Free Fair Isle charts

Each chart is one pattern repeat, worked in the round. Read every round from right to left, starting at round 1 at the bottom; colors are given as letters, A is the main color.

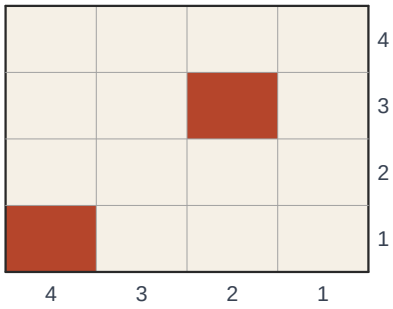
Cast on a multiple of the repeat (for example 96 stitches for a 4-, 6-, 8- or 12-stitch repeat) and work the repeat all the way around. Use only two colors in a round and keep the floats loose.

Edit any chart, change its colors or download it at your own gauge with the free chart maker at knittingchart.com/fair-isle-charts.

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Peerie seeds

4 sts x 4 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 1.8 x 1.3 cm (0.7 x 0.5 in)



A #f5efe6 (main color)

B #b4462b

One 4-stitch repeat, 4 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 4 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 3 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

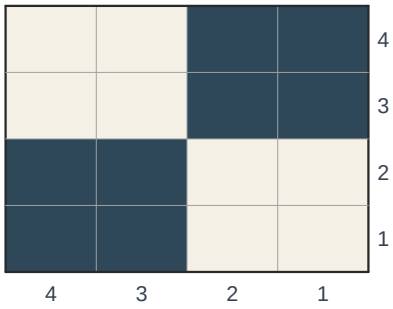
Between wider bands, on cuffs or as an allover background. The easiest first Fair Isle: one contrast stitch in every four.

Written instructions

Round 1: k3 A, k1 B. (4 sts)
Round 2: k4 A. (4 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k1 B, k2 A. (4 sts)
Round 4: k4 A. (4 sts)

Checkerboard

4 sts x 4 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 1.8 x 1.3 cm (0.7 x 0.5 in)



A #f5efe6 (main color)

B #2f4858

One 4-stitch repeat, 4 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 4 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 2 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

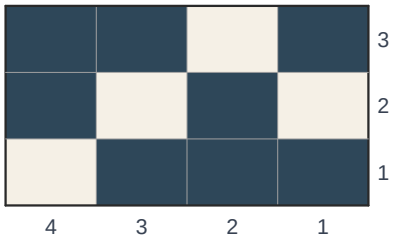
Hat brims and mitten cuffs. Every float is 2 stitches, so it is a good band for practising tension.

Written instructions

Round 1: k2 A, k2 B. (4 sts)
Round 2: k2 A, k2 B. (4 sts)
Round 3: k2 B, k2 A. (4 sts)
Round 4: k2 B, k2 A. (4 sts)

Zigzag

4 sts x 3 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 1.8 x 1.0 cm (0.7 x 0.4 in)



A #2f4858 (main color)

B #f5efe6

One 4-stitch repeat, 3 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 4 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 3 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

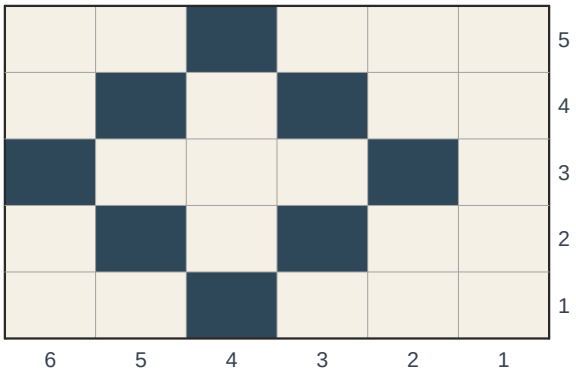
A narrow border above ribbing or between bands. Only three rounds, and the line runs on across every repeat.

