

# Shwook hat

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Slouch hat, in 3 sizes and 3 suggested colour ways, designed for Shetland Wool Week 2014.

Size 2,  
colour 2



Crown: size 1, colour 1

## SIZING

(approximate)	Size 1	Size 2	Size 3
Needle sizes	2.5 & 3 mm	2.5 & 3 mm	2.75 & 3.25 mm
Unstretched rib circumference	14.5 inches / 37 cm	16 inches / 40 cm	18 inches / 46 cm
To fit head circumference up to	17.5 inches / 44 cm	21.5 inches / 54 cm	24.5 inches / 62 cm
Length, hem to crown	7.25 inches / 18.5 cm	9 inches / 23 cm	9.5 inches / 24 cm

## NOTES

- The colours are joined by knotting them together.
- The hat is knitted in the round.
- Where there is just one colour in a round, either break the contrast colour, or leave it to hang from the work.
- To avoid tangles it is easier to have no more than 2 colours attached to the knitting at any one time so it is usually better to break the yarn once you have finished with it. The exception is round 7 of Charts B and C where the background colour is used for just one round.
- Colours for chart squares are given to the right of the chart.
- The hat is shortened for Size 1 by starting with Chart B and reducing the number of rounds as detailed in the instructions. Sizes 2 and 3 can be shortened by just over one inch (2.5 cm) by starting with Chart B.
- Work decreases exactly as detailed to ensure stars and crosses in Charts B and C are aligned.

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**YARN**

Supplies of Shetland yarn are available from:

**EITHER** [www.shetlandwoolbrokers.co.uk](http://www.shetlandwoolbrokers.co.uk): Jamieson & Smith Shetland 2 ply jumper weight, 115m/25g ball

**OR** [www.jamiesonsofshetland.co.uk](http://www.jamiesonsofshetland.co.uk): Spindrift 2ply, 105m/25g ball

The approximate weight needed for size 3 is in brackets in case you wish to use yarn left over from other projects.

Chart Ref	Quantity - 25g/50g balls	Jamieson & Smith 2 ply jumper weight			Jamieson's of Shetland Spindrift		
		1	2	3	1	2	3
Suggested colour combinations							
A	1 (approx 14g)	4	118	203	108	788	122
B	1 (approx 19g)	202	28	118	105	289	595
C	1 (approx 14g)	54	9113	1A	102	595	304
D	1 (approx 9g)	1A	1A	21	104	304	726
E	1 (approx 7g)	5	21	28	101	726	289

Alternatively you can use Shetland organic yarn in jumper weight, which comes in 50g balls, from either [www.shetlandorganics.com](http://www.shetlandorganics.com) or [www.aalmerk.com](http://www.aalmerk.com).

Colours to use are: A - moorit, B - fawn or silver, C - dark grey, D - flukkra (white), E - Shetland black.

**CHOOSING YOUR OWN COLOURS**

If you want to choose your own colours you need either 3 dark colours (A, C and E) with 2 light colours (B and D) or 3 light colours (A, C and E) with 2 dark colours (B and D).

**NEEDLES**

Sizes 1 and 2 2.50mm and 3.00 mm circular needles (40cm long) or double pointed needles

Size 3 2.75mm and 3.50 mm circular needles (40cm long) or double pointed needles

or needles to match the tension.

As stitches decrease, you may find using a circular needle too difficult, so short double pointed needles will be easier to use.

**NOTIONS**

Stitch markers (optional) – to indicate the start of the round and, once the Fair Isle begins, to divide the knitting into chart repeats. (It is helpful for the start of round marker to be a different colour from the other markers.)

Tapestry needle and scissors.

**TENSION**

33 sts and 34 rows to 4" (10cm) in Fair Isle pattern on 3.00mm needles after blocking.

31 sts and 37 rows to 4" (10cm) in Fair Isle pattern on 3.50mm needles after blocking.

**INCREASING**

Increases are worked before the Fair Isle starts. Increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch.

