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I ♥ Mitts



Yarn: Fingering weight yarn

Yardage: 1 ball of 50 gram (about 180 yards) each colour

Sizes:

This pattern uses different needles sizes to fit three sizes. To determine your size, wrap a flexible tape measure around your dominant hand, at the base of your fingers (widest) excluding the thumb, and find the circumference.

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Small....6" - 6.5"
Medium....7" - 7.5"
Large....8" - 8.5"

I used two sock yarns, but fingering weight merinos or any other yarn of the right weight would work just as well.
This pattern is suitable for a novice stranded (color work) knitter

Recommended needles:

This pattern is written using combination of Stretchy/Magic Loop CO, however, you could use a set of 5 DPNs if you prefer.

- SMALL, 2.75mm (US 2)
- MEDIUM: 3.00mm
- LARGE: 3.25mm (US 3)
- For all sizes to cast on: 2.00mm (US 0)

Notions: tapestry needle.

CO method: Jeny's Stretchy Slipknot Cast-On

<http://youtu.be/3n8E3I6Cg2k>

BO method: Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind off

<http://youtu.be/bc8dvYVsMMU>

Cuff

Using the Stretchy cast-on combined with magic loop knitting in the round; and main color, cast on 56 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Next round: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

Continue to work in k1, p1 ribbing for a total of 15 rows. Attach contrast color and change to larger needles.

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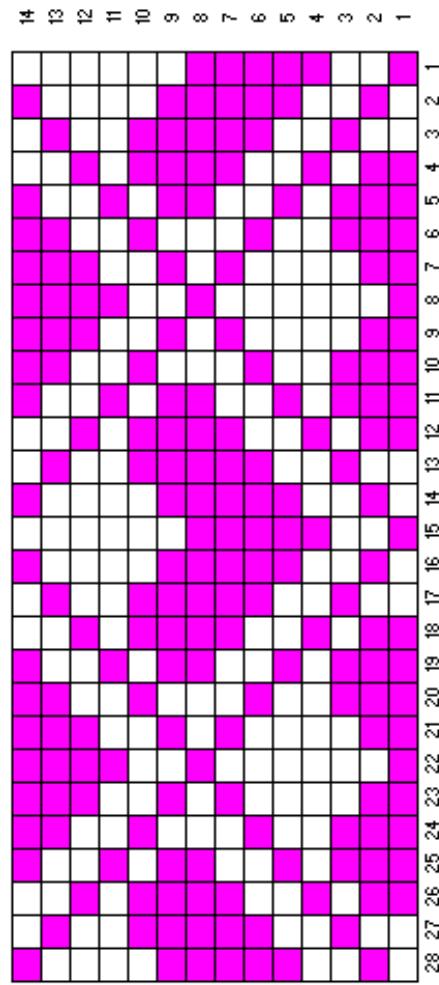
Begin Color work

Next round: 1st needle - Work Row 1 of Chart A across 28 stitches, repeat for 2nd needle.

Continue to work in Chart A as set until 3 full 14-row repeats have been worked. Or if you prefer a shorter wrist, knit 2 full 14-row repeats instead.

Main Color
Contrast Color
M M1 with Main Color
M M1 with Contrast Color
No Stitch

