



Blooming Spring

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Those flower motifs come from old Estonian mitten pattern. Every region in Estonia has their own mitten patterns. This one comes from the part called Setumaa. Nowadays they still speak their own dialect there and traditional clothing and patterns are very important.

Size: one size

Material: Takes about 125 m / 136 yards of fingering/sport weight yarn in 2 different colors.

Also 7 stitch markers are required.

Gauge: 18 sts = 10 cm / 4"

Needle size: 3 mm (US 2.5) circular needles (50 cm/20") and double pointed needles (or other size for getting the right gauge)

Pattern notes:

K – Knit

P – Purl

YO - Yarn over

PM – place marker

SM – slip marker

K2Tog – Knit 2 together

SKP – Slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit, pass the slipped stitch over

Twisted rib – instead of usual knit stitch knit through back loop. Purl stitches are as usual.

Directions:

Cast on 100 sts with your main color. Join in round. Be careful not to twist. Mark the beginning of the round. Knit 5 rows in 1 k - 1 p twisted rib.

Knit 1 round in stockinette and increase evenly to 112 stitches.

Continue in stockinette for 6 rounds.

Now start colorwork (chart is below).

When you have finished colorwork continue in stockinette stitch in main color until your work measures 16 cm / 6.25". Now start with decreases:

K 1, SKP, K 10, K2TOG, K 1, PM Repeat it until the end of the round. You have decreased 14 sts in total.

Knit 1 round in stockinette.

Following decreases will be done this way:

K 1, SKP, knit until 3 sts before marker, K2TOG, K 1, SM.

Continue with decreases on every other round. In total you need 6 decrease rounds. You have 28 stitches left. You can switch to double pointed needles if it's uncomfortable to continue knitting with circular needle.

Continue decreasing the following way:

*K 1, SKP, K 1 *



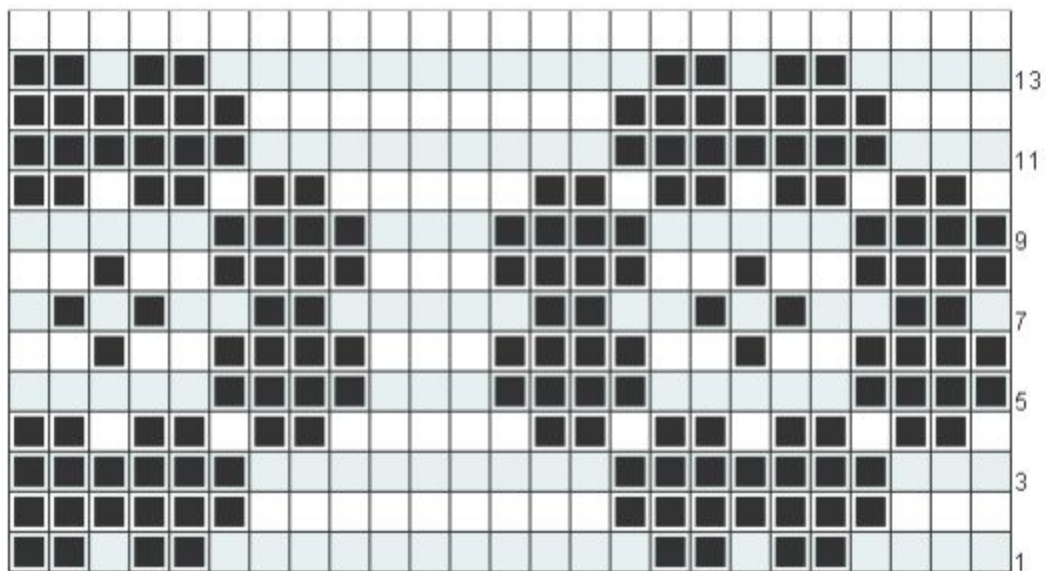
You will have 21 sts on needles after that.

*SKP, K 1 *

You will have 14 sts on needles after that.

SKP

You will have 7 sts on needles. Break the yarn and pull the end through all the stitches.



Key

-  color B
-  color A

Finishing:

Weave in the ends. Wash the hat and block it – that will make the stitches look more even and overall the hat will look nicer.