

Filigree



An unexpectedly interesting hat came out of a colour exercise. Serendipity in action.

I was playing around with a new yarn – Bio Shetland by BC Garn. I wanted to see how the colours played off of each other, so I started “scrolling” though, mixing up background and pattern – just to see how they blended – and completely fell in love with the results.

This is a one size fits all pattern. It is designed to be a little longer and slightly slouchy but could fit more like a traditional toque with the removal of one 7 row pattern repeat.

Materials: 13 colours of light fingering weight yarns, 55 to 60 metres (60 to 65 yds) for the two main colours, 10 to 20 yds of the remaining colours (hat weighs 41 grs and used approx. 250 metres of Bio Shetland), 2.5mm US # 2 16 inch circ for ribbing and 3.0mm US #2.5 for the body, markers and the regular notions.

Gauge: 28 sts in four inches in fair-isle unblocked.

Size: one size – fits average adult

Dimensions: approx. 16 around the ribbing, approx. 22 inches around the body of the hat and 10 inches from cast-on to crown finishing.

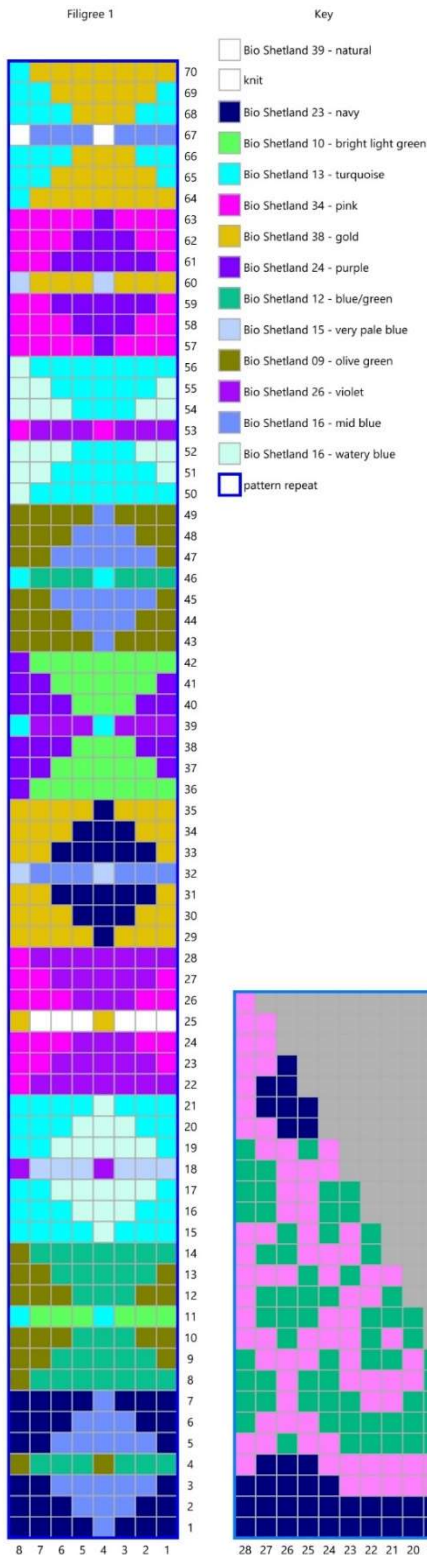


Abbreviations: **M1** – Make 1 stitch by using your right-hand needle and lifting the running yarn between the last stitch on the right-hand needle and the first stitch on the left-hand needle, placing the yarn onto the left-hand needle and knit into the back of the yarn to twist it closed and make a new stitch. **S2KP2** – Slip2, K1, pass 2 slip stitches over – Slip 2 sts knitwise (as if you are going to knit them together), K1, Pass the 2 slipped sts over the knit st as a unit. **pm** – Place Marker. **slm** – Slip the marker with your needle as you come to it. **BORM** – beginning of round marker.

How to use this pattern.

Looking at the Filigree 1 chart, you will note that I have included 10 different 7 round patterns.