CHART A



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Begin Thumb Gusset

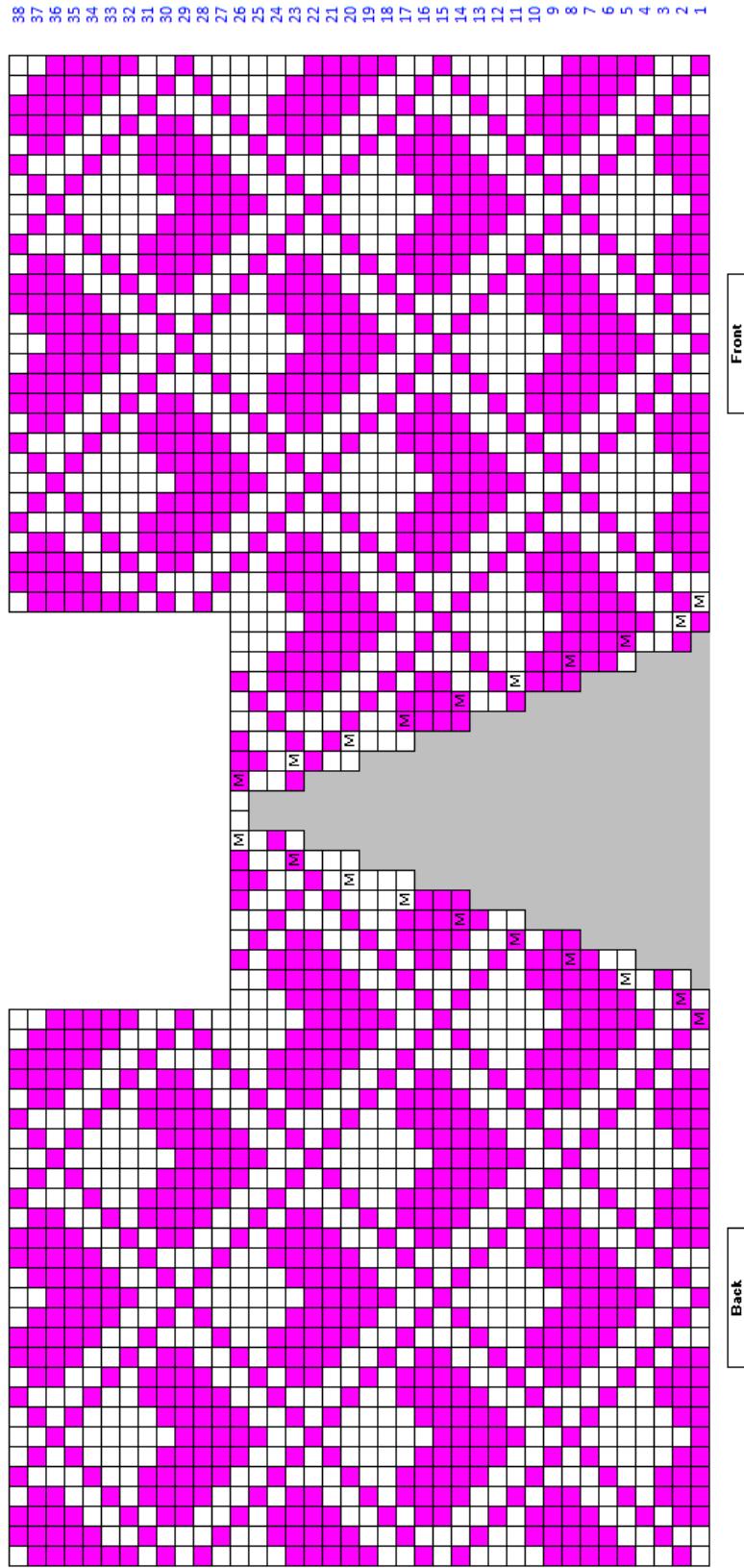
For your convenience, and to conform to the pattern, the full shaping lines of the thumb gusset have been provided in chart form (Chart B). When working this section of the piece, the chart must always read from right to left.

Round 1: (1st needle) Work across Chart B [Front] across 27 stitches in pattern, m1, knit the last stitch. (2nd needle) [Back] Work 1st stitch in pattern, m1, work Row 1 of Chart B to end.

Continue as set, working an increase round as charted.

CHART B

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Form Thumb

Next round (Round 27): work Chart B across 28 stitches. Place next 20 sts on a piece of scrap yarn for thumb. Work Chart B across 28 sts.

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Palm

Next round: *Work Chart B across 28 sts, repeat from * to end of round.
Continue to work as set until Chart B ends.
Break contrast color.

Ribbing

Switch to smaller needles.

Set-up Round *K28, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 1: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.
Continue to work in k1, p1 ribbing for 5 rounds more.
Bind off using Stretch BO method.

Thumb Ribbing

Put held thumb stitches back on 2 smaller needles. Re-attach main color at first stitch farthest from palm stitch.

Set-up Round: K across 10 sts; with a new needle, pick up and k 2 stitches (palm area) across gap; k across 10 stitches to end of round, 22 sts total.

Round 1: *k1, p1, repeat from * 3 times more. Ssk, p1, k1, p2tog. (K1, p1) to end of round. 20 sts total, 2 sts decreased.
Round 2: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.
Continue to work in k1, p1 ribbing for 3 rounds more.
Bind off using Stretch BO method.

Work the second mitt in the same way.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Soak in lukewarm water with rinse-free wool wash for 15 minutes; drain thoroughly by squeezing gently against side of emptied sink. Roll in a towel and gently press down to extract as much water as possible. Block over a cylinder of the correct circumference, or flat on blocking pad with pins.