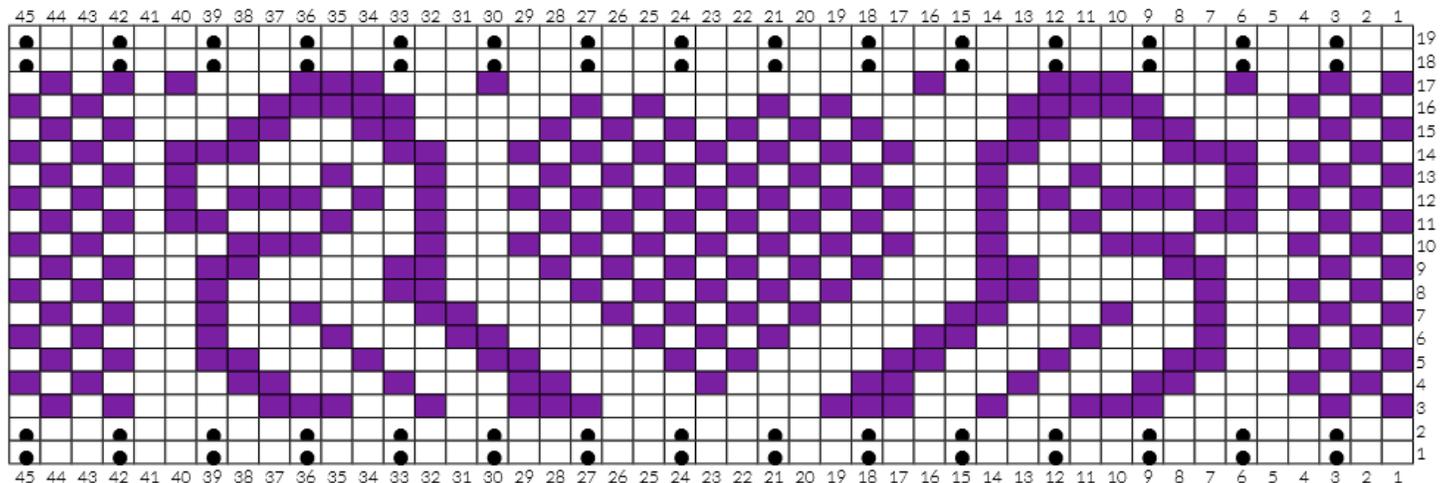


# Fair Isle Style Swatch Cuff

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The best way to swatch for a fair isle project is to use the yarn you intend to use for your project and knit in the round.

Many experienced Fair Isle knitters will swatch by knitting a hat. But if you are planning to knit a hat, you may want to swatch using a smaller project. This pattern has been designed to allow knitters to test for gauge using a small swatch in the round and end up with something useful at the end: a wrist-warming cuff or a small mat.



Created on [chart-minder.com](http://chart-minder.com)

-  = Knit with background color
-  = Knit with contrast color
-  = Purl

## Materials

Small amounts of yarn in two colors. I recommend using the two colors that are used the least in your pattern so you don't risk running out.

3 to 4 Double pointed needles in the size you wish to test. (Check the recommendation of the pattern you are planning to knit.)

Darning needle

Sharp scissors with a long blade. (optional, if you plan to steek.)

## Casting On

Traditionally, many people knit Fair Isle in the round with the work on only two needles. If you would like to experiment with this, cast on 22 stitches on the first needle and 23 stitches on the second needle. Join to knit in the round, being sure that your stitches are not twisted on the needle.

If to knit with your work on three needles, cast on 15 stitches on each needle. Join in the round, taking care that your stitches are not twisted on the needles.

## Knitting the Cuff

Knit the 19 rows of the pattern using the chart above. Every round is worked from right to left from the chart.

Bind off loosely to maintain the proper tension of the ribbing.

Weave in the ends.

If desired, you can use this project to practice steeking by making the cut between the stitches at the start and end of the rounds.

## Video Help

There is a series of videos available on YouTube to help with various techniques involved with knitting this swatch cuff that might be helpful to first-time Fair Isle knitters. Please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/ithoughtiknewhowpodcast> for videos about knitting with 3 DPNs, maintaining proper tension, catching floats, and steeking.

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