

BLINK

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Blink is a super cozy, slightly slouchy unisex winter toque featuring a fold up brim, pom pom, and a pretty cool stranded colourwork motif. It's a great project for using up left over yarn from that lopapeysa you just finished!

Measurements

Sizes: 1 (2, 3)

Finished circumference: 48 (51, 54) cm/ 18¾ (20, 21¼)"

Height (Brim unfolded): 28 (28, 28) cm/ 11 (11, 11)"

Height (Brim folded): 23 (23, 23) cm/ 9 (9, 9)"

Toque is meant to be worn with some negative ease. Choose a size that is slightly smaller than your head size for a snug fit.

Recommended Yarn

Istex Létt Lopi (100% Icelandic wool; 100 m/ 109 yds per 50 g/ 1¾ oz ball) in 5 contrasting colours.

You will need approximately:

MC: 99 (117, 135) m/ 108 (128, 148) yds or 1 (2, 2) balls of Létt Lopi

CC1: 9 (11, 13) m/ 10 (12, 14) yds or 1 (1, 1) ball of Létt Lopi

CC2: 11 (13, 15) m/ 12 (14, 16) yds or 1 (1, 1) ball of Létt Lopi

CC3: 18 (20, 22) m/ 20 (22, 24) yds or 1 (1, 1) ball of Létt Lopi including pom pom

CC4: 7 (9, 11) m/ 8 (10, 12) yds or 1 (1, 1) ball of Létt Lopi

See page 3 for the list of colours shown in samples.

(One full ball of Létt Lopi was used for the MC to complete size 1. As a precaution I would recommend having a second ball on hand just in case).

Needles

4.5 mm/ US 7 circular needle, 40 cm/ 16" long and a set of dpns

3.75 mm/ US 5 circular needle, 40 cm/ 16" long

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge

Notions

6 stitch markers (one should be unique for marking beg of rnd)

yarn needle

Small pom pom maker or scrap card stock (optional)

Bobbins (optional)

Gauge

18 sts by 24 rounds = 10 cm/ 4" on larger needles worked in St st, after blocking.

To ensure accurate sizing, take the time to check gauge!

Notes

Stranded colourwork technique is used for the hat's motif, with each round carrying two strands at the same time. Keep floats in the back loose to maintain fabric elasticity and for floats longer than 5 stitches, twist yarns together in back of work. When breaking yarn, leave tails that are long enough for weaving in at the end. Read over pattern before you begin, highlighting all numbers that apply to the size you will be making.

Pattern

Brim

With smaller circular needle and MC, cast on 84 (90, 96) sts. Place a marker and join in the rnd being careful not to twist.

Next rnd: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.

Rep last rnd until brim measures 13 cm/ 5" from cast on edge.

Change to larger circular needle and St st and work 3 rnds even.

Next rnd: Without breaking MC, Join CC1 and work 2 rnds even. Break CC1.

Next rnd: Work 1 rnd even in MC.

Begin Colourwork Chart

Join CC2 and work rnds 1-17 of chart for specified size, joining new colours where indicated. Rep chart 3 times over each rnd reading each rnd from right to left. Charts are on Page 4.

When chart is complete, work 1 rnd even in MC.

Next rnd: Without breaking MC, Join CC1 and work 2 rnds even. Break CC1.

Next rnd: Work 2 rnds even in MC. (If you want a slouchier hat, add more rnds here)

Next rnd: Knit 14 (15, 16) sts, * place marker, Knit 14 (15, 16) sts; rep from * 4 times more.

Begin Crown Shaping

Dec rnd: *Ssk, knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker; rep from * to end. 12 sts dec'd

Next rnd: Knit.

Rep last two rnds until there are 12 (18, 12) sts on needle, changing to dpns when necessary. Remove all markers except the marker for beg of rnd.

Next rnd: *K2tog; rep from * to end. 6 (9, 6) sts

Break yarn and thread tail onto yarn needle. Draw through remaining sts and pull tight to close top of hat. Fasten off and weave end in to wrong side.

