2, [K2, k2tog, (K1, k2tog) x 3] x 12, k2, k2tog, K1; slip marker and repeat from * (236 sts).

EXTRA LARGE
*K1, k2tog, [(K1, k2tog) x2, k2, k2tog] x 17, (K1, k2tog) x 2, k1; slip marker and repeat from * (252 sts)

Set up for joining sleeves:
Knit 5 (6, 8, 9) sts and place these sts on holder (small piece of scrap yarn works well), k 46 (47, 51, 54) sts and **bind off center st**; knit to 5 (6, 8, 9) sts past next marker, place 9 (11, 15, 17) sts just worked on holder, knit to end of round, place last 4 (5, 7, 8) sts worked on holder used for first sts placed on holder. Break yarn. Work both sleeves as directed and then join sleeves to body to work raglan shaping (described after sleeve instructions).

Sleeves (make 2)
With Size 4 dpns (the same size used for the body facing), cast on 40 (44, 48, 52) sts. Join without twisting to work in the round. Mark beg of round.

Work same number of rows as body facing (1 ¼ inches -- approx 9 rnds). Purl 1 rnd. Change to Size 5 dpns. Start sleeve increases for each size as follows.

Note: "Work inc rnd every 6th round" means knit 5 rounds plain and then do inc rnd.

All sizes: Increase round (inc rnd) = k2, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1. (2 sts inc'd)

SMALL
Work inc rnd every 7th round times 18 (76 sts).

MEDIUM
Work inc rnd every 7th round times 18 (80 sts).

LARGE
Work inc rnd every 6th round times 3, then every 7th rnd times 16 (86 sts).

EXTRA LARGE
Work inc rnd every 6th round times 10, then every 7th rnd times 10 (92 sts).

Change to circular needle when sufficient sts to do so. Work until sleeve measures 19" from foldline. Place the first 5 (6, 8, 9) sts and last 4 (5, 7, 8) sts of the rnd on a holder. Place rem 67 (69, 71, 75) sts on separate holder (a piece of yarn works well). Repeat for other sleeve.

Raglan Shaping and Yoke
Join yarn at center front. This is now the beg of the row. Work back and forth instead of in the round.

RS Row: knit 46 (47, 51, 54) right front sts, pm, knit across 67 (69, 71, 75) sleeve sts, pm, knit across 93 (95, 103, 109) back sts, pm, knit across 67 (69, 71, 75) sleeve sts, pm, knit to end of row 315 (327, 347, 367) sts.
WS Row: purl

Start raglan shaping:
Row 1 (RS): *knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, sm, k1, ssk; rep from * 3 more times and then knit to end of row (4 sts dec'd).
Row 2 (WS): purl

Repeat these 2 rows 30 (30, 32, 34) times until 16 (17, 19, 20) sts rem before 1st marker, ending with a WS row. 79 (87, 91, 95) sts total.

Hood
RS Row: knit 35 (39, 41, 43) sts pm, m1, k9, m1, pm, knit 35 (39, 41, 43) sts
WS Row: purl

Continue Hood
Row 1 (RS): knit to 1st marker, sm, m1, knit to 2nd marker, m1, sm, knit to end of row
Row 2 (WS): purl

Continue these two rows until there are 23 sts between markers 83 (101, 105, 109) sts total. Remove markers on next row and continue in st st until hood measures 9 ¾ inches above shoulder, ending on a WS row. Mark center back st with coil-less safety pin or piece of yarn 42nd (51st, 53rd, 55th) st.

Start hood shaping, working decrease rows as follows:

RS Dec =   knit to 2 sts before center st, k2tog, k1, ssk, knit to end of row
WS Dec =   purl to 2 sts before center st, [sl 1 st as to knit] x 2, return sts to LH needle, p2tog tbl, p1, p2tog, purl to end of row

Row 1:	RS Dec		Row 13:	RS Dec
Row 2:	purl		Row 14:	purl
Row 3:	knit		Row 15:	RS Dec
Row 4:	purl		Row 16:	purl
Row 5:	knit		Row 17:	RS Dec
Row 6:	purl		Row 18:	purl
Row 7:	RS Dec		Row 19:	RS Dec
Row 8:	purl		Row 20:	WS Dec
Row 9:	knit		Row 21:	RS Dec
Row 10:	purl		Row 22:	WS Dec
Row 11:	RS dec		Row 23:	RS Dec
Row 12:	purl		Row 24:	WS Dec

Hood shaping continued next page…..

Row 25: knit to 1 st before center st, slip next 2 sts TOGETHER as to knit, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over st just worked, knit to end of row

Row 26: purl to 1 st before center st, p2tog, purl to end of row. Hood complete.

Break yarn, leaving a tail ~36" (long enough to join 32 sts of one half of hood to 32 sts of other half). Graft top of hood *OR* join using a 3-needle bind off.

Hood Edge

Starting at center front, using Size 4 32" circular needle, pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows around entire front edge of hood. Working back and forth, knit 2 rows. Bind off as to knit from WS of hood, making sure bind off is not too tight. Sew down short sides of front edge to center front and sew first inch of front edges together.

Sleeve Pocket (opt.)