**DECREASING**

The hat narrows slightly before Chart A (size 1 only) and Charts C and D are worked; work all these decreases by knitting 2 together.

Decreases shape and make a feature of the crown. These decreases are s2kp (double decrease) worked as follows: insert the right hand needle into the next two stitches on the left needle from left to right (as if you are going to knit 2 together), slip the two stitches together onto the right needle. Knit 1. Use the left needle to pass the 2 slipped stitches over the stitch just made. This will put the centre stitch on top.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

K	knit	P	purl	st(s)	stitch(es)
m1	make 1 st – see 'increasing'	k2tog	knit two together	s2kp	dec 2 sts – see 'decreasing'

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Using Yarn A and smaller needles for your size, cast on 112 (134:134) sts.

Place marker. Join to work in the round, taking care to avoid twisting the cast-on stitches.

**Next round (rib):** (K1, P1) to end of round.

Last round sets rib pattern. Work last round 9 times more.

**Increase round:** K2, m1 (k4, m1) repeat to last 6 (4:4) sts, K3 (2:2), m1, K3 (2:2). 140 (168:168) sts

Change to larger needles and knit 1 round in Yarn A.

Join Yarn B and knit 0 (2:2) rounds.

**Sizes 2 and 3:** Join Yarn C and begin working from **round 1** of **Chart A**, reading each round from right to left and working 28 repeats of the chart across the round. Continue working from the chart as set until you have completed round 4. (Note there is no need to break Yarn C as it will soon be needed.)

Work 0 (2:2) rounds in Yarn B.

**Remaining instructions are for all sizes:**

Work 1 (2:2) rounds in Yarn C.

Join Yarn D. Continuing to work in the round, start at **round 1** of **Chart B**. Continue working from the chart as set until you have completed round 13.

Work 1 (2:2) rounds in Yarn C.

Join Yarn B. **Size 1 (decrease round):** K3, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2. 138 sts

**Sizes 2 and 3:** Knit 2 rounds. 168 sts

Continuing to work in the round, start at **round 1** of **Chart A**. Continue working from the chart as set until you have completed round 4.

Work 1 (2:2) rounds in Yarn B.

Join Yarn A and knit 0 (1:1) round.

**Next round (decreases):** Using Yarn A, K9 (3:3), [K2tog, K5] to last 3 (4:4) sts, K3 (0:0), K-(K2tog:K2tog), K- (2:2). 120 (144:144) sts.

Continuing to work in the round, start at **round 1** of **Chart C**. Continue working from the chart as set until you have completed round 13.

Work 1 (2:2) rounds in Yarn A.

**Next round (decreases):** Join Yarn B. K7 (4:4), [K2tog, K13 (7:7) to last 8 (5:5) sts, K2tog, K6 (3:3). 112 (128:128) sts.

**All sizes:** Work 1 round in Yarn B.

Continuing to work in the round, start at **round 1** of **Chart D**. Continue working from the chart as set until you have completed round 13. 14 (16:16) sts.

**Next round:** Using Yarn A, knit.

**Final round:** K2tog 7 (8:8) times. 7 (8:8) sts.

**FINISHING**

Break yarn, leaving a 3 inch (8cm) tail. Use a tapestry needle to pull the yarn through the remaining 8 stitches. Pull tight, secure on the reverse side with a back stitch then weave ends in.

Tighten all the knots. Weave in all ends.

**BLOCKING**

Find a suitable item to stretch your hat (either a cylindrical plastic food container, a large plate or bowl or a balloon blown to a slightly bigger circumference than needed). Have this ready before you wash the hat. Use a tapestry needle to thread a length of strong cotton through the cast-on edge.

Hand wash in lukewarm water, fold carefully and roll in a towel to remove excess water.

Put the hat on the stretcher, gently easing/stretching it to shape. Pull the cotton at the cast on edge to make a circle, tie in a bow.