Finishing

Weave in all ends, and block to measurements. Fold brim up in half.

Pom-pom (optional but recommended!)

With pom pom maker and CC3, make a pom pom according to package instructions. When tying off strands, leave a 20 cm/ 8" tail. Trim pom pom, and attach to top centre of hat.

If you do not have a pom pom maker, cut two 5 cm/ 2" circles from scrap card stock. Cut a hole approximately 2 cm/ 3/4" in diameter from the centre of each circle as well as a small wedge from the side to create two "C" shaped pieces. Hold two pieces together and wind yarn in CC3 around until the centre hole is filled. Cut yarn around perimeter of card stock, and bring a 25cm/ 10" length of yarn between the two pieces of card stock and wrap around cut strands. Tie off tightly and remove card stock. Trim pom pom.

Abbreviations

Beg: begin(ning)

Cm - centimetre

CC - contrast colour

Dec(d) - decrease

Dpn(s) - double pointed needle(s)

Inc - increase

K - knit

K2tog - knit two stitches together

M - metre

MC - main colour

P - purl

Rep - repeat

Rnd - round

Ssk - slip 2 stitches one at a time as if to knit, then knit those 2 stitches together through the back loops

St(s) - stitch(es)

St st - stockinette stitch

Yds - yards

Létt Lopi colours used in samples



A
MC: Hazel Heather #1401
CC1: Orange #1410
CC2: Mustard #9264
CC3: Glacier Blue #1404
CC4: Ash Heather #0054

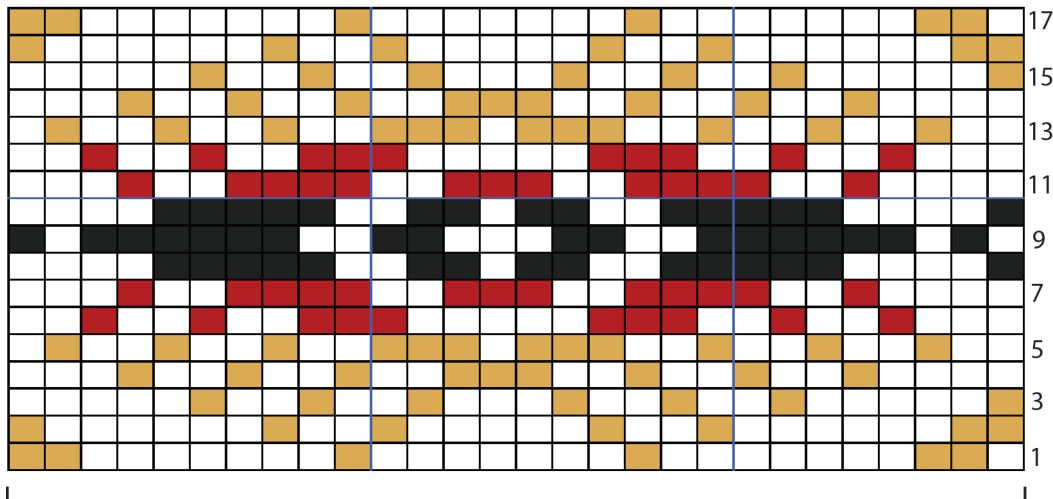
B
MC: Light Beige Heather #0086
CC1: Chocolate Heather #0867
CC2: Rust Heather #9427
CC3: Burnt Red #9414
CC4: Black Sheep #0052

C
MC: Navy Blue #9420
CC1: Light Red #1408
CC2: Light Grey #0056
CC3: Heaven Blue #1402
CC4: White #0051

D
MC: Black Heather #0005
CC1: Rose Heather #9428
CC2: Ash Heather #0054
CC3: Camel #1400
CC4: Spring Green Heather #1406
(CC4 is used for the pom pom)

