

SHETLAND SOCIETY HAT

Context of Design, showing Shetland and NZ elements, using basic Fairisle pattern principle of only two colours in a row.

The pattern shows the sea, with white caps – common to both sets of islands.

Next the shore with rocks and then patches of peat – in a Fairisle design.

Next green for grass/bush with ferns.

Then the sky above; again common to both – clouds optional!

Use pattern as is or adapt, eg replace ferns with Kiwi or Southern Cross.

Pattern based on a standard hat pattern.

Size – Fits average adult

Materials – Double Knitting; 8 ply or equivalent

Tension 30 sts and 26 r to 10cm *[See Notes]*

Instructions

Rib

Cast on 96 sts with 4mm needles

Work k2, p2 rib in the round for 25 rows.

Next row k2, p2, m1 – repeat to end of row -> 120 sts.

Pattern

Change to 4.5mm needles. *[See Notes]*

Follow chart from R to L.

Row 27 begin decrease, k2tog; as shown.

Add in clouds where desired. *[See Notes]*

Last row, 10 sts remain, break yarn and thread through sts.

Pull yarn tight to close hole.

Weave in ends.

Notes:- I didn't change needle size – didn't have any 4.5mm.

Tension:- would have been less sts to 10cm if larger needle size.

Clouds:- I did as patches, I didn't carry the white across.

Colours:- I used what I had, see picture.