fair isle beanie

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This is a great unisex hat that will complement the scarf, snood and wrist cuffs . The hat fits snuggly over the ears and will keep you warm on a chilly day.

Yarn

3 x 50g balls (94m/103yds) Rooster Almerino Aran (50% baby alpaca/50% merino wool)
Yarn A: 320 Silver x 1 ball
Yarn B: 308 Spiced Plum x 1 ball
Yarn C: 309 Ocean x 1 ball

Needles

1 pair of 4.5mm (UK 7/ US 7) single-pointed needles
1 pair of 5mm (UK 6/ US 8) single-pointed needles
1 tapestry needle

Size

To fit an average sized adult head

Tension

22sts and 21rows to 10cm (4in) square using fair isle pattern and 5mm (US 8) knitting needles.

Abbreviations

RS right side
WS wrong side
KTBL knit through the back of the stitch to form a neat/ tighter edge when using a traditional cast on

K knit
P purl
sts stitches
K2tog Knit 2 together to decrease a stitch

Hat pattern

Using 4.5mm needles and colour A cast on 104 sts
Next row: KTBL
Rows 1–26: *K1, P1, rep from * to end of row
Change to 5mm needles

Main Pattern

Rows 1–2: st colour B
Use Chart A
Read the chart from right to left on knit rows (odd numbered rows) and from left to right on even nubered rows.

Row 1 : K1C, work stitches 1–6 from the chart x 17, K1C
Row 2: P1C , work sts 6 –1 from chart x 17, then P1B
Row 3: K1C, work from stitches 1–6 from chart x 17, K1B
Row 4: P1B, work from stitches 6 –1 from the chart x 17, P1C
Rows 5–6: : st colour B
Now Work From Chart B as Follows using C as main and A as 2nd colour
Row 1 : K2A, work from stitches 1–10 x 10, K2C
Row 2: P2C, work from stitches 10 –1 x 10, P2C
Row 3: K2A, work from stitches 1–10 from chart x 10, K2A
Row 4: P2A, work from stitches 10 –1 x 10, P2C
Row 5: K2A, work from stitches 1–10 from chart x 10, K1C, K1A
Row 6: P2A, work from stitches 10 –1 x 10, P1C, P1A
Row 7: As row 1

Row 8: As row 2
Row 9: As row 3
Row 10: As row 4
Row 11: K1A, K1C, work from stitches 1–10 from chart x 10, K1C, K1A
Row 12: P2C, work from stitches 10 –1 x 10, P2A
Rows 13–14: st colour B
Rows 15–18: work as chart A, rows 1–4
Rows 19–20: st colour B
Rows 21–32: As rows 1–12 using chart B
Cut off yarns A and C
Row 33: Using colour B * K2tog, repeat from * until end of row
Row 34: Purl
Row 35: * K2tog, repeat from * until end of the row
Cut off yarn leaving a long end to thread through your remaining stitches.

Making Up

Draw up stitches and pull tightly and secure the top with a few stitches. Sew sides together using a mattress stitch with right sides facing until you reach the ribbed part. Fold the rib in half and sew the turned up part together with a mattress stitch with the wrong sides together (so that the seam does not show when the based is turned up)
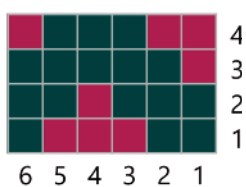Weave all loose ends into the rear of work.

Chart A

Chart B