Slow Flowing Mitts

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Water caresses
Everything it touches
As it flows downstream



Photo by Glenda Scobba

This pattern features a simple cable ribbed cuff that flows into a lace pattern and back into the cable as it hugs your hand. The pattern is opposed on the left and right hands.

- Instructions are given for each hand separately.
- The Waterfall lace pattern has an inconsistent stitch count.
- Charts will show a "no stitch" square to represent the change in stitch count.
 Follow as written.
- Both charts and written instructions are provided for ease in knitting.

Intermediate

Size: women's medium (9") approximately 7" circumference.

Gauge: 26 st and 36 rows = 4"

Yarn requirements: 1 skein (130 yards) DK or sport weight. Shown in: Grey - Rowan Wool Cotton (DK / 8 ply50% Merino, 50% Cotton, 123 yards / 50 grams) and White - Classic Elite Wool Bamboo (discontinued DK / 8 ply, 50% Wool, 50% Bamboo, 118 yards / 50 grams)

Needles: US 3 (3.25mm) 32" circular or dpns (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Notions: stitch markers, stitch holder and darning needle

Abbreviations and terms:

Kf/b - knit into front loop of stitch, then back loop of stitch before moving to right needle

Ktbl - knit stitch through the back loop

M1- pick up loop between stitches, place on left needle, Ktbl

PM - place marker

SM - slip marker

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Pattern stitches used / Key

Key	
Knit k	Purl
Yarn Over	No Stitch ×
Knit 2 stitches together k2tog	slip, slip, knit slipped sts together
2/1 Left Cross 21lc	
SI 2 to front, k1, k2 from cn	
2/1 Right Cros 21rc	ss
Sl 1 to back, k2, k1 from cn	

Pattern instructions

Left Mitt: Using the long tail cast on, cast on 42 stitches, join to work in round (taking care not to twist), Work **Left Cable rib** pattern over all stitches until 24 rounds have been completed (6 complete rounds).

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Left cable rib pattern

Round 1: *p1, k1, p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 2: *p1, k1, p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 3: *p1, k1, p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 4: * p1, k1, p1, cross 1 stitch over 2 right, repeat from *

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Increase round: [P1, Kf/b, P1, K3] 3 times [P1, K1, P1, K3] 2 times, P1, Kf/b, P1, K3, P1, Kf/b, P1, K2, Kf/b (48 st)

K26, PM, work **left hand chart** (Waterfall Pattern) over next 22 stitches. (The first 26 stitches of each row will be knit unless directed otherwise.)

Work 1 repeat of Waterfall Pattern chart (rows 1-6) then begin gusset shaping.

Waterfall Pattern (left hand chart)

25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
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After completing 1 repeat of chart (6 rounds), begin Gusset shaping. (Continue working chart).

Gusset Shaping:

Set up to position gusset at center of round: K23, PM Kf/b twice, K1, SM, complete pattern round 1 over remaining stitches (2 stitches increased). Work a second round in established pattern without increasing.

The gusset increase rounds are as follows:

Round 1: Knit to marker, SM, M1, work to 1 stitch before next marker, M1, K1, SM, work chart round.

Round 2: Work in established pattern without increasing slipping markers.

Work gusset rounds until there are 21 stitches between markers (ending with a 2nd gusset round / 6th round of the chart). Continue to end of round.

K23, slip 20 stitches to holder, cast on 2 stitches, K1, work in pattern to end.

Continue working on hand/palm stitches in established pattern until you reach round 5

of the 5th pattern repeat.

Next round (pattern round 6): Dec 6 stitches as follows: K1, K2tog, [K5, K2tog] twice, K10, P1, K1, P1, [K3, P1, K2tog, P1] twice, K2, K2tog (42st)

Work 2 repeats of the **left cable rib pattern**, bind off loosely.

Thumb instructions: Place thumb (gusset) stitches from holder onto needles, join yarn and pick up 4 stitches at base of thumb (24 st), working in the round, work 2 repeats of the **left cable rib pattern**, bind off loosely.

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Waterfall Pattern Left hand

(22 stitches with increases to 25 stitches)

Round 1: k1, p1, k1, p1, k3, yo, p1, k2, p1, k3, yo, p1, k2, p1, k3, yo, p1 (25) st) Round 2: k1, p1, k1, p1, k4, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1 (25 st) Round 3: k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, p1 (25 st) Round 4: k1, p1, k1, p1, k2tog, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2tog, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2tog, k2, p1 (22 st) Round 5: k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, k2, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, k2, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, p1 (22 st) Round 6: k1, p1, k1, p1, k3, p1, k2, p1, k3, p1, k2, p1, k3, p1 (22 st)

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Right Mitt:

Cast on 42 stitches, join to work in round, work **right cable rib** pattern over all stitches until 24 rounds have been completed (6 complete repeats)

Right Cable Rib

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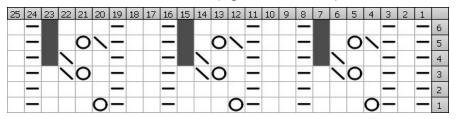
Right Cable Rib pattern

Round 1: * p1, k1, p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 2: * p1, k1, p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 3: * p1, k1, p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 4: *p1, k1, p1, cross 1 stitch over two left, repeat from *

Increase round: P1, K1, P1, K3 [P1, Kf/b, P1, K3] 6 times (48 st) Pattern (chart) will be worked at the *beginning* of the round for the right mitt (last 26 stitches will be knit unless otherwise specified).

Work reverse Waterfall pattern (**right hand chart**) PM, work stockinette stitch over remaining 26 stitches. As with the left hand, work 1 chart repeat, then begin gusset shaping.

Reverse Waterfall Pattern (right hand chart)



Gusset shaping:

Work in pattern established to marker, SM, K1, Kf/b twice, (gusset increase is at center of round), PM, knit to end. Work a second round in established pattern without increasing.

The gusset increase rounds are as follows:

Round 1: work charted stitches to marker, SM, K1, M1, K to marker, M1, SM, K to end

Round 2: work in established pattern without increasing

Work these two rounds, continuing in pattern as established until you have 21 stitches between markers (ending with a 2nd gusset round / 6th round of the chart). On the next round, work pattern stitches to marker, K1, move gusset stitches to holder, increase two stitches over gap, knit to end.

Reverse Waterfall Pattern Right hand

(22 stitches with increases to 25 stitches)

Round 1: p1, k1, p1, yo, k3, p1, k2, p1, yo, k3, p1, k2, p1, yo, k3, p1, k1 (25 st) Round 2: p1, k1, p1, k4, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1, k1 (25st) Round 3: p1, k1, p1, k1, yo, ssk, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, yo, ssk, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, yo, ssk, k1, p1, k1 (25 st) Round 4: p1, k1, p1, k2, ssk, p1, k2, p1, k2, ssk, p1, k2, p1, k2, ssk, p1, k1 (22st) Round 5: p1, k1, p1, ssk, yo, k1, p1, k2, p1, ssk, yo, k1, p1, k2, p1, ssk, yo, k1, p1, k1 (22st) Round 6: p1, k1, p1, k