

Parliament of Owlets Hat

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A double knit hat in fingering yarn with 6 owls on the side and a flower shape on the top. Owls use cables, nupp eyes, and color changes. Hat uses increases and decreases for shaping.

Caveats: This pattern assumes a working familiarity with double knitting and willingness to use hard techniques. This pattern uses the following techniques, which are not explained.

- 4 pair x 5 pair cables
- nupps
- lifted increases
- single decreases

Yarn: ZZ grams of each of two colors of fingering weight yarn (approx YY yards). Shown in Tenderfoot Superfine (75% merino lambswool, 25% polyamide) in colors Linen and Deep Russet.

Needles:

- size 4 needles (24 inch circular)
- cable needle (J shape recommended)
- tapestry needle
- size 2 needle (dpn, tip from interchangeable or circular) for nupps

Sizing: As shown, the pattern is repeated 6 times, for a finished unstretched circumference of 21 in and height of 8.5 in, to fit a 23 in circumference head. To resize, you could work fewer/more repeats of the pattern, and/or adjust the spacing between owls. If you adjust spacing between owls, you will need to modify the increases in chart B and the decreases at the beginning of chart D. I recommend doing chart A over 2/3 the number of stitches used in Chart C.

Swatching: I recommend working one copy of chart C (plus stockinette border) flat as coaster to get familiar with the owl technique and check sizing.

Notes:

- **Nupps:** When working the owl eyes, it's important to get the nupp loops loose enough. I recommend holding a small needle (I used size 2 interchangeable tip) double with the right hand needle. Work the nupp loops over both needles, work other stitches in that row only on the normal size 4 needle.
- **Cables:** This pattern has 4 pair x 5 pair cables (which feel like 8 x 10 cables!) Slipping stitches purlwise and use a J shaped cable needle to get stitches reordered and back on the left hand needle, then work the cable. It will feel very tight.

Pattern: Cast on 96 pairs of AB color.

Work Chart A six times around for 15 rows (96 pairs).

Work Chart B six times around (144 pairs).

Work Chart C six times around (144 pairs).

Work Chart D six times around (6 pairs).

Cinch stitches with yarn ends, knot, and secure ends. Block if desired.

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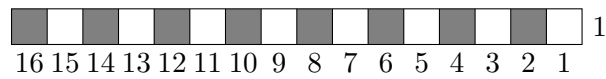


Chart A Repeat 6 times around for 15 rows.

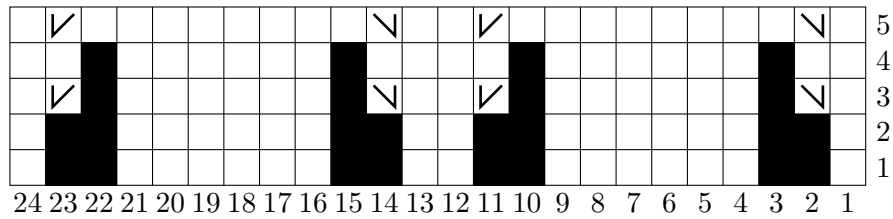


Chart B Repeat 6 times around.

