



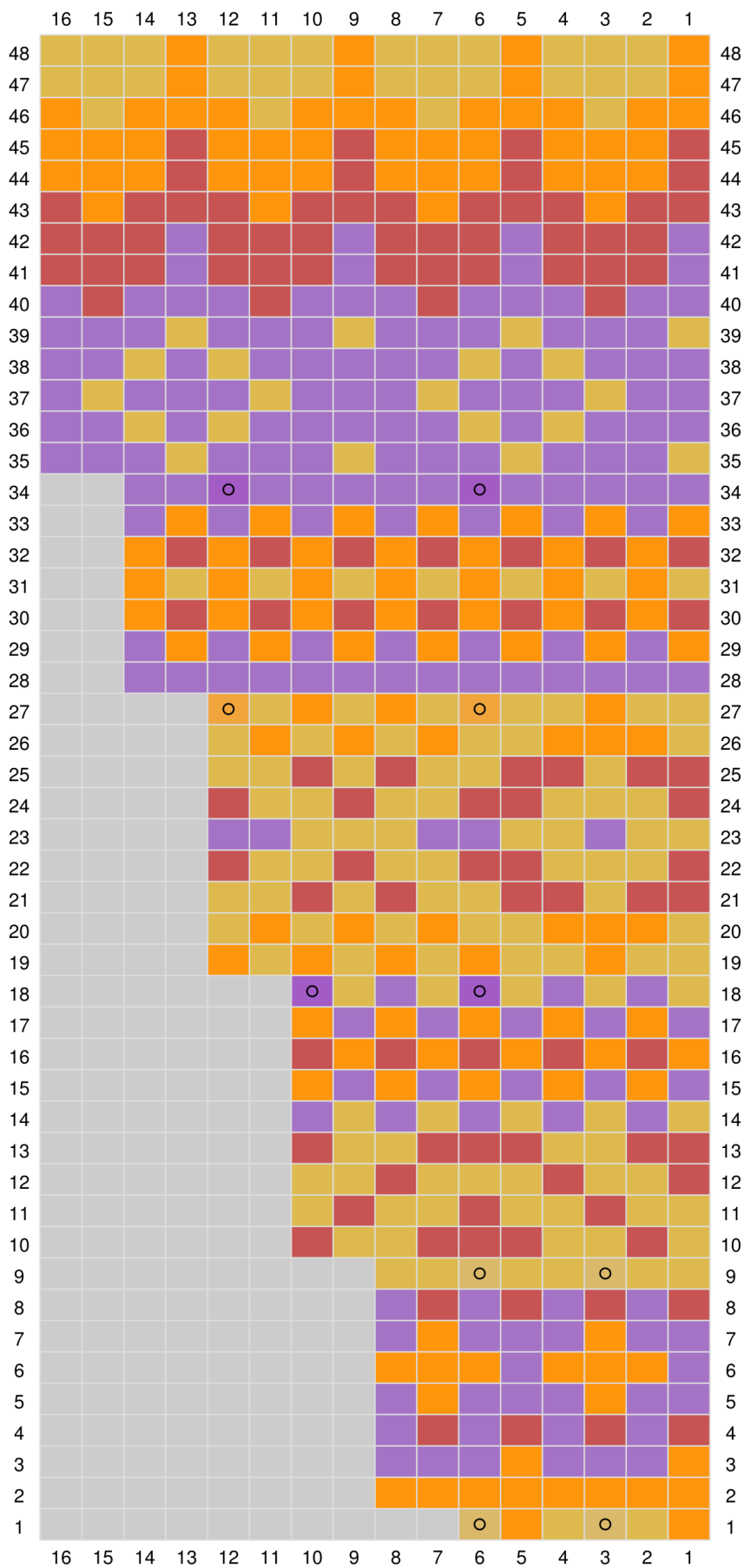
Exmoor
Horn Wool™

Fair Isle pullovers designed exclusively for
Exmoor Horn Wool



“Exmoor Flora” colourway

Double knitting 32”-44”, 81-112cm.



Exmoor Horn Wool Jumper Pattern

This jumper is designed for the Exmoor Horn Sheep Society, to showcase their beautiful pure wool yarn in colours that reflect the landscape of Exmoor and its coast. The Exmoor Flora colourway combines the colours of the moorland, while the Porlock Bay colourway show the many shades of the sea and local shoreline. By using this yarn, you help to ensure the survival of this ancient native breed of sheep.

It is knitted in the round, in one piece, from the top down. This allows you to try it on as you knit, and to adjust the sleeve and body length to fit the wearer. It is also the traditional way to knit an outdoor jumper, as any wear or fraying to the cuffs can easily be unravelled and re-knitted. It has a circular patterned yoke, plain body and sleeves with ribbed cuffs. The neck ribbing is knitted first, then the yoke, body, then each sleeve. No sewing is involved apart from joining up the edge of the neck ribbing, unless you wish to turn under an extended neck band. The 3mm needles are used for the ribbed neckband and cuffs, 4mm needles for the main sections.

