



SIMPLE COLORWORK SLOUCH HATS

Wool and the Gang Alpachino Merino Version

A perfect first Fair Isle project. Or a great way to test two-color combinations for bigger projects. Two contrasting skeins will make two hats in opposite colorways!

Yarn: 2 skeins Wool and the Gang Alpachino Merino (110 yds/100m each): 1 in main color (MC) and 1 in contrast color (CC); this is enough for 2 hats (with pompoms) in opposite colorways. Or approx. 220 yds/200m of an equivalent chunky-weight yarn (110 yds/100m each in 2 colors.)

Needles & Notions: US 11 (8mm) 16" circular and double-point needles, or size to obtain gauge.
One 16" circular two sizes smaller than size used to obtain gauge.
5 markers, with one in a different color for start of round. Darning needle to finish.
Optional: Pom-pom maker.

Gauge: Approx. 12 sts/14 rows = 4" in colorwork stockinette stitch in the round, after blocking.

Finished Size: Approx. 20"/51cm circumference x 10"/20.5cm deep, to fit a medium adult.

Glossary: **K** = knit; **K2tog** = knit 2 stitches together; **P** = purl; **St(s)** = stitch(es).

Cast on: With smaller needles and MC, cast on 60 sts. Place contrasting color marker and join in round, being careful not to twist; on subsequent rounds, slip marker as you come to it.

Ribbing: Work in K1/P1 ribbing for 1".

Hat body: Change to larger needles and begin working the 21-row Fair Isle chart at right (reading from right to left), repeating each 6-stitch sequence 10 times around, working blank boxes in MC and dot boxes in CC. After completing chart rounds, knit one round in MC, placing four more markers every 12 sts. (5 even sections)

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Decrease rounds: Round 1: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2tog*, repeat between * * around. (5 sts decreased)

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Round 1 only (decreasing every round) until 5 sts remain, switching to double-point needles when necessary.

Finishing: Break yarn, thread through remaining sts with darning needle, and draw up tightly; repeat for strength. Weave in ends on the wrong side.

Blocking: Soak briefly in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool wash. Roll in a towel and squeeze gently. Lay flat to dry.