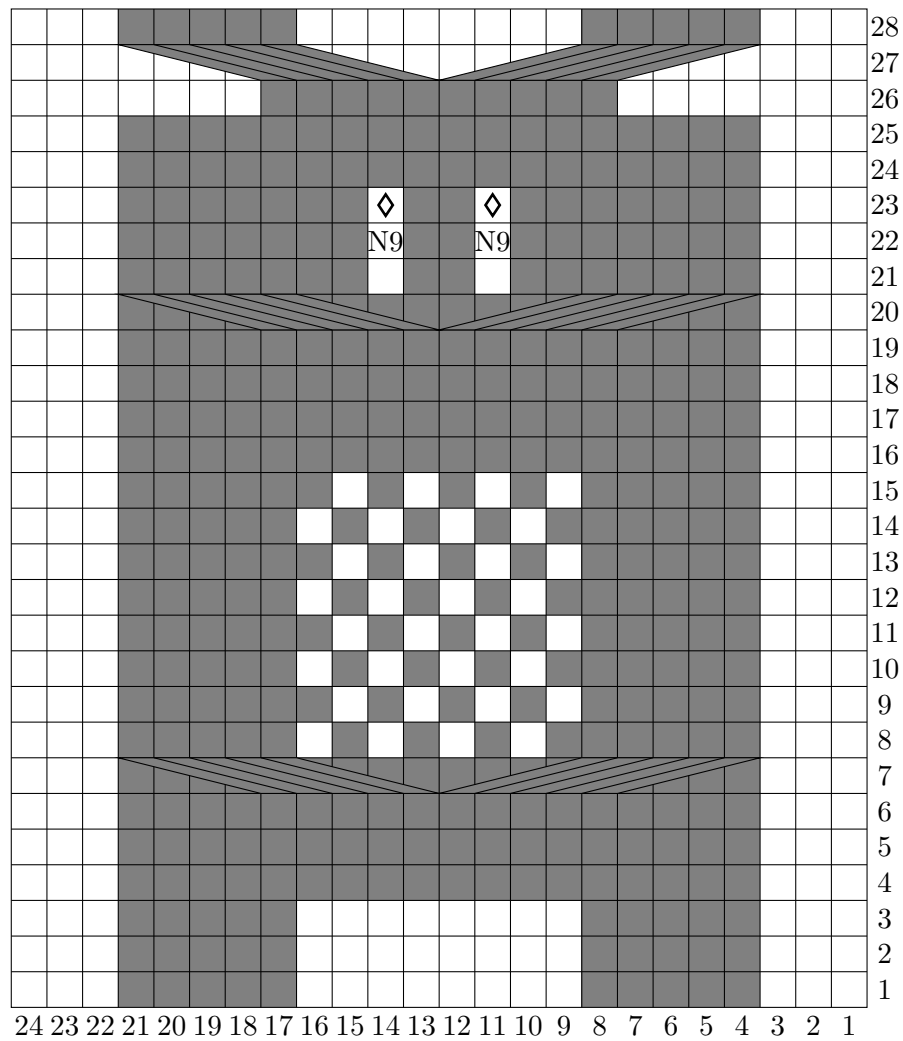


Chart C Repeat 6 times around.

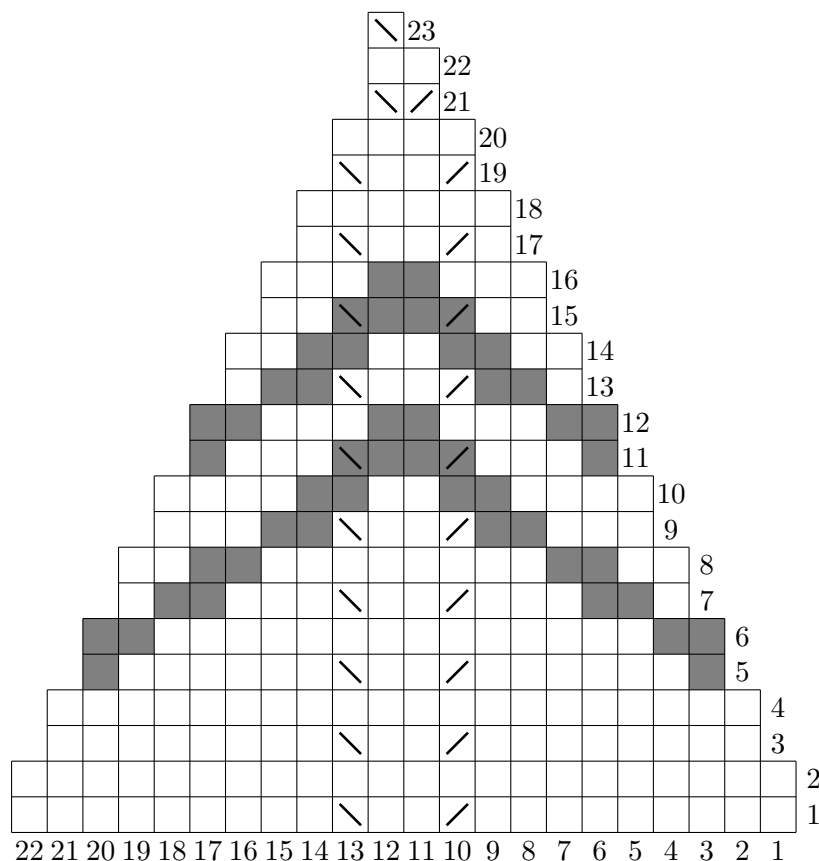


Chart D Repeat 6 times around.

□ Knit color A, purl color B.

■ Knit color B, purl color A.

■ No pair

✓ Right leaning decrease: K2tog in shown color, SSP in other color.

✓ Left leaning decrease: SSK in shown color, P2tog in other color.

✓ Right lifted increase: into pair 1 below next stitch on left needle, K1tbl in color A into front stitch, and purl in color B into back stitch.

✓ Left lifted increase: into pair 2 below first stitch on right needle, knit in color A into front stitch, and P1tbl in color B into back stitch.

[N9] Nupp: In color A work (K1, yo, K1, yo, K1, yo, K1, yo, K1) into next stitch (9 stitches created), in color B work (P1, yo, P1, yo, P1, yo, P1, yo, P1) into next stitch (9 stitches created). Work these very loosely, i.e. over working needle held double with spare smaller needle.

◇ Close nupp: In color A, K9tog, in color B, P9tog.

Right leaning cable: Slip 4 pairs to cable needle. Holding cable needle to inside of work, slip 5 pairs to right needle. Slip pairs from cable needle back to left needle, slip pairs from right needle back to left needle. Work pairs in shown colors (knit shown color, purl other color).

Left leaning cable: Slip 5 pairs to right needle. Slip 4 pairs to cable needle. Holding cable needle to inside of work, slip the 5 pairs back to left needle. Slip pairs from cable needle back to left needle, Work pairs in shown colors (knit shown color, purl other color).