



**Sizes:** *Wee* (6.5" around x 5.5" long), [*Middling* (7.5" x 7"), *Great* (8.5" x 7.75")]

**Needles:** Size 4 (3.5 mm) 32" circular needles for magic loop or double-point needles

**Yarn:** Malabrigo Twist Aran Weight, Colorway: Sealing Wax, 1 skein

*Note: **Great** size just BARELY can be made with 1 skein; you may want to buy 2 just to be sure (you can always make a 2<sup>nd</sup> smaller pair as a gift!)*

**Gauge:** 22 stitches/34 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch (*be sure and do this in the round as it will be different than flat stockinette – ask me how I know...*)

**Notions:** Cable Needle, Tapestry Needle, 6" of contrasting scrap yarn.

**Difficulty:** Good Intermediate project, good project to learn cables

I wanted a pair of really warm Mittens to match a bright red coat I have. I had just gone on a trip in November to Ann Arbor, MI where I bought the perfect shade of tone-on-tone Malabrigo Twist in an awesome red with orange undertones to match my coat and I had a trip to Calgary, AB, Canada planned for mid-December. So even though I live in Katy, TX, near Houston, I needed some warm mittens. I looked and looked for just the right pattern that used worsted weight yarn

and had some kind of cabling. I couldn't find anything that was just right. So I decided to design a pair of my own, and here it is.

I have very long thin fingers and always need a women's large glove but I had several others who wear a women's large that have thicker hands and/or fingers try the **Great** size on and they fit very well. **Wee** fits a large child or youth or small woman's hands, **Middling** fits most women and a small man's hands, **Great** fits a large women's hands or a men's **Middling** hand. You could probably go up a needle size for a men's large or use one size larger needle with instructions for the next smallest size down to have a less dense mitten.

I like a nice defined cable and a densely knit mitten to be extra warm. I used a braid that is 9 stitches wide for the cabling so you don't have to worry about mirror-imaging. Using size 4 needles and framing the braid with 3 stitches of purl on each side really makes the braid pop. I also used a twisted ribbing that is slightly reminiscent of small braids themselves.



### Special Stitches:

**1 x 1 Twisted Ribbing** – (K1 through the back loop, P1) across

**Kbf** – Knit into back and then front of the same stitch (*increase made*)

**C6F** – Slip next 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K3, then K3 from cable needle.

**C6B** – Slip next 3 sts to cable needle and hold in back, K3, then K3 from cable needle.

### Cuff:

CO 30 [36, 42]. *Join in the round, being careful not to twist.*

Work 1 x 1 twisted ribbing for 1.5 [1.75, 2.0] inches

Next round: (K2 [3, 3], Kbf, K2 [3, 4], Kbf, K3 [3, 4], Kbf) twice, K2 [3, 3], Kbf, K2 [3, 4], Kbf, K4 [4, 5] - *total stitches 38 [44, 50]*

### Hand:

*Note: Rounds 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 are identical.*

**Rnd 1 & 2:** K2 [3, 5], P3, K9, P3, K2 [4, 5], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around

**Rnd 3:** K2 [3, 5], P3, C6F, K3, P3, K2 [4, 5], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around

**Rnd 4, 5 & 6:** K2 [3, 5], P3, K9, P3, K2 [4, 5], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around

**Rnd 7:** K2 [3, 5], P3, K3, C6B, P3, K2 [4, 5], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around

**Rnd 8:** K2 [3, 5], P3, K9, P3, K2 [4, 5], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around

Repeat Rounds 1 – 8 until mitten is 2.25 [2.5, 2.75] inches from the cuff, ending on any round.

*Note: This was 2 repeats plus 6 rows for model mittens.*

## **Right Mitten:**

Next round: Continuing in pattern, work 1<sup>st</sup> 19 [22, 25] stitches, then knit next 4 [5, 6] stitches with contrasting scrap yarn, slip contrasting scrap yarn stitches back to left needle and knit them again with regular working yarn, continue knitting around.

## **Left Mitten:**

Next round: Continuing in pattern, work until 4 [5, 6] stitches are left in round, then knit next 4 [5, 6] stitches with contrasting scrap yarn, slip contrasting scrap yarn stitches back to left needle and knit them again with regular working yarn.