Written instructions

Round 1: k3 A, k1 B. (4 sts)
Round 2: k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k1 A. (4 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k1 B, k2 A. (4 sts)

Peerie diamonds

6 sts x 5 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 2.7 x 1.7 cm (1.1 x 0.7 in)



A #f5efe6 (main color)

B #2f4858

One 6-stitch repeat, 5 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 6 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 5 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

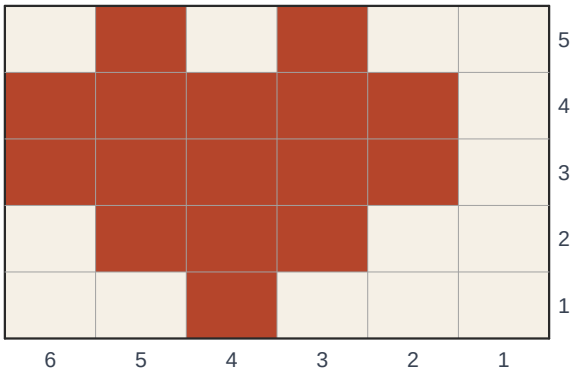
A small band for hats, mittens and yokes; pairs well with the seeds above and below it.

Written instructions

Round 1: k3 A, k1 B, k2 A. (6 sts)
Round 2: k2 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k1 A. (6 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B. (6 sts)
Round 4: k2 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k1 A. (6 sts)
Round 5: k3 A, k1 B, k2 A. (6 sts)

Peerie hearts

6 sts x 5 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 2.7 x 1.7 cm (1.1 x 0.7 in)



A #f5efe6 (main color)

B #b4462b

One 6-stitch repeat, 5 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 6 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 5 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

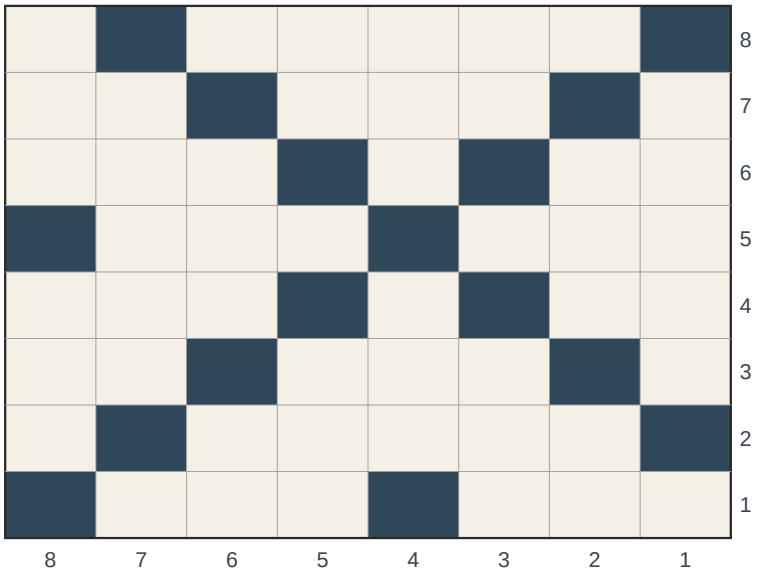
Mittens, hats and baby sweaters. Each heart is 5 stitches wide with one background stitch between hearts.

Written instructions

Round 1: k3 A, k1 B, k2 A. (6 sts)
Round 2: k2 A, k3 B, k1 A. (6 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k5 B. (6 sts)
Round 4: k1 A, k5 B. (6 sts)
Round 5: k2 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k1 A. (6 sts)

Diamond lattice

8 sts x 8 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 3.6 x 2.7 cm (1.4 x 1.0 in)



A #f5efe6 (main color)

B #2f4858

One 8-stitch repeat, 8 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 8 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 5 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

