

# SIMPLE FAIR ISLE HAT

Size- women's medium (20 inches around).

## **Materials-**

Heavy worsted weight yarn.

In this photo-

Color A- olive green.

Color B- purple.

Color C- rust.

Color D- dark red.

16 inch circular needle size 9; double point needles size 9 or size needed to get the gauge.

Please don't hesitate to change the needle size to get the gauge.

# Gauge-

In circular stockinette stitch, 16 stitches equal 4 inches.

## **Abbreviations-**

k- knit.

p- purl.

dbl dec- double decrease as follows-

Slip one, k 2 together, pass the slipped stitch over the 2 knitted together.

rep- repeat the directions between the \*.

Using the 16 inch circular needle and color A, cast on 80 stitches. Place a marker, then join, being careful not to twist, and p 3 rounds.

As you change colors, leave about a 6 inch tail of each color, to weave in later.

Break color A, join color B, k 5 rounds. Break color B, join color C, p 1 round. K 4 rounds.

## Fair isle round-

\*k 3 color C, k 1 color A\*, rep to end of round.

Join color A by just leaving a 6 inch tail and begin



knitting with the new color. Make sure that you carry color A very loosely across back of work.

Break color A, k 5 rounds with color C.

Break color C, join color A, p 1 round. K 4 rounds.

Break color A, join color D, p 1 round. K 4 rounds.

## Second fair isle round-

\*K 3 color D, k 1 color B\*, rep to end of round. Join the new color as you did in the first fair isle round. Break color B.

K 5 rounds with color D.

Break color D, join color B, p 1 round. K 4 rounds.

Break color B, join color C, p 3 rounds.

Break color C, join color A, k 1 round.

Mark the 20<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 80<sup>th</sup> stitch with a small safety pin or paper clip. Make the 80<sup>th</sup> stitch marker different, to mark the beginning of the round. Remove the other beginning of the round marker.

## Begin decreasing-

\*k to within 1 stitch of marked stitch, dbl dec\*, rep 3 more times.

K 1 round.

Repeat the last 2 rounds until you have 32 stitches left. Change to doublepoint needles and begin decreasing **every** round until 8 stitches are left.

Break yarn and, using a darning needle, gather stitches and weave in ends.

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