fair isle scarf

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This scarf is one in the collection of 6 essential items to keep you warm and cosy on chilly days. All the items mix and match so just choose your favourite ones to add to your wardrobe. The scarf is knitted in a simple fair isle and the pattern is suitable for an intermediate knitter. The scarf has a garter stitch edge that will stop the sides from curling.

Hat featured in the image is not included in this pattern – see Fair Isle Beanie pattern

Yarn

8 x 50g balls (94m/103yds) Rooster Almerino Aran (50% baby alpaca/50% merino wool)
Yarn A: 309 Ocean x 2 balls
Yarn B: 320 Silver x 3 balls
Yarn C: 321 Sorbet x 2 balls
Yarn D: 308 Spiced Plum 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

Width: 9.5in (24cm)
Length: 75in (188cm)

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
KTBS 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

Knitters Notes
To avoid gaps in work twist the yarn every 2–3 sts and at the start of the main section after the garter stitch border
The chart is read from right to left on the right side of work and all odd numbered rows are knitted
The chart is read from left to right on the wrong side and all even numbered rows are purled.

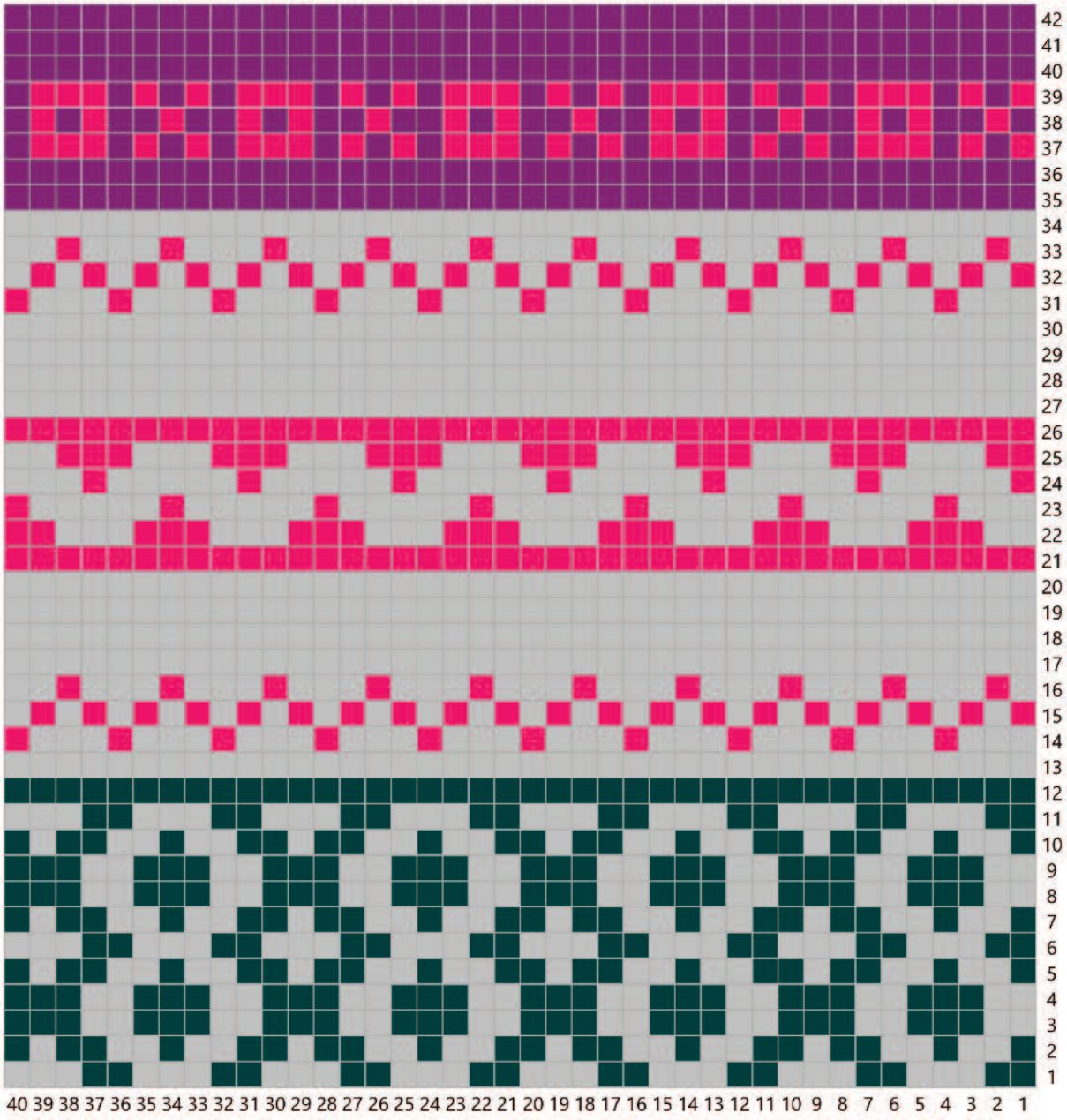
Pattern Notes For Knitters Using The Chart
The chart shows the fairisle pattern only. The first 4 and last 4 stitches on the RS and WS row are knitted in the main colour of the section.