The yoke chart follows the Fair Isle tradition of using no more than 2 colours in any round, so if you are proficient with 2-handed knitting, you can simply have one colour in each hand. There are online tutorials for this method. Otherwise, the only skills you need are to knit and purl, everything else is explained fully in this pattern.

The design has been very slightly modified since the test knit of the jumper, to improve the fit and simplify the knitting. This means that the Fair Isle yoke pattern is very slightly different from the photos, but this is almost unnoticeable in the overall design.

Sizes: 32" (34") 38" (40") 44" chest

Yarn: Gauge: 21 sts x 28 rounds = 4" x 4", with 4mm needles.

The jumper is knitted with 400gms (4 balls) 500gms (5 balls) or 600 gms (6 balls for mens' sizes) of the main colour (MC) (Barley or Dark Skies) and small amounts of the other 3 pattern colours. For Exmoor Flora, you will need a 100 gm. ball each of Purple Heather, Earth Red, and Bossington Bracken; for Porlock Bay, 100 gm. ball each of Gorse Yellow, Sea Mist and Bossington Sea Green. You will have enough of the pattern colours left over to make a coordinating hat, mittens or cowl. Needles: 3 and 4 mm circular needles, 60cms or larger. If you use the Magic Loop method, you'll need only one circular needle for the whole project. If you prefer, use 5 double pointed needles or small circular needles (also 4 and 3 mm) for the sleeves.

There are many Magic loop tutorials available online.

Abbreviations:

M1: To "make one:" either: knit into the front and the back of the stitch; or: pick up the loop before the stitch and knit into the back of this loop before knitting the next stitch. The places to do this are shown on the chart as a black circle on the relevant stitch.

K2tog.: Knit 2 stitches together by putting the right needle through the next 2 loops on the left needle and knitting as one stitch.

Ssk: slip 2 stitches from the left to the right needle: slip them back again with a half-twist as one stitch, then knit it.

Pattern

With 4 mm size needles cast on 102 (108) 114 (120) 126 sts in MC. Change to 3mm needles for the neck ribbing.

Ribbing: Make 1x1 neck ribbing by K1,P1 along the row for 7 rows, or until the depth of ribbing you require. If you wish to turn under the rib and stitch it down when you've completed the project, double the number of rows to allow for the turn-under. At the end of the ribbing, join the work into a round, making sure it is not twisted. Change to 4mm needles again.

Yoke: Starting from the bottom of the chart, working from right to left, and changing colour as indicated, begin working from the chart, and repeat chart 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 times across each round, increasing sts. where indicated at the chart. The black circles in the chart shows where to M1. ("make one") . Strand the unused colour across the back of the work without pulling it tight. You can use stitch markers to show where to start each pattern repeat (use a distinctive one at the start of each round). As you cannot use a row counter with circular knitting, I like to place the pattern in a plastic envelope and use a strip of removable highlighter tape to mark the round being worked.

When you have knitted all the rounds of the chart, there will be 272 (288) 304 (320) 336 sts. Additional rounds: with MC, knit 1 round with 4 (0) 0 (0) 0 sts increase, spread equally around the round = 276 (288) 304 (320) 336 sts. Knit 6 (8) 9 (10) 11 additional rounds in MC. The yoke is now complete.

The next step is to separate the body and sleeves:

From the beginning of the round (on the back of work) knit the first 36 (40) 42 (44) 48 sts (left back). The next 64 (64) 67 (72) 76 sts are not knitted, instead put them on a stitch holder or waste yarn, to knit later (this will be the left sleeve). Cast on 10 (11) 14 (17) 20 new sts. Knit the next 74 (80) 84 (88) 96 st. (front). The next 64 (64) 67 (72) 76 sts are not knitted, instead put them on another stitch holder or waste yarn, to knit later (this will be the right sleeve). Cast on 10 (11) 14 (17) 20 new sts. Knit the remaining 36 (40) 42 (44) 48 st. (right back). The body (which consists of sts from front and back and the newly cast on sts) has 166 (182) 196 (210) 232 sts. The sleeves are knitted later.

Body: Knit with MC until the work measures 52 (53) 55 (59) 61cm from the back of the neck, or desired length. Change to 3 mm-needle. Work 1x1-rib (k1, p1) for 6 cm or as desired. Cast off loosely. (You may want to use your 4mm needle for this.)

Sleeves: Put sts. from first sleeve back onto your 4mm circular needle or 5 double pointed 4 mm-needles. Pick up 5 (6) 7 (9) 10 sts from body at underarm, place marker to indicate beginning of the round. Pick up the remaining underarm stitches 5 (5) 6 (8) 10 sts = 74 (76) 80 (89) 96 sts. Work 3 cm.

Start to decrease the sleeve width. Decrease 1 st before and after the marker every 2 cm. 14 (14) 16 (17) 18 times like this: Knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, slip marker, k1, k2tog.

After the decreases there will be 46 (48) 48 (57) 60 sts. Knit until sleeves measures 38 (39) 40 (43) 46 cm, or desired length. Change to 3 mm needles and work 1x1-rib for 6 cm or as desired. Cast off loosely. Make the other sleeve in the same way.

Gently press your jumper if desired. Wear it with enjoyment and remember the glories of Exmoor and its special sheep!

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