

# Sleeping Bear Hat

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Sleeping Bear Hat has all the classic Fair Isle style with corrugated ribbing, flower motifs, and a fancy top. One size: fits heads that are 22-24 inches around.

## Materials

Knit Picks Palette (fingering weight 100% wool yarn)  
231 yds/ 50 g

Colors used for hat pictured left:

|             |                     |        |
|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| Light gray  | Finnley Heather(MC) | 76 yds |
| Navy        | Navy                | 46 yds |
| Dark green  | Larch Heather       | 30 yds |
| Sage        | Sagebrush           | 20 yds |
| Light green | Spearmint           | 46 yds |
| Black       | Black               | 30 yds |

Alternative colors are found in the KEYS of the colorwork charts on pages 4 and 5. Colors are listed in order of how they are introduced in the colorwork charts.

## Supplies

Size 2 - 16" circular needles, Size 3 - 16" circular needles, and Size 3 dpns.  
Yarn needle. Stitch markers.

## Gauge

With size 3 needles in pattern, in the round: 7 sts per inch.

## Instruction

With Size 2 circular needles and using MC, C.O. 144 sts. PM and join in the round.

Start chart, repeat each row 6 times (144sts) Place markers as needed. Work the ribbing with Size 2 needles then when you get to line 13 switch to Size 3 needles.

When you work round 53, stop one stitch before the end of the round. The last stitch from round 53 is used in the first stitch of round 54. When you work round 55, stop one stitch before the end of the round. The last stitch of round 55 is used in the first stitch of round 56. Continue with the crown of the hat in this manor. When working the crown, remove all stitch markers except for the beginning-of-round marker. *You will have to move your beginning-of-round marker to the right one stitch on the decrease rounds.* If possible, use a temporary stitch marker that you can slip on and off as you go.

Work your way up the chart then use the Size 3 dpns when your work does not fit on the circulars. After you finish row 74, cut an 8 inch tail. Using the yarn needle, run the tail through the last 12 sts, tie off and pull tail through to the inside of the hat.

Weave in all ends. Block on a head form or balloon. If using a balloon, blow it up 1 inch smaller than the head size of the person planning to wear the hat.

