

Yellow, Pink and Sparkly

Fair Isle Hat

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A beautiful, colourful Fair Isle Hat, knitted in the round and great for using up leftover scraps of 4 ply yarn.

Size

This is a one size hat suitable for the average adult head. The finished hat is a slightly slouchy beanie, but could be blocked to make a tam, if preferred.

Level of difficulty

The hat is knitted in the round and incorporates stranded knitting worked from charts. The pattern is suitable for advanced beginners / intermediate knitters.

You will need

A total of approximately 60 g of 4 ply (fingering) weight yarn, in eight colours, as follows -

I used Jamieson & Smith 2 ply jumper weight, as follows -

Colour A - approximately 5g	1283 pink
Colour B - approximately 13g	1280 light blue/green
Colour C - approximately 8g	96 pale yellow
Colour D - approximately 12g	366 blue/purple
Colour E - approximately 5g	14 blue
Colour F - approximately 9g	133 purple
Colour G - approximately 5g	1A cream
Colour H - approximately 4g	43 burgundy

Knitting needles for knitting in the round (DPNs or circulars, whichever is your preferred method) in size 2.75 mm and 3.25 mm (US sizes 2 & 3)

A stitch marker to indicate the beginning of each round.

A darning needle to fasten off the ends.



Gauge

Approximately 30 stitches and 32 rows to 10 cm (4 Inches)

Abbreviations

Sts = stitches

K = knit

P = purl

M1 = make one by picking up the loop in between the stitches and knitting into the back of it

K2tog = knit 2 sts together

Sl = slip the next st

THE PATTERN

With 2.75 mm needles and colour A, cast on 126 sts and join for knitting in the round.

Working in k1, p1 rib, work 12 rounds as follows:-

Round 1: Colour A

Rounds 2 - 8: Colour B

Rounds 9 - 12: Colour C

Change to 3.25 mm needles and continue in stocking stitch.

Round 1: k in Colour D

Round 2 (increase round): In Colour D, k2 (m1, k3) 41 times, m1, k1 [168 sts]

Round 3: k in Colour D

Round 4: (k1 in colour E, k1 in Colour D) to end.

Round 5: (k1 in colour F, k1 in Colour E) to end.

Round 6: k in Colour E.

Round 7: (k3 in Colour A, k3 in colour G) to end.

Round 8: (k1 in Colour H, K1 in Colour G) to end.

Round 9: (k3 in colour A, K3 in Colour G) to end.

Round 10: k in Colour E.

Round 11: (k1 in colour F, k1 in Colour E) to end.

Round 12: (k1 in colour E, k1 in Colour D) to end.

Round 13: k in Colour D.

Round 14 (increase round): In Colour D, k4 (m1, k7) to last 3 sts, m1, k3. [192 sts]

Round 15: k in Colour D.

Round 16: (k1 in Colour B, k1 in Colour D) to end.



Rounds 36 - 63: Commence wheel pattern using **chart C**.

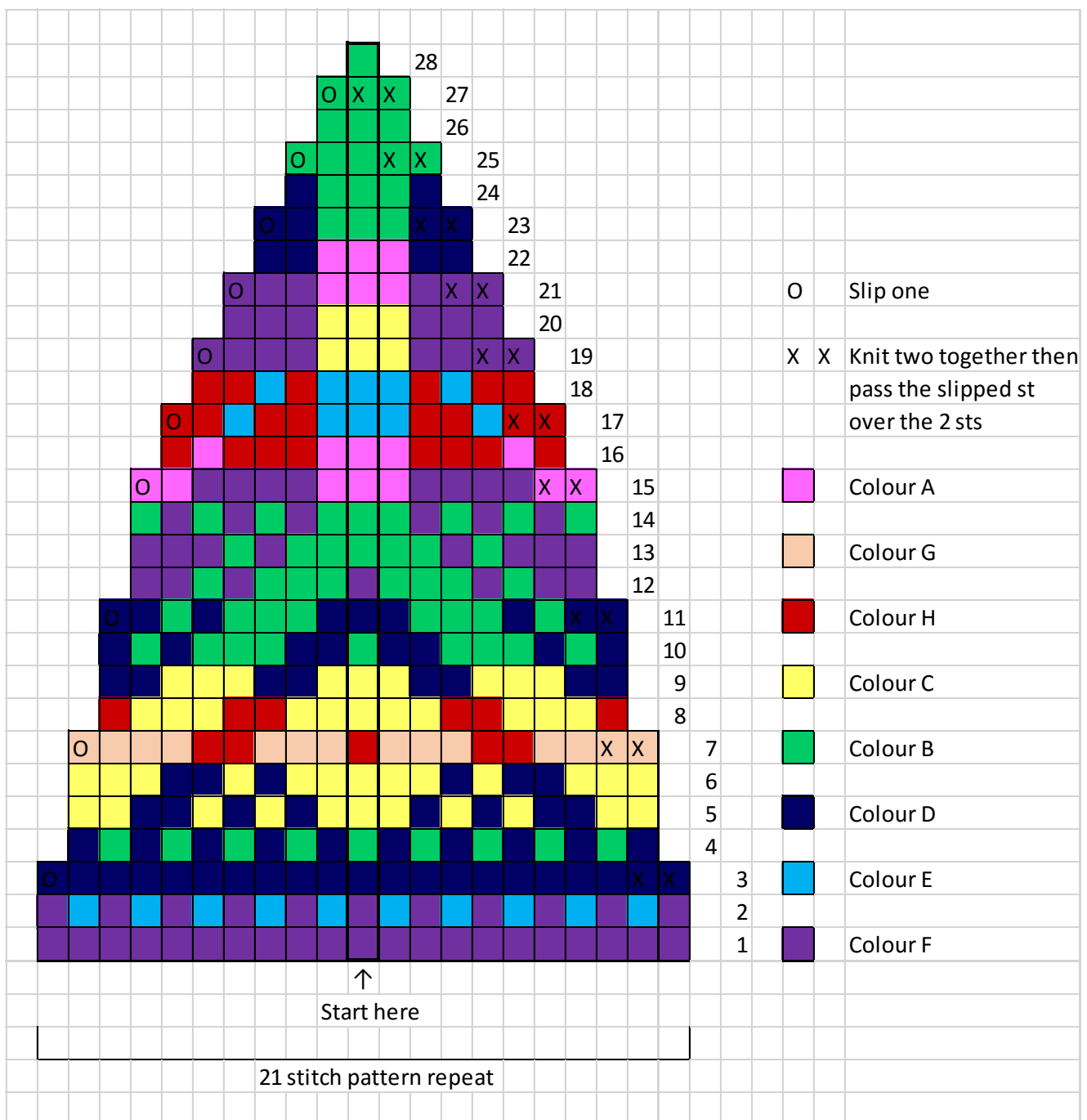


CHART C

Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread through the remaining 8 sts and pull up tight and fasten off.

Neaten all loose ends.

I have also knitted an alternative colourway using Rowan Fine Tweed.

The colours used were as follows -

Colour A - Nappa

Colour B - Skipton

Colour C - Bell Busk

Colour D - Beresford

Colour E - Monsal dale

Colour F - Wensley

Colour G - Litton

Colour H - Askrigg



Same pattern but what a difference the colours make.



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