Knitting The Scarf
Using 5mm needles and yarn A cast on 48sts
Next row KTBS to form a neat edge (this is only used for a traditional cast on)
Row 1 (RS): K4* K1, P1: rep from * to last 4sts, K4
Row 2: K4, purl to last 4 sts, K4

Main Pattern
Start working from chart line 1 or follow instructions below.
Rows 1 and 11: K4A, * K2A, K3B: rep from * to last 4sts, K4A
After row 11: Cut off yarn B
Rows 2 and 10: K4A, * P1A, P1B, P2A, P2B, P1A, P2B, P1A: rep from * to last 4sts, K4A
Rows 3 and 9: K4A, * K2B, K3A: rep from * to last 4sts, K4A
Rows 4 and 8: K4A, * P3A, P2B, rep from * to last 4sts, K4A
Rows 5 and 7: * K4A, * K1A, K2B, K1A, K2B, K2A, K1B, K1A, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4A
Row 6: K4A, * P3B, P2A, rep from * to last 4sts, K4A
Row 12: K4A, purl to last 4sts, K4A
Cut off yarn A
Row 13: Knit using colour B
Row 14: K4B,* P1C, P3B, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4B
Row 15: K4B, * K1C, K1B, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4B
Row 16: K4B, P2B, *P1C, P3B rep from * until last 6sts, P1C, P1B, K4B
Rows 17 and 19: Knit using colour B
Rows 18 and 20: K4B, purl to last 4 sts, K4B
Cut off yarn B
Row 21: Knit using colour C
Row 22: K4C, P2C * P3B, P3C, rep from * to last 6sts, P2B, K4C
Row 23: K4C, K2B, * K1B, K1C, K4B, rep from * to last 6sts, K1B, K5C
Row 24: K4C, P2B, * P1B, P1C, P4B, rep from * until last 6sts, P1B, P1C, K4C
Row 25: K6C, * K3B, K3C, rep from * to last 6sts, K2B, K4C
Cut off yarn B
Row 26: K4C, purl to last 4 sts, K4C
Rows 27–30: As rows 17–20 using colour B
Row 31: K4B, *K3B, K1C, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4B
Row 32: K4B, *P1B, P1C, rep from * to last 4sts, K4B
Row 33: K4B, *K1B, K1C, K2B, rep to last 4 sts K4B
Cut off yarn C
Row 34: K4B, purl to last 4 sts, K4B
Cut off yarn B
Row 35: Knit using colour D
Row 36: K4D, purl to last 4sts, K4D
Row 37: K4D, * K1C, K1D, K1C, K1D, K3C,K1D, rep from * to last 4sts, K4D
Row 38: K4D, * P1D, P1C, P1D, P1C, P2D, P1C, P1D, rep from * to last 4sts, K4D
Row 39: As row 37
Cut off yarn C
Row 40: K4D, purl to last 4 sts, K4D
Row 41: Knit using colour D
Row 42: K4D, purl to last 4sts, K4D
These 42 rows are the pattern repeat.
Now start pattern again from row 1 of main pattern and repeat the 42 rows another 8 times and then the first 12 rows once more.
Change to 4.5mm needles. The scarf will now be completed using yarn A

Next 2 rows: K4* K1, P1: rep from * to last 4sts, K4
Cast off all sts

Completing the scarf
Sew in all loose ends by weaving them in to the back of the scarf.
Steam the scarf lightly.



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