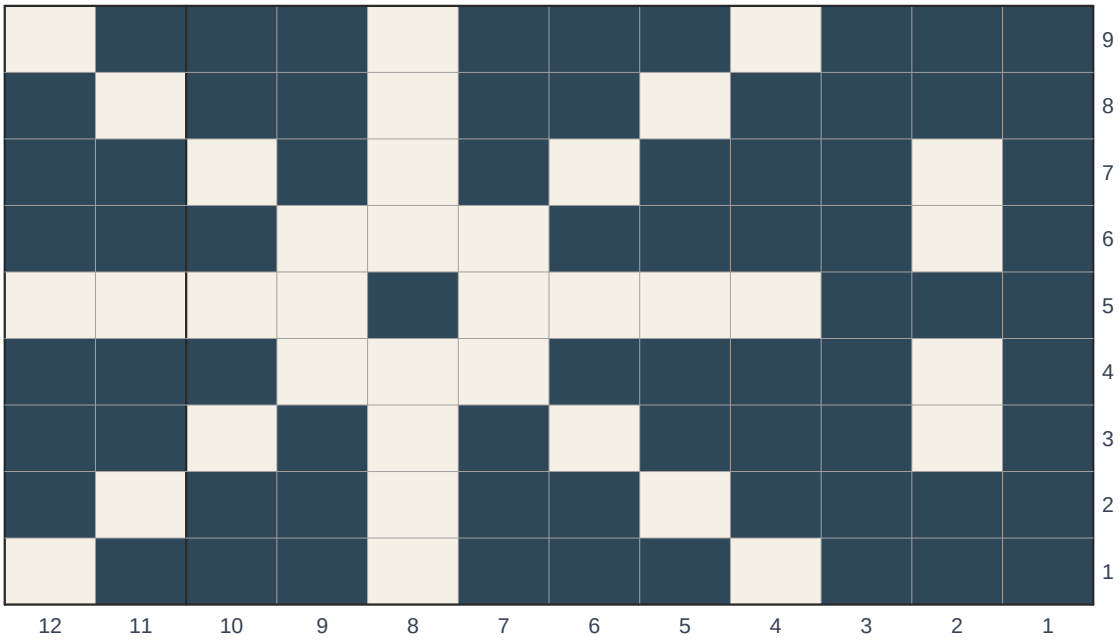
An allover pattern for hats, cushions and sweater bodies: repeat the 8 rounds as often as you like.

Written instructions

Round 1: k3 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B. (8 sts)
Round 2: k1 B, k5 A, k1 B, k1 A. (8 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B, k2 A. (8 sts)
Round 4: k2 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k3 A. (8 sts)
Round 5: k3 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B. (8 sts)
Round 6: k2 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k3 A. (8 sts)
Round 7: k1 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B, k2 A. (8 sts)
Round 8: k1 B, k5 A, k1 B, k1 A. (8 sts)

Snowflake

12 sts x 9 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 5.5 x 3.0 cm (2.1 x 1.2 in)



A #2f4858 (main color)

B #f5efe6

One 12-stitch repeat, 9 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 12 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 5 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

