

Fair Isle Long Hat

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I stumbled onto a picture of a beautiful Fair Isle hat on Instagram. Instantly smitten, I started sleuthing. I discovered that the hat was purchased, and I did not find a pattern for hand knitting. I decided to chart the pattern myself and share it with others. I made a slight mistake in my chart so the hat above looks a bit different on rounds 62, 65, & 68. The middle st should be in background color. Oh, well!!

I used yarn from my stash so the colors are not a perfect match to the original, and not all colors had labels! I really wish I had used a brighter, truer red (it is darker IRL). You may have to do some creative stash diving of your own!

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Approx. Finished Size (will fit most!): 19 inch by 12 inches in height – this is a very long hat! I added one repeat to my hat (168 sts), but it is a large hat for my large head. ☺

Materials:

Shetland Jumper Weight Wool in **7 colors** (I used primarily Jamieson's Spindrift). I have listed the color information where I am certain of the color used. **Except for Shaela**, you can get by with a single skein, or somewhat less, of most other colors.

Color description.....	My Color.....	Your Color_____
<i>Background Colors</i>		
Dark Brown	Grouse	_____
Dark Blue	Peacock.....	_____
Brownish Gray	Shaela	_____
Red.....	Maroon.....	_____
<i>Foreground Colors</i>		
Heathered Med Blue	Mist	_____
Light Blue.....	Cloud?	_____
Light Beige/Tan	Eesit	_____

Needles:

2.75 mm (US 2) 16" circular for ribbing and crown, or length you prefer for small circular knitting, and dpns in same size when completing the crown

3.0 mm (US 3) 16" circular for stranded colorwork or length you prefer for small circular knitting

Gauge:

30 sts and 34 rows over 4 inches in stranded stockinette in the round, using larger needle (note: my larger hat was knit to a tighter gauge using a size 2 throughout)

Start Hat (substitute your colors for the ones listed):

With Grouse and smaller needle, cast on 144 sts. Join without twisting to work in the round. Work 2x2 ribbing for 6-8 rounds.

Start Charts: *Read all charts from the bottom up and all rounds from right to left*

Work Rnd 1 of Chart 1 with smaller needle. Change to larger needle and complete Chart 1. Then knit Chart 2. Splice new colors when joining whenever possible.

Change to smaller needle and cont. with Shaela only. Work crown decreases for your stitch count, changing to dpns when necessary. Break yarn and pull through remaining 8 sts. Weave in ends. Wet block. Add a fat tassel if desired using a combination of all colors.

Chart 1 (multiple of 24 sts)

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