Charts

Size 1 Chart

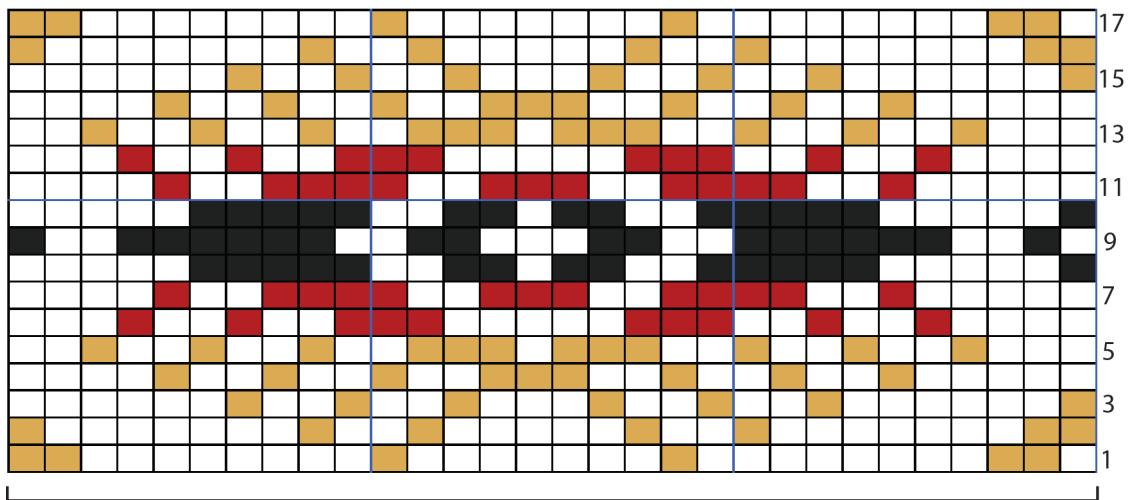


Key

- MC
- CC2
- CC3
- CC4

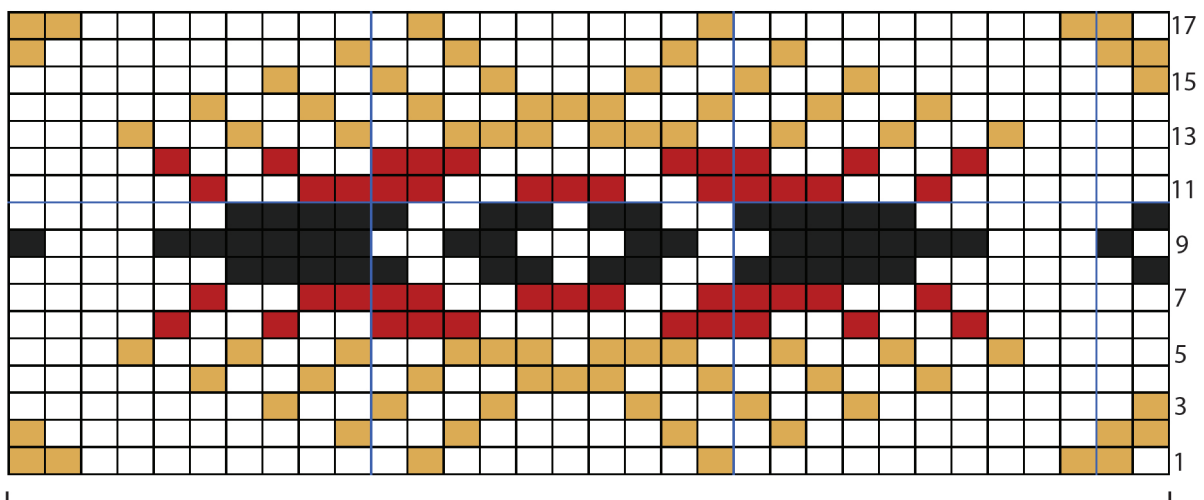
28 stitch repeat

Size 2 Chart



30 stitch repeat

Size 3 Chart



32 stitch repeat