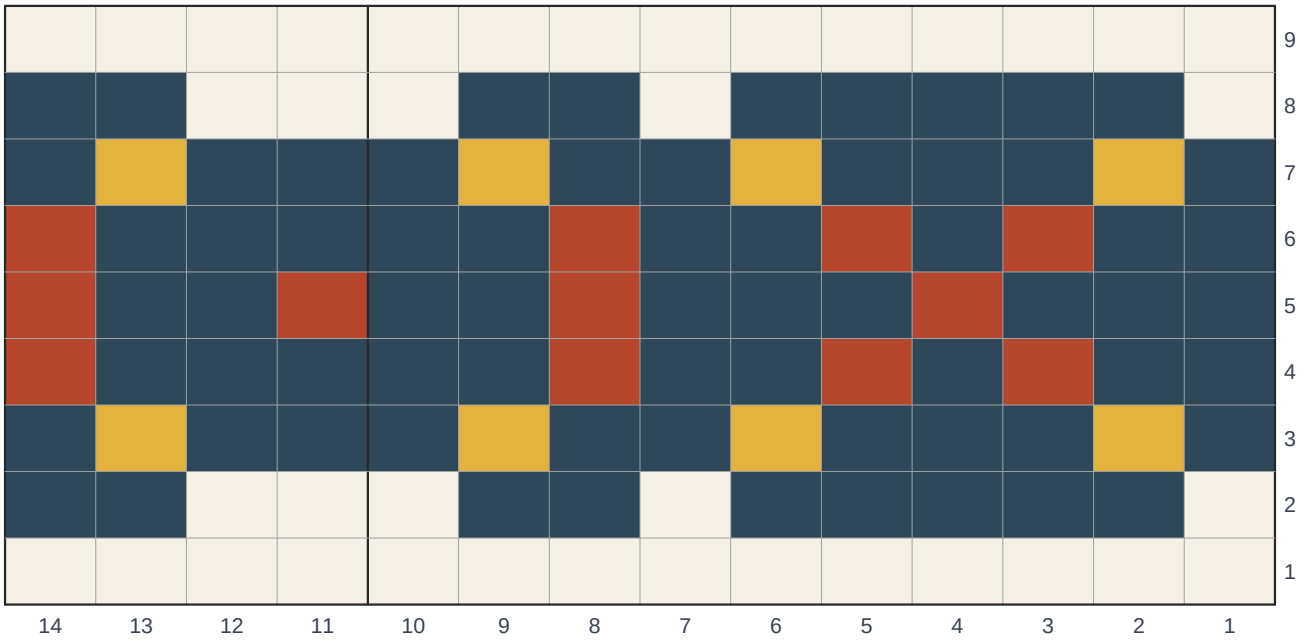
Hat crowns, yokes and the backs of mittens. The small dots between snowflakes keep every float to 5 stitches.

Written instructions

Round 1: k3 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B. (12 sts)
Round 2: k4 A, k1 B, k2 A, k1 B, k2 A, k1 B, k1 A. (12 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k2 A. (12 sts)
Round 4: k1 A, k1 B, k4 A, k3 B, k3 A. (12 sts)
Round 5: k3 A, k4 B, k1 A, k4 B. (12 sts)
Round 6: k1 A, k1 B, k4 A, k3 B, k3 A. (12 sts)
Round 7: k1 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k1 A, k1 B, k2 A. (12 sts)
Round 8: k4 A, k1 B, k2 A, k1 B, k2 A, k1 B, k1 A. (12 sts)
Round 9: k3 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B, k3 A, k1 B. (12 sts)

OXO band

14 sts x 9 rounds | gauge 22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm | about 6.4 x 3.0 cm (2.5 x 1.2 in)



A #2f4858 (main color)

B #f5efe6

C #e3b23c

D #b4462b

One 14-stitch repeat, 9 rounds. Cast on a multiple of 14 stitches and repeat each round all the way around.

Longest float: 5 stitches. Colors per round: 2.

The classic Shetland O and X band. It uses four colors but only two in any round: the motif shades from cream to gold to red and back.

Written instructions

Round 1: k14 B. (14 sts)
Round 2: k1 B, k5 A, k1 B, k2 A, k3 B, k2 A. (14 sts)
Round 3: k1 A, k1 C, k3 A, k1 C, k2 A, k1 C, k3 A, k1 C, k1 A. (14 sts)
Round 4: k2 A, k1 D, k1 A, k1 D, k2 A, k1 D, k5 A, k1 D. (14 sts)
Round 5: k3 A, k1 D, k3 A, k1 D, k2 A, k1 D, k2 A, k1 D. (14 sts)
Round 6: k2 A, k1 D, k1 A, k1 D, k2 A, k1 D, k5 A, k1 D. (14 sts)
Round 7: k1 A, k1 C, k3 A, k1 C, k2 A, k1 C, k3 A, k1 C, k1 A. (14 sts)
Round 8: k1 B, k5 A, k1 B, k2 A, k3 B, k2 A. (14 sts)
Round 9: k14 B. (14 sts)