



Yarmouth Fair Isle Watch Cap

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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)

