

Yarmouth Fair Isle Watch Cap By Mary Burns and Katie Worthing

This pattern is based on the original Fair Isle watch cap knitted by Yarmouth resident Mary Burns for family members and North Yarmouth Academy students from the 1950s onwards. Local resident Dick Knight still owns and wears his original orange and black knit cap and was pleased to meet Mary at the History Center to show her the well-loved hat that he has kept since high school. Dick kindly lent us his hat so that we could reproduce the pattern to share with today's knitters. Knit one in your school colors and wear it with pride!

Materials:

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn; main color (1 skein) and contrast color (<1 skein) Needles: Size 6 DPNs and size 6 circular needle (16") (or size needed to obtain gauge) Gauge: 22 sts=4 inches Finished Size: to fit average adult head (22-23")

Abbreviations:

CC: contrast color k2tog: knit two together (dec 1) k3tog: knit three together (dec 2) kfb: knit into the front and back of a stitch (inc 1) MC: main color pm: place marker rep: repeat ssk: slip 1 as if to knit, slip 1 as if to knit, insert the left needle into the fronts of these two stitches and knit them together (dec 1)

Pattern:

Using circular needle, CO 116 sts in MC Join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist sts. PM for beg of rnd Knit 2x2 rib until piece measures 4.5" Increase row: k9, kfb, * k11, kfb, rep from * seven more times, end with k9, kfb (126 sts) Knit rounds 1-23 of hat chart (motif repeats three times on each round; it might be helpful to place a marker between repeats) Cut CC

Round 24: Using MC only, k all sts Round 25: * k3, k2tog, rep from * until 6 sts rem, k3, k3tog (100 sts) Round 26: k Round 27: * k3, k2tog, rep from * until end of rnd (80 sts) Round 28: k Round 29: * k3, k2tog, rep from * until end of rnd (64 sts) Round 30: k and switch to DPNs Round 31: * k2, k2tog, rep from * until end of rnd (48 sts) Round 32: k Round 33: * k1, k2tog, rep from * until end of rnd (32 sts) Round 34: k Round 35: k2tog all around (16 sts) Round 36: k Round 37: k2tog all around (8 sts) Round 38: k

Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts and draw together. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Optional: add a pompom!



