

- Design:** Angelique den Brok
- Proposed yarns:** 3 skeins *Malabrigo Merino Worsted*, one of each color; for example:
 — **Set 1:** 009, *Polar Morn* (color A); 044, *Geranium* (color B);
 026, *Continental Blue* (color C)
 — **Set 2:** 073, *UVA* (color A); 093, *Fuchsia* (color B); 022, *Sauterne* (color C)
See page 2 for more information on yarn quantities.
- Other materials:** Circular needles 60 cm, 4.5 mm (US 7) for the cowl
 Double-pointed needles or circular needles 4.5 mm (US 7) for the hat
 12 stitch markers, one in a different color
- Gauge:** 19 sts = 10 cm in Fair Isle pattern
- Finished size:** Circumference of the cowl approximately 75 cm, height 25 cm
 Circumference of the hat approximately 56 cm

Legend has it that the people of *Fair Isle*, a tiny island in the North Sea, once learned the famous, multi-colored knitting technique from a few Spanish castaways. Later on, they brought it to perfection to make a living in this harsh environment: “*The more you could knit, the more you could eat*”.

Today, the technique is known all over the world and a great fun knit. Hat and cowl add up to a perfect set in a thousand beautiful color combinations of the most tender Malabrigo Merino Worsted. Have fun!

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Chart A:

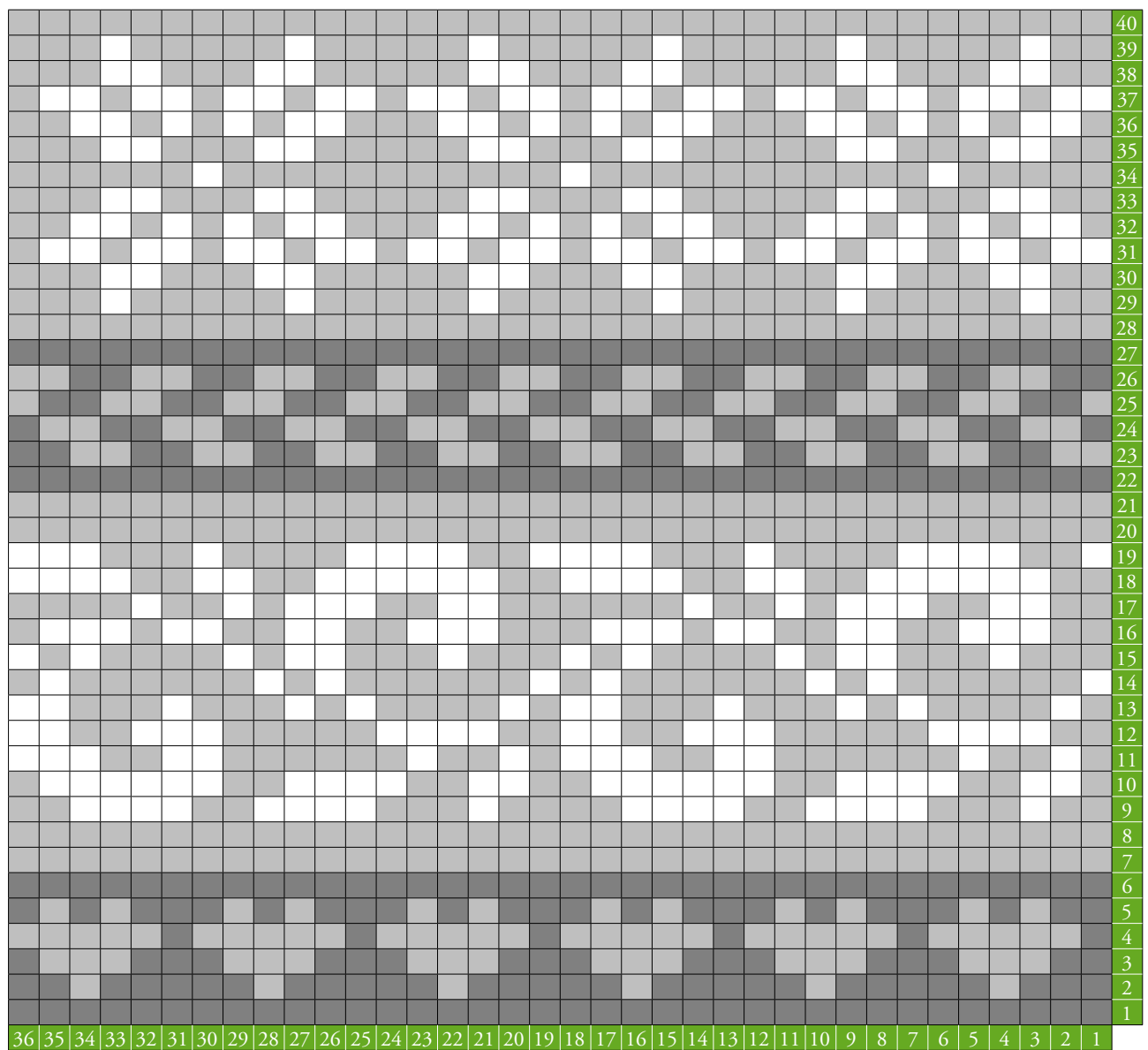
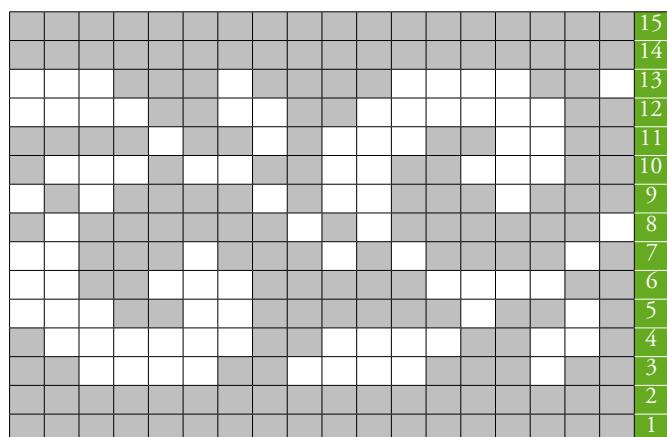


