

Supplies & Preparation List for Beth's class 2017 Fall Retreat at St. Anthony's

"This Fair Isle class is for knitters who would like to venture into two-color knitting but haven't had the chance. A small tam comprised of ribbing, a border pattern area, and the wheel area will be knitted on double points or a circular needle, in four colors, although never more than two in a round. Techniques included in the workshop are: knitting with a color in each hand, weaving yarns to reduce snagging, reading tam charts, knitting traditional peerie, border, and wheel patterns, and shaping and finishing of the tam. The class will end with a discussion of alternate ribbing treatments and designing a tam."



[Tams can be made with more than 2 colors] "but never more than 2 in a round, as is customary in traditional Fair Isle knitting." - [Beth Reinsel-Brown](#)

YARN: Four colors, 1 to 2 oz. each, of worsted weight wool yarn



NEEDLES: size US 8 circular needles - 16" length
size US 8 set of double pointed needles* - 8" or shorter in length
size US 5 set of double pointed needles* - 8" or shorter in length

**Note: Knitters who prefer and are proficient in working with 2 circulars or Magic Loop instead of double pointed needles, may bring the appropriate needles.*

ACCESSORIES:

- Scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Pen or Pencil
- Sticky notes, highlighting tape, or magnetic board (to keep your place on the chart)

HOMEWORK:

With size US 5 dpns (or circulars) and your chosen main color yarn, cast on 72 stitches. Slip on marker, join circularly, and work k1, p1 ribbing for 1 inch.