With US 5 needles, cast on 15 sts. Work in st st for 2 ½ inches, ending on a WS row.
Next Row: k2tog, k4, k2tog, yo, k5, k2tog. Knit 2 more rows. Bind off from WS as to knit. Sew pocket to center of sleeve in position shown, turning the 1st and 15th sts of st st area under for seam allowance. Sew button in place.

Finishing

Graft armholes together. Weave in loose ends. Using MC-2ply, sew facings to WS of garment.

Block

Immerse in cool water. Gently squeeze out excess water WITHOUT WRINGING garment. Lay flat and shape to size. Allow to dry completely. Lightly steam. Enjoy wearing the Roslin Fair Isle Hoodie!
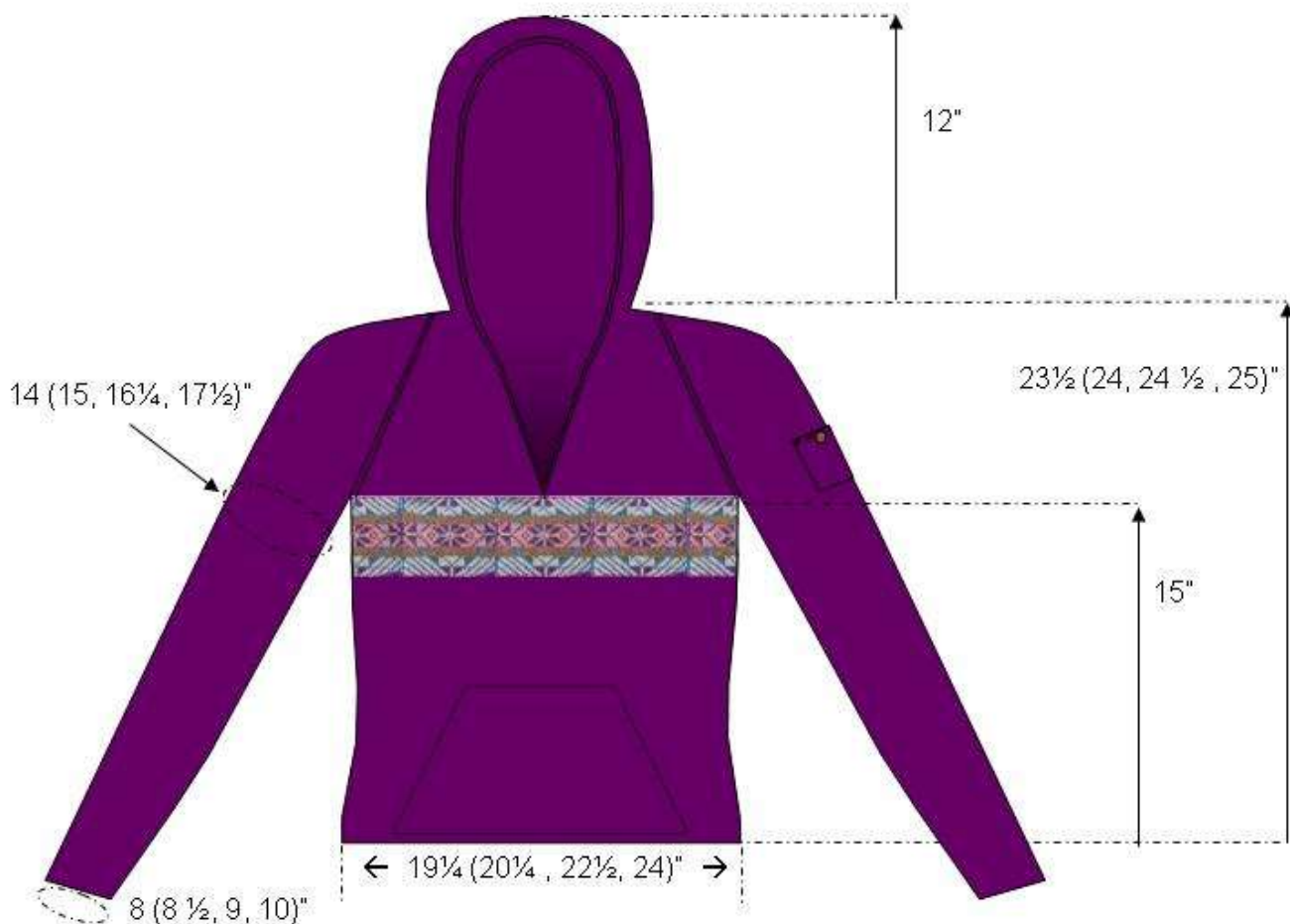

12"

23½ (24, 24 ½ , 25)"

14 (15, 16¼, 17½)"

15"

8 (8 ½, 9, 10)"

← 19¼ (20¼ , 22½, 24)" →

Fair Isle Charts

All Sizes Chart A

Key to Charts	
■	Loganberry
■	Rosemary
■	Burnt Umber
■	Pacific
■	Sunset
■	Granny Smith
□	Fog

Chart B

Chart B	
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Chart C

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Key to Charts	
	Loganberry
	Rosemary
	Burnt Umber
	Pacific
	Sunset
	Granny Smith
	Fog

Chart D

Chart E

Color	Name
	Key to Charts
(Loganberry)	Loganberry
(Rosemary)	Rosemary
(Burnt Umber)	Burnt Umber
(Pacific)	Pacific
(Sunset)	Sunset
(Granny Smith)	Granny Smith
(Fog)	Fog