Chart B:



Color A
 Color B
 Color C

On yarn quantities:

If you want to knit the cowl and hat with the colors in the same order, you'll need two skeins of color A.

If you want to use one skein of each, like us, then for the second piece you'll need to be creative with your leftovers and see how far each color will get you.



Directions:

Cowl:

The cowl is worked bottom up and in the round.

Loosely cast on 144 stitches with color A, using a circular needle size 4.5 mm (US 7). Join for working in the round, place marker to indicate the beginning of the round and join in color B. Work in corrugated ribbing as follows:

- Round 1:** knit 2 with color A, knit 2 with color B
Round 2-7: knit 2 with color A, purl 2 with color B

Now continue according to chart A, work the chart (36 stitches) 4 times in the round and place 3 more markers between the pattern repeats. Work rounds 1-40 and then repeat rounds 1-27 once more. Now continue in corrugated ribbing again, work as follows:

- Round 1:** knit 2 with color A, knit 2 with color B
Round 2-7: knit 2 with color A, purl 2 with color B

Bind off all stitches with color A – bind off loosely; if you find this difficult, you can use a larger size knitting needle for binding off.

Hat:

The hat is worked bottom up and in the round with the leftovers from the cowl – see additional information on page 2. Use the colors as described below or any way you like.

Loosely cast on 108 sts with color C and double pointed needles size 4.5 mm (US 7). Join for working in the round, place the different colored marker at the beginning of the round and join in color B. Work in corrugated ribbing as follows:

Round 1: knit 2 with color C, knit 2 with color B

Round 2-7: knit 2 with color C, purl 2 with color B

Now continue in chart B (18 stitches, you might want to place 5 additional markers) or any pattern from the cowl you like. When you are done with chart B (or the charts of your choosing), continue in stocking stitch in the round with color C until the hat measures 16 cm. Place 12 markers with 9 stitches between each marker.

Decrease round: decrease a total of 12 stitches by knitting the last two stitches before each marker together

Repeat the decrease round 3 times every 3rd round. (60 stitches)

Now repeat the decrease round 4 times every 2nd round. (12 stitches)

Cut off the yarn and thread the yarn end through the remaining stitches. Tighten and fasten on the inside of the hat.

Make a pompon with the leftovers and fasten it on top of the hat.

Finishing and blocking:

Weave in ends. Either steam block or wet block your cowl and hat and leave them to dry completely.

