KAL 2017

Fair Isle Placemat

Segment 1

Finished Size: 14 inches by 9 1/2 inches

Yarn: Fingering yarn (wool) 2 contrasting colors (I used Knit Picks – Palette (100% wool, 231 yards per 50 gram skein) 1 skein blue (6874) and 1 skein sky (6882)

Needles: 1 pair 3.25 mm (US 3)

　　　　1 pair 3.75 mm (US 5)

(I used a 3.75 mm 16 inch circular for the color work but you could use double points or magic loop if preferred)

Gauge: 29 stitches and 33 rows over 10 cm in Fair Isle pattern on 3.75 needles (gauge is not crucial for this pattern)

Pattern:

1. Using a 3.2 mm needle and main color cast on 97 stitches. Work 10 rows in garter stitch (knit every row).
2. At the end of the row add 7 stitches which will act as the steek or bridge joining the garter stitch. To add these stitches weave the contrasting color behind the last few garter stitches. To add the 7 stitches you can use an "e" wrap starting with the contrasting color and then alternate colors ending with the contrast colors. Place a marker before and after the steek.
3. Now refer to the chart and work across row 1. Note: you knit the first stitch and then do stitches 2-9 twelve times. You will now be at the steek marker. Slip marker and work across steek alternating colors. Slip marker and knit as indicated for row 2. Continue working across each row, alternating colors for the steek. *In a row that is a solid color- work across the steek, leave the yarn not used just hang and knit across the row with the desired color. When you come to the steek it will be a solid color. As you get to the end of the steek pick up the previously unused color and continue with the design.
4. Repeat the chart eight times. On the last round bind off the steek stitches. Using the background color and working back and forth knit 10 rows and then cast off

Steek

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Rows
									8
	■	■	■		■		■		7
	■	■	■			■			6
	■	■	■		■		■		5
									4
	■		■		■	■	■		3
		■			■	■	■		2
	■		■		■	■	■		1

Stitches

Start each row with stitch 1 then repeat stitches 2-9 twelve times across the row. Move marker and do steek stitches and then do next row.

☐	main color
■	contrasting color