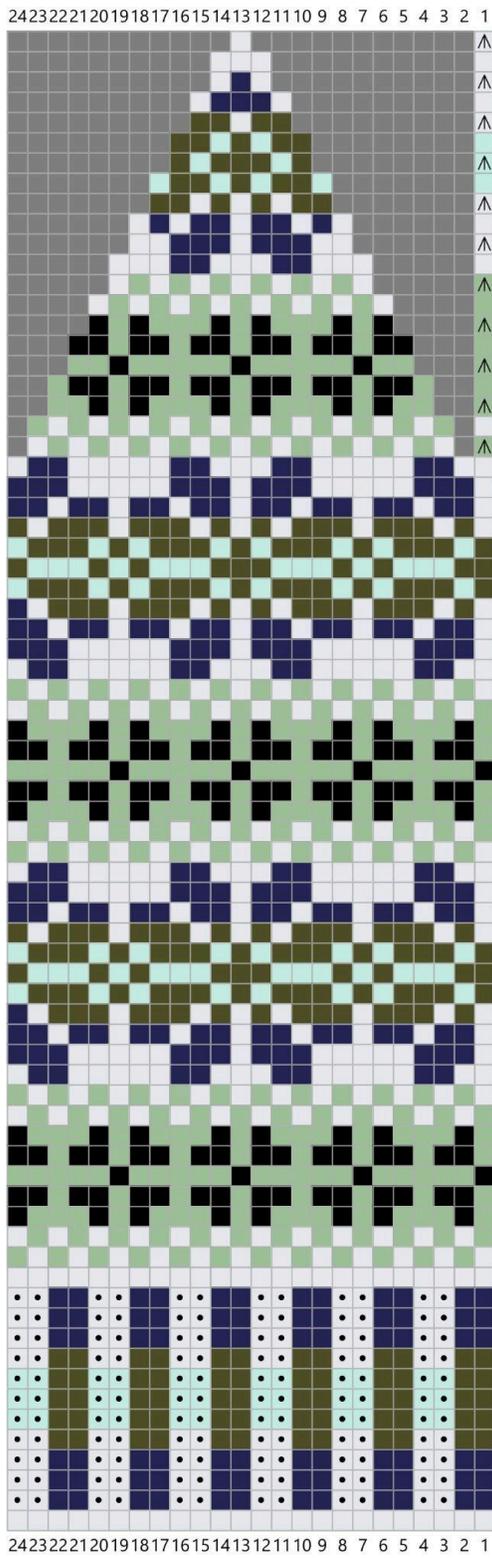


Tips for colorwork:

There are several ways to hold two strands of yarn while you knit. You can hold them both in your right hand, both in your left hand, or one color in each hand. However you choose to do it, the most important thing is to be consistent for the whole project. Often a knitter will have one strand look looser, thus slightly bigger, and those stitches will show more prominently. This is fine, as long as you are consistent throughout the whole project. I knit with both left and right hands, and because my left hand stitches are slightly larger, I always hold the contrasting color in my left hand.

With Sleeping Bear Hat, the light colors are the main color/ background color and the dark colors are the contrasting colors. There are rounds with 2 light colors, so you'll want to pay attention and be consistent with how you hold the yarns. (Since I was holding the light color in my left hand, I chose to hold the *lighter* of the 2 lights in my left hand as a way to keep track of it.)

Consider learning to weave in the color changes as you go. This saves time and yarn and sanity! The exception is with the ribbing. It may be best to leave a tail of yarn when you change colors in the ribbing and weave those in at the end. Also, the tiny tails may stick out of the brim if you don't weave them up out of the way.



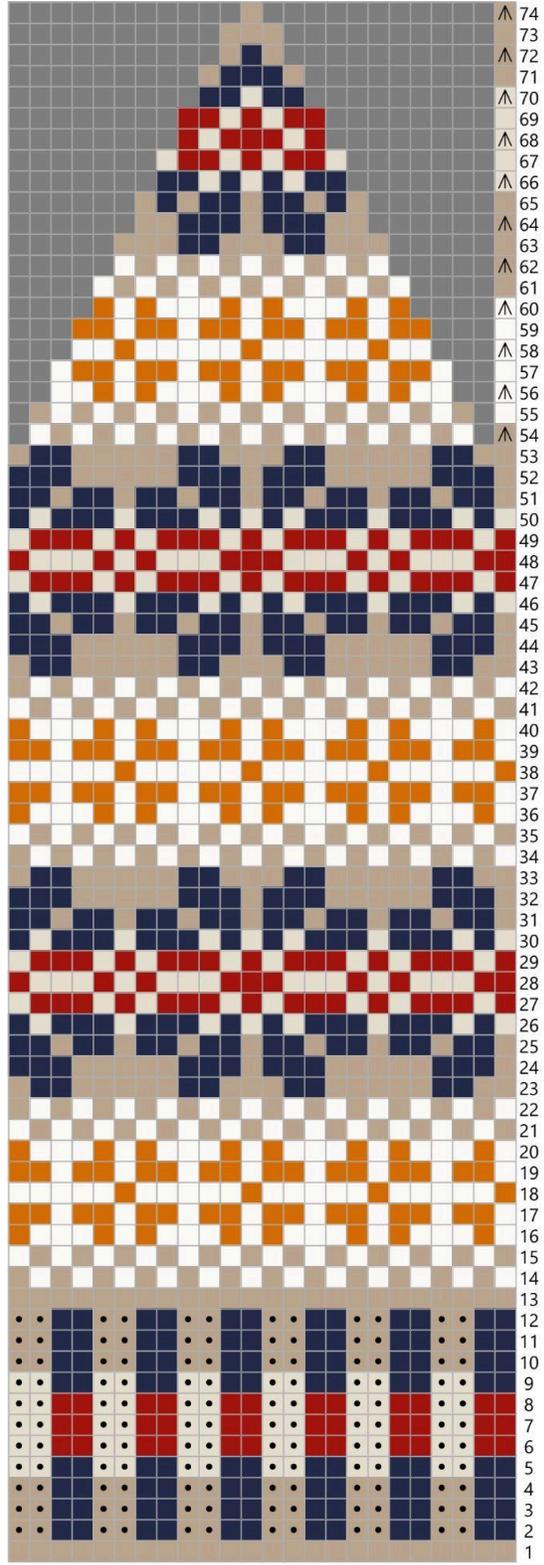
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Key