Leave to dry for at least 24 hours. Remove cotton thread.

If necessary, press the ribbing under a damp cloth, using a hot iron. If you have used a plate for blocking you may wish to press the lower half to improve the shape.


Do not machine wash the finished hat.








The pattern for Shwook gloves, to match Shwook hat, is available from [www.hazeltindall.com](http://www.hazeltindall.com)

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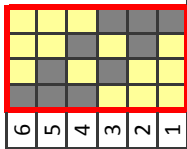
Sequence for working Charts: Size 1: B, A, C, D Sizes 2 and 3: A, B, A, C, D

 pattern repeat

 Yarn A  
 Yarn B  
 Yarn C  
 Yarn D  
 Yarn E

### Chart A

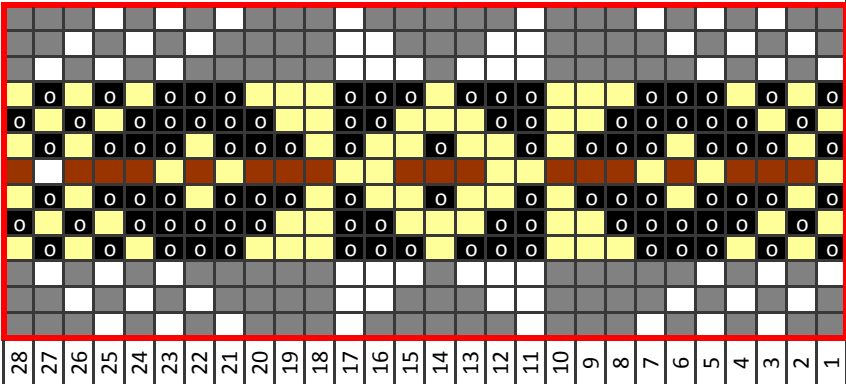
Round	Colours	
	dark squares	light squares
4	Yarn C	Yarn B
3		
2		
1		



Repeat 5 (6:6) times every round – 140(168:168) sts

### Chart B

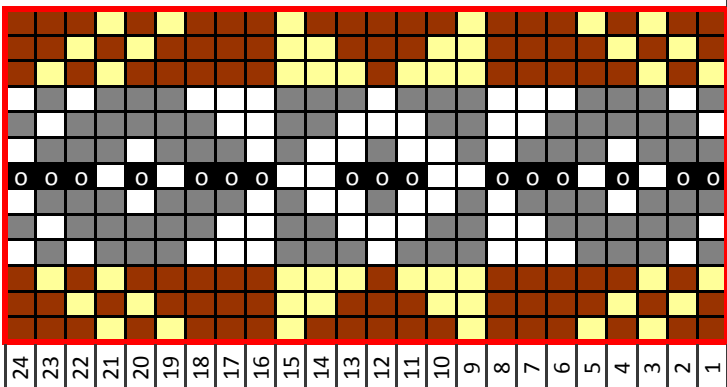
Round	Colours	
	dark squares	light squares
13	Yarn C	Yarn D
12		
11		
10	Yarn B	Yarn E
9		
8		
7		
6	Yarn E	Yarn D
5		
4		
3	Yarn C	Yarn D
2		
1		



Repeat 5 (6:6) times every round – 120(144:144) sts


### Chart C

Round	Colours	
	dark squares	light squares
13	Yarn A	Yarn B
12		
11		
10	Yarn D	Yarn C
9		
8		
7		
6	Yarn C	Yarn B
5		
4		
3	Yarn A	Yarn B
2		
1		



Stitches at end of round

Repeat 7(8:8) times every round

 s2kp - slip 2 stitches as if to knit them together, knit 1, pass the two slipped stitches over

### Chart D

Round	Colours	
	A dark squares	B light squares
13	Yarn A	none
12		
11		
10	Yarn D	Yarn C
9		
8		
7		
6	Yarn E	Yarn D
5		
4		
3	Yarn E	Yarn B
2		
1		

