



# Chill Out Winter Hat

## Fair Isle Hat with Latvian Braid

This hat was made to fight the winter blues that happen to so many of us. While knitting it I found pleasure in doing the Latvian Braid for the first time and then working two-handed fair isle for the body of the hat in two colors that absolutely love. But the part that really made my heart sing is the crown. The decreases on the crown are done in such a way that the colorwork pattern is uninterrupted which I find very satisfying. Overall, making this hat kicked the blues away and I was much more chilled out when I was finished. Hence the name, Chill Out Winter Hat.

## MEASUREMENTS

### Finished Measurements

Adult: 21.7" circumference around

**Gauge:** 18 sts = 4" in stockinette stitch and larger needles

## MATERIALS

**Yarn:** [Red Heart Chic Sheep by Marly Bird™](#) [Art. R170 100% Merino Wool available 3.5 oz (100 g), 186 yd (170 m) balls] Poolside (MC) 1 ball, Creme de Mint (CC) 1 ball.

**Needles:** size 6 (4 mm) 16" circular needles, size 8 (5 mm) 16" circular needles and set of 5 dpn's.

**Notions:** Stitch marker, tapestry needle

## ABBREVIATIONS

K -- Knit

P -- Purl

PM -- place marker

MC -- main color

CC -- contrasting color

## NOTES

When working with two colors on the same row use the Fair Isle technique of changing colors. Careful when working the stranded knitting, keep the floats with some give or the hat will not fit.



## PATTERN

### Brim

Using smaller needle, MC and Long Tail Cast-On, cast-on 98 sts, join to work in the round, place marker.

**Round 1:** Knit

**Round 2:** \*K1, P1; repeat from \* around.

Repeat round 2 five times more. (7 rounds total)

### Latvian Braid

**Round 1:** \*K1 MC, K1 CC; rep from \* around.

This round forms the "base" of your braid. It isn't visible from the bottom of the braid, but it is the horizontal line of stitches you see *in between* each round of twists you're about to create.

Traditionally you work the same color on Round 1 as is worked on Round 2, (MC over MC, CC over CC, etc). *Bring both yarns to the front of the work.*

**Round 2:** \*P1 MC. Bring CC *under* MC (twisting yarns), P1 CC. Bring MC *under* CC (twisting yarns); repeat from \* around.

*Reminder:* Do not take the time here to untwist the yarns. They will become untwisted on Rnd 3 when you switch the direction of twist.

**Round 3:** \*P1 MC, bring CC **over** MC (twisting yarns), P1 MC, bring CC **over** MC (twisting yarns); rep from \* around.

If done correctly, once you have worked every stitch in the round, your two yarns will become totally untwisted, ready to work in whatever patterning is called for on subsequent rounds.

## Body

Stitch pattern multiple is 14 sts. There are 7 repeats in this pattern.

With MC and larger needles

**Round 1:** Knit

**Rounds 2 - 41:** Follow the chart (on page 4) starting at the bottom and reading from right to left for each round.

**Round 42:** \*K1 CC, K1 MC; repeat from \* around.

## Crown

Switch to double pointed needles when yarn becomes too tight around circular needles.

**Round 1:** \*K2tog CC, (K1 MC, K1 CC) 5 times, SSK MC; repeat from \*6 times more -- 14 sts decreased.

**Round 2:** \*K1 MC, K1 CC; repeat from \* around.

**Round 3:** \*K2tog MC, (K1 CC, K1 MC) 4 times, SSK CC; repeat from \*6 times more -- 14 sts decreased.

**Round 4:** \*K1 CC, K1 MC; repeat from \* around.

**Round 5:** \*K2tog CC, (K1 MC, K1 CC) 3 times, SSK MC; repeat from \*6 times more -- 14 sts decreased.

**Round 6:** \*K1 MC, K1, CC; repeat from \* around.

**Round 7:** \*K2tog MC, (K1 CC, K1 MC) 2 times, SSK CC; repeat from \*6 times more -- 14 sts decreased.

**Round 8:** \*K1 CC, K1 MC; repeat from \* around.

**Round 9:** \*K2tog CC, K1 MC, K1 CC, SSK MC; repeat from \*6 times more -- 14 sts decreased.

**Round 10:** \*K1 MC, K1, CC; repeat from \* around.

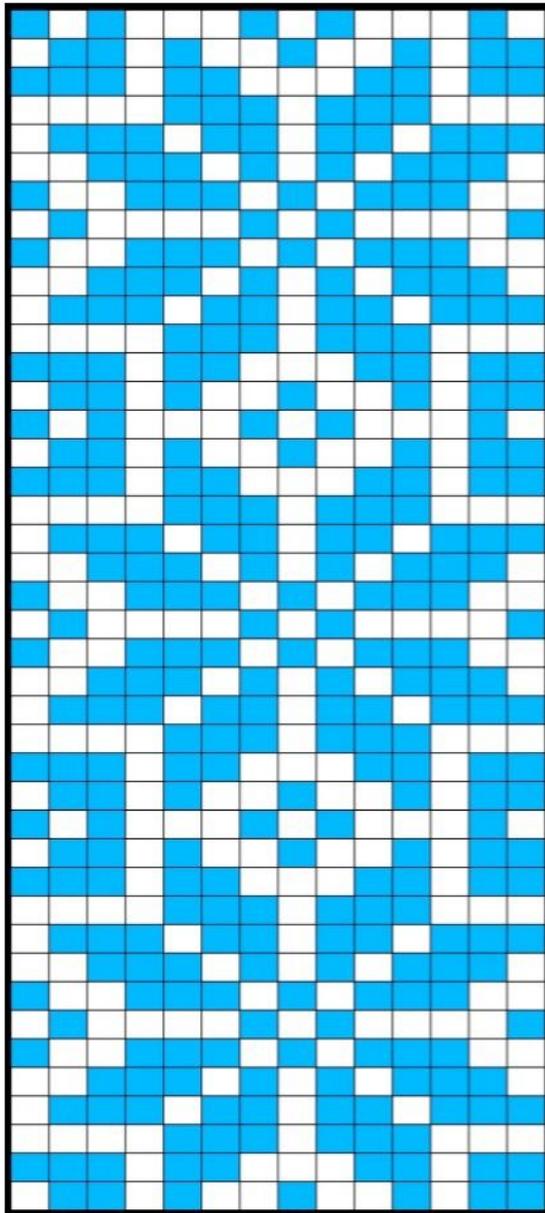
**Round 11:** \*K2tog MC, SSK CC; repeat from \*6 times more -- 14 sts decreased.



**Round 12:** \*K1 CC, K1, MC; repeat from \* around.

### Finishing

Cut CC and MC leaving 10" (25.4 cm). Use yarn needle to thread tail through each remaining st knitwise. Pull tail tight to close top. Weave tail in on the wrong side of hat to secure.



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