- The sample hat used the first 6 of the 7 round patterns.
- Use 1 of the 7 round patterns and repeat it 5 or 6 times.
- Use the last 5 or 6, 7 round pattern repeats.
- Pick and chose your pattern repeats.
- The crown requires 3 colours.
- Pick 3 or 4 colours and scroll (shift) them through the various positions in the pattern.
- This pattern is perfect for using of scraps of fingering weight yarns.



Pattern

Working with smaller needle, cast-on 152 sts. Being careful not to twist the cast-on, place BORM and connect into a round.

Work K2, P2 ribbing for 20 rounds.

Next round – increase round – (K9, M1, K10, M1) 8 times – 168 sts.

Switch to larger needle and start working from body chart. Work 5 or 6, 7 round pattern repeats. Work each 8 st pattern repeat 21 times around the body of the hat.

Once body is the desired depth, start working from Filigree Crown Chart.

Crown

Work from chart until 12 sts are left. Use written instructions for st count checking.

Written Filigree Crown

Round 1 and all odd-numbered rounds: Knit in pattern.

Round 2: (K12, sl2, k1, p2sso, k13) 6 times. (156 sts)

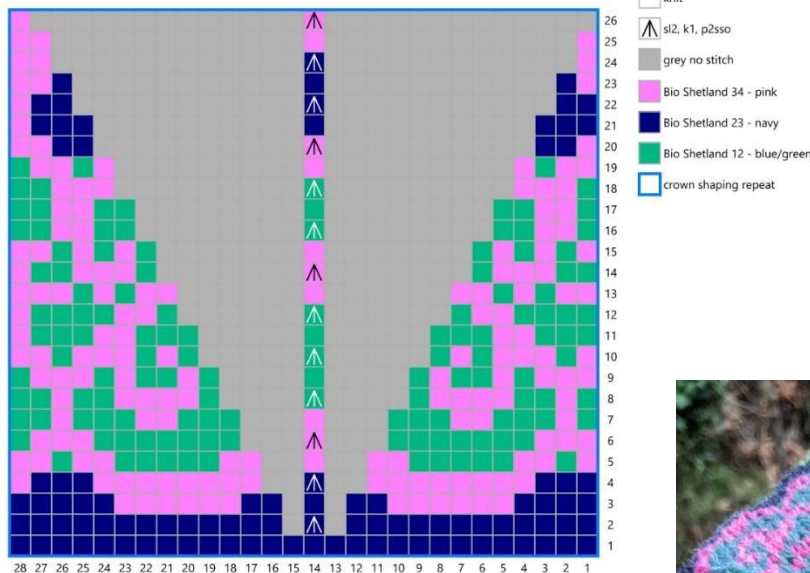
Round 4: (K11, sl2, k1, p2sso, k12) 6 times. (144 sts)

Round 6: (K10, sl2, k1, p2sso, k11) 6 times. (132 sts)

Round 8: (K9, sl2, k1, p2sso, k10) 6 times. (120 sts)

Round 10: (K8, sl2, k1, p2sso, k9) 6 times. (108 sts)

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Round 12: (K7, sl2, k1, p2sso, k8) 6 times. (96 sts)

Round 14: (K6, sl2, k1, p2sso, k7) 6 times. (84 sts)

Round 16: (K5, sl2, k1, p2sso, k6) 6 times. (72 sts)

Round 18: (K4, sl2, k1, p2sso, k5) 6 times. (60 sts)

Round 20: (K3, sl2, k1, p2sso, k4) 6 times. (48 sts)

Round 22: (K2, sl2, k1, p2sso, k3) 6 times. (36 sts)

Round 24: (K, sl2, k1, p2sso, k2) 6 times. (24 sts)

Round 26: (Sl2, k1, p2sso, k) 6 times. (12 sts)

Once crown is complete cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Thread tail through a tapestry needle and gather up the sts. Push needle to inside of hat and weave in all ends.

Block is necessary, sample is unblocked.

