

Denver Driving Mitts

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The Denver Driving Mitts are a long armed fingerless mitt to keep your hands, wrists, and forearms warm while driving. They are fingerless so you can keep your grip on the wheel and feature an attractive spine of lace up the back for that added feminine touch.

These mitts only require one skein of yarn, so they are the perfect project for that orphan ball you have in your stash.

Yarn: 4 ply (14 wpi), Sport/DK Weight, 1 skein at 218 yards (200m) for 100 grams. I used Hopper on a Flower from Expression Fiber Arts.

<http://www.expressionfiberarts.com/products/dragon-fruit-dk-wt-merino-woolyarn.html>

Needles: US size 5 (3.75 mm) - 5 Double Pointed Needles (DPNs) for knitting in the round or a 60" circular needle for magic loop technique (I am not a practitioner of magic loop so I did not write the pattern with this in mind)

Notions: 5 stitch markers, waste yarn, and tapestry needle for finishing

Special Stitch Notes:

Lace Insert (LRnd)

Rnd 1 - K3, pm, yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo, pm, K to end

Rnd 2 to 4 – Knit round

The lace spine lace is **knit ongoing through the entire pattern**. Any directions in the colored box will have the lace insert *even though the actual instructions won't be repeated*. I use the lace spines as round counting for changes in the pattern. **When counting lace, knit any increases or decreases in the first round of the lace insert.**

I recommend you fit as you go. This pattern is a small ladies size but the gloves do not stretch on me. The knit is not opened when I put these on and they are not snug or tight, so a more normal sized lady's hand and forearm will fit. I did not block my mitts to loosen them at all so a second size should not be needed, but if you make the mitts and fit as you go, and it is just not comfortable, please let me know and I can revise for a larger size.



CO 48 st, pm join for knitting in the round [be careful not to twist your knitting]
Knit 7 rnds in 3x3 rib
Knit 4 rnds

BEGIN LACE

Knit 3 LRnd, on 4th LRnd reduce by 3 over rnd [45sts]
Knit 2 LRnd, on 7th LRnd reduce by 3 over rnd [42sts]
Knit 1 LRnd, on 9th LRnd reduce by 3 over rnd [39sts]
Knit 1 LRnd, on 11th LRnd reduce by 3 over rnd [36sts]

Thumb Gusset – the gusset is worked on the needles while continuing the lace rounds on the mitt

Left Mitt Only: Round 1 – K30, pm, MIL, K1, MIR, pm, Knit to end
Right Mitt Only: Round 1 – K16, pm, MIL, K1, MIR, pm, Knit to end

Both Mitts:

Round 2 – Knit

Round 3 – Knit to m, sm, MIL, knit to m, MIR, sm, Knit to end

Round 4 – Knit

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until 15 sts are between markers

Knit to m, remove m, place 15 sts on waste yarn, CO 4 sts over gap, remove m, knit to end [39sts]

Continue knitting until 20 LRnds are on the spine of the mitt. Finish the 4 rounds (1 Lace and 3 Knit) of the 20th LRnd

END LACE

Knit 5 rnds in 3x3 rib
Bind off in rib, weave in ends

Thumb

Put the 15 sts of thumb on needles, picking up 5 sts over gap [20sts]

Knit 1 rnd

Knit 1 rnd reducing by 4 [16sts]

Knit 3 rnds

Knit 1 rnd reducing by 2 [14sts]

Knit 3 rnds in 2x2 rib

Bind off in rib, weave in ends

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