Continue working Rounds 1 – 8 in established pattern until mitten is 1.5 [2.0, 2.25] inches short of desired length (about 4 [5, 5.5] inches) not including cuff, trying to end on round 3.

*Note: This was 6 repeats plus 3 rows for model mittens.*

Continue working in pattern with a few modifications as described below.

## **Top Decreases:**

**Rnd 1:** K1, ssk, K0 [0, 2], P2 [3, 3], K9, P2 [3, 3], K0 [1, 2], K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K13 [16, 19], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; 34 [40, 46] stitches

**Rnd 2:** K2 [2, 4], P2 [3, 3], K9, P2 [3, 3], K2 [3, 4], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around – no decrease

**Rnd 3:** K1, ssk, K0 [0, 1], P1 [2, 3], K9, P1 [2, 3], K0 [1, 1], K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K11 [14, 17], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; 30 [36, 42] stitches

**Rnd 4:** K2 [2, 3], P1 [2, 3], K3, C6B, P1 [2, 3], K2 [3, 3], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around – no decrease

**Rnd 5:** K1, ssk, K0 [0, 1], P0 [1, 2], K9, P0 [1, 2], K0 [1, 1], K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K9 [12, 15], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; 26 [32, 38] stitches

**Rnd 6:** K2 [2, 3], P0 [1, 2], K9, P0 [1, 2], K2 [3, 3], knit 2<sup>nd</sup> half around – no decrease

**Rnd 7:** K1, ssk, K0 [0, 1], P0 [0, 1], K7 [9, 9], P0 [0, 1], K0 [1, 1], K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K7 [10, 13], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; 22 [28, 34] stitches

**Rnd 8:** K0 [0, 1], ssk, K0 [0, 1], C6F, K1 [3, 3], K0 [1, 1], K2tog, K0 [0, 1], K1, ssk, K5 [8, 11], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; 18 [24, 30] stitches

**Rnd 9:** K1, ssk, K3 [6, 9], K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K3 [6, 9], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; 14 [20, 26] stitches

## **Size M & G:**

**Rnd 10:** K1, ssk, K4 [7], K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K4 [7], K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; [16, 22] stitches

## **Size G Only:**

**Rnd 11:** K1, ssk, K5, K2tog, K1, K1, ssk, K5, K2tog, K1 – 4 sts decreased; [18] stitches

Cut working yarn, leaving a tail and graft the remaining stitches together using Kitchener Stitch.

## Thumb:

Carefully remove contrasting scrap yarn from thumb stitches, placing live stitches on 2 needles. There will be 4 [5, 6] stitches below the hole and 3 [4, 5] above.

Join working yarn at the thumb on the back of hand. K4 [5, 6]; pick up 3 [3, 4] sts along the gap, K3 [4, 5]; pick up 3 [3, 4] sts along 2<sup>nd</sup> gap. – 13 [15, 19] stitches total.

Join in the round and knit until thumb measures .5 inches shorter than desired length.

Size **Wee** and **Great** only: K2tog, knit rest of the way around – 1 st decreased; 12 [18] sts

**Rnd 1:** (K3 [3, 4], K2tog) 3 times. 3 sts decreased; 9 [12, 15] sts

**Rnd 2:** (K1 [2, 3], K2tog) 3 times. 3 sts decreased; 6 [9, 12] sts

Size **Wee** Only: (K2tog) 3 times. 3 sts decreased; 3 sts.

Size **M & G** Only: (K1 [2], K2tog) 3 times. 3 sts decreased; 6 [9] sts

Size **M** Only: (K2tog) 3 times. 3 sts decreased; 3 sts.

Size **G** Only: (K1, K2tog) 3 times. 3 sts decreased. 6 sts.

Cut working yarn leaving tail. Thread tail through remaining sts and fasten off. Weave in ends.

## ABOUT THE DESIGNER



Hi! I am **Bethel King** of 3<sup>rd</sup> Coast Stitches. I live on the Texas Gulf Coast and I love to knit and crochet - and I am a voracious reader. I hope you enjoy this pattern as much as I enjoyed creating it.

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