

# Herringbone Tweed Hat

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## Project Requirements

- Yarn* Rowan Scottish Tweed 4ply, 1 skein each. Female: (MC) 023, Midnight. (CC1) 013, Claret. (CC2) 026, Rose. Male: (MC) 023, Midnight. (CC1) 007, Lewis Grey. (CC2) 015, Apple.
- Needles* For smaller size: US 1 and US 2 16" circular needles. For larger size: US 2 and US 3 16" circular needles.
- Notions* Stitch markers and tapestry needle.
- Gauge* Approximately 28 sts and 36 rows to 4" on US 2.  
Approximately 24 sts and 33 rows to 4" on US 3.

## Pattern Description

Skills needed for this project include turning a hem (joining the hem or tacking the hem), knitting in-the-round, and stranded knitting with 2 or 3 colors.

Beginning with the smaller needles and either a provisional cast-on or a long-tail cast-on, knit the lining in stockinette stitch for 11 rows. Change to the larger needles and knit one row; Then, knit the turning row. After the turning row, knit 3 more rows before beginning the herringbone pattern.

The herringbone pattern is a 16-stitch and 8-row repeating colorwork pattern of 2 or 3 colors. After one repeat of the pattern, knit the stitches from the cast-on edge together with the next row to join the hem. Repeat the herringbone pattern 6-7 more times, or until the hat measures closest to 6.5" (7.5") from the turned hem (or picot row). Next, begin 15-decrease rows to shape the crown.

If you forget to join the hem, like I did, you can use a herringbone stitch (or other suitable stitch) to tack up the hem when the hat is finished.

*Finished Size* Using Size 2 (2.25 mm) needles will give approximately 18" (45 cm) around and Size 3 (2.75 mm) needles will give approximately 21" (53 cm) around.

## Notes

This pattern gives two choices for a herringbone-patterned hat: (1) male or female version, and (2) two-color or three-color fair isles version. The male and female versions of the hat are differentiated by the turning row of the hem. There are two options for the turning row: Eyelets (\*k2tog,yo; repeat from \* to end) or purl stitches, for the female and male versions, respectively. (The completed hat, pictured here, has eyelets.)The two-color version is shown in Chart A and the three-color version is shown in Chart B.

*Casting on* Use either long-tail method or provisional method. However if you want to join the hem properly but don't want to use provisional cast-on, you can also just use long-tail method with the larger needle, then change to the smaller needle to knit the lining.

*Joining the hem* Fold the hem of the hat along the turning row, aligning the 128 stitches from the cast-on edge with the 128 working stitches for your next row. Keeping the colorwork in pattern, knit each working body stitch together with one stitch from the cast-on edge.

## Instructions

### Bottom, lining

Using smaller needles and MC, CO 128 sts. PM and join for knitting in-the-round.

*Rnd 1-11* k all sts.

*Rnd 12* Change to larger ndls and k all sts.

*Rnd 13, turning row* For male version: p all sts. For female version: \*k2tog, yo; rep from \* to end.

*Rnd 14-16* k all sts.

*Rnd 17* Attach CC1 if you're knitting Chart A (and CC2, if you're knitting Chart B), and start with Row 1 of the herringbone pattern. Complete one rep of the pattern.

*Rnd 24, joining row* Beginning with Row 1 of the colorwork, join the hem.

## Main body and crown shaping

Repeat the herringbone pattern 6 more times or until hat measures 6.5" for female version and 7.5" for male version. For Row 8 of the last repeat, place stitch markers (to mark the decrease seams) as follows: k32, pm, k32, pm, k32, pm, k to end.

*Next* Follow the 15-row decrease chart to shape the crown. The decreases are included in the chart, and are: \*ssk, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sm; rep from \*. This decreases 8 sts each row, and leaves you with 8 sts at the end for finishing.

## Finishing

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail approximately 6-10" long for finishing. To finish, use a tapestry needle to insert into each stitch knit-wise. Pull the tail to gather the stitches together. Insert the end of the yarn into the hat and weave in the loose ends. Block the hat.

## Herringbone Pattern Charts