-  Finnley Heather
-  Navy
-  Larch Heather
-  Sagebrush
-  Spearmint
-  Black
-  No Stitch
-  purl
-  sl2, k1, p2sso



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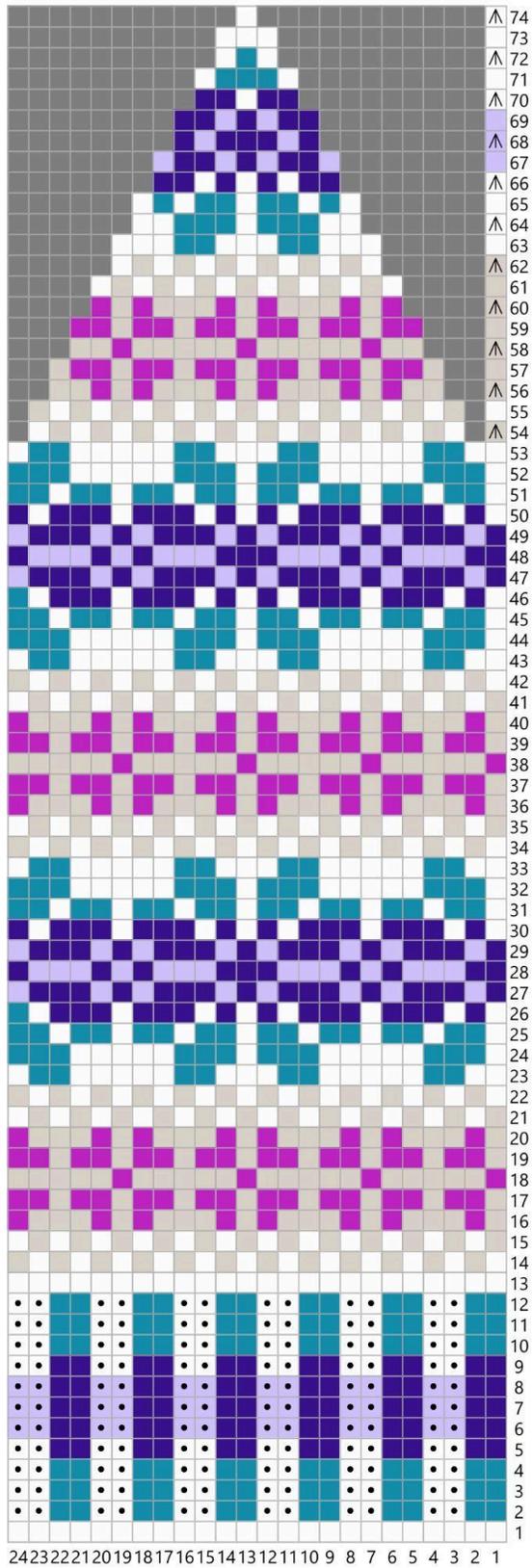
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Key

- Puma Heather
- Abyss Heather
- Corriandar Heather
- Autumn Heather
- Oyster Heather
- Bindle Heather
- No Stitch
- purl
- sl2, k1, p2sso



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Key

- Cream
- Calypso Heather
- Blue Note Heather
- Haze Heather
- Coriander Heather
- Huckleberry Heather
- No Stitch
- purl
- sl2, k1, p2sso

