

Floras hat and mittens



A funny little project for those who loves fairisle knitting. Even if there are several colours in the pattern, there are only two colours in each row. The hat pattern is in size S and M, about 49 cm (19.3") and 57 cm ((22.4") in circumference. The mittens pattern is in size M, 22 cm (8.7") wide and 25 cm (9.8") long. We have used Rowan tweed and Rowan felted tweed, and unfortunately, Rowan tweed in discontinued by Rowan. But you may use any yarn with gauge 22 stitches and 29 rows for 10x10 cm (4x4"). This project is also perfect for scrap yarn.

Yarn

We have used Rowan tweed og Rowan felted tweed. You can use any DK yarn.

Colour suggestions:		
	Rowan tweed Bedale (beige)	1 skein
	Rowan tweed Hawes (pink)	1 skein
	Rowan tweed Settle (dark pink)	1 skein
	Rowan tweed Burnsall (burgundy)	1 skein
	Rowan felted tweed Seafarer (blue)	1 skein

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Needles

3 1/2 mm/US 4 double pointed needles and circular needle.

Gauge

22 stitches in stranded colourwork using 3 1/2 mm/US 4 measures 10 cm/4".

Mittens

Using beige and 3 1/2 mm/US 4 double pointed needles, cast on 48 stitches, and knit in the round according to chart for the cuff. When you have finished knitting the cuff, continue knitting following the chart for the right mitten, at the same time, increasing for thumb gusset as shown in chart. The neatest way to increase a stitch is by picking up the thread between the stitch just worked the and next stitch on the needle. Knit this strand through the back loop.

You will have 56 stitches on the needles.

At the red line in the chart, place the 10 stitches on a holder, cast on 10 stitches and then continue with the mitten pattern. When you have finished the chart, bind off neatly.

Thumb

Place the held 10 stitches onto double pointed needles and pick up and knit 10 stitches along back of thumbhole. In each side of the thumb, pick up 2 stitches, you will have 24 stitches in total for the thumb. Knit ribbed border (knit 2, purl 2) in 10 rows, and bind off neatly.

Knit the second mitten the same way, but after the cuff, follow the chart for the left mitten.

Hat

The hat pattern is in two sizes, S and (M) with circumferences about 49 cm (19.3") and 57 cm (22.4"). Cast on 108 (124) stitches with beige on small circular needle 3 1/2 mm/US 4. Work rib knit 2, purl 2 for 15 rows as shown in chart for the hat. In the first row after the rib, increase evenly 2 stitches in size M, you will have 108 (126) stitches. Continue knitting according to chart, and decrease as shown. Change to double pointed needles size 4 mm/US 6 when needed. In the end, you will have 12 (14) stitches left on the needles. In the last row, knit 2 together over all stitches, you will have 6 (7) stitches left. Cut the yarn, and pull it through the remaining stitches, tighten well and fasten.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Dampen or wash carefully, shape and leave to dry flat, or if you prefer, iron with steam gently.

Symbols in charts

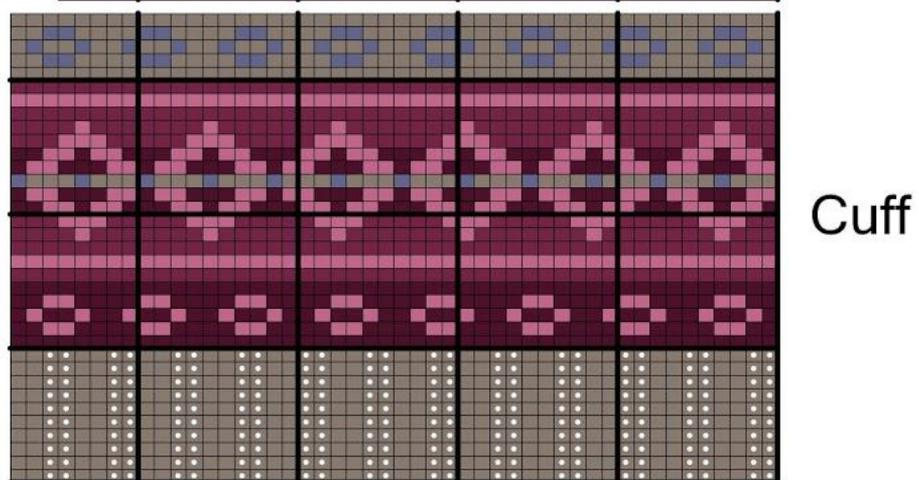
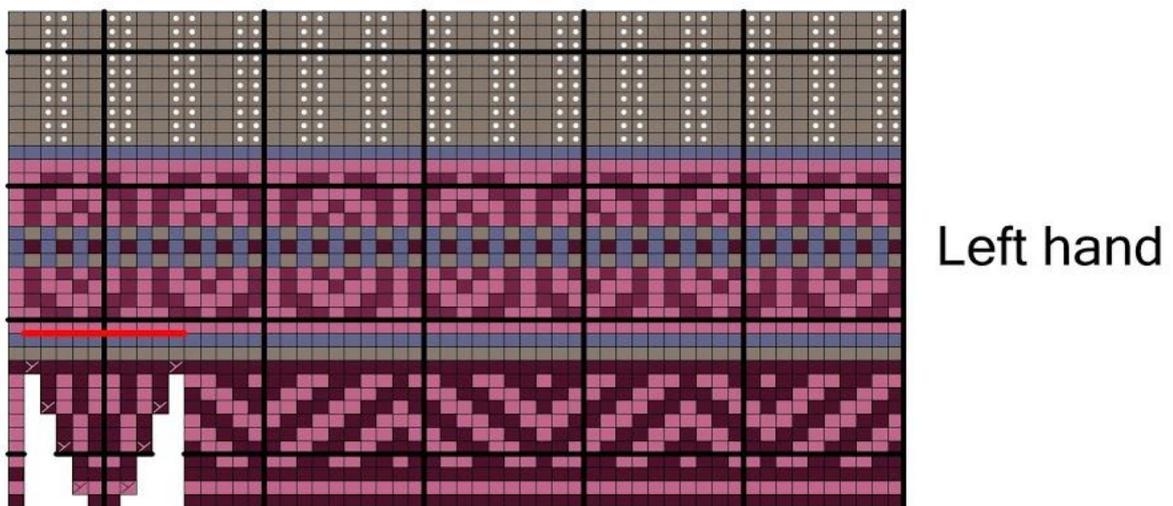
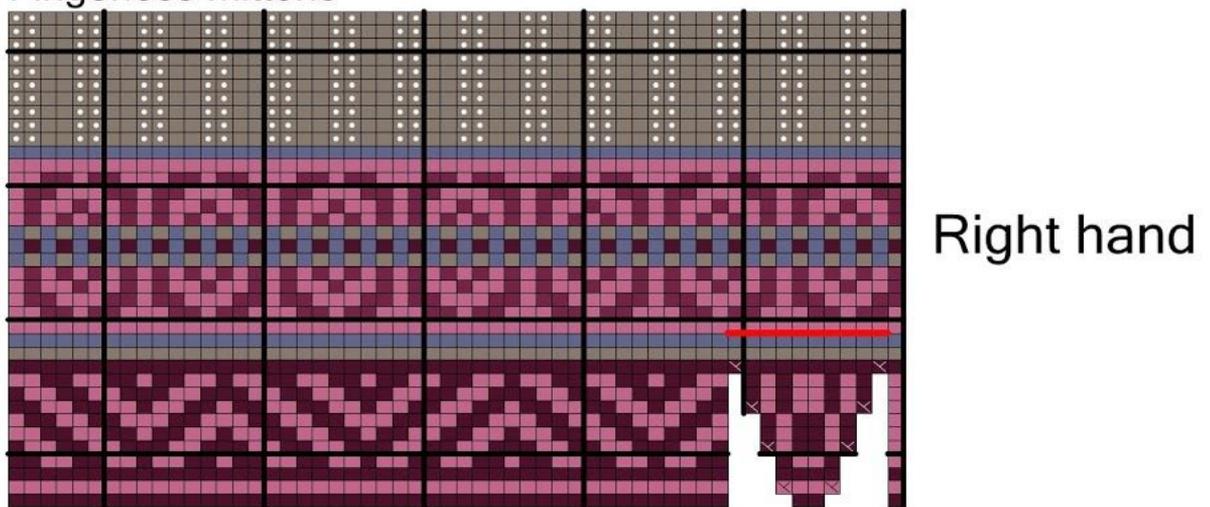
- Knit
- Purl
- Slip one stitch, knit next stitch and pass slip stitch over knit stitch
- Knit two stitches together
- Make one stitch by inserting left needle from front to back under horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch on left needle. Knit this strand through the back loop

Hat



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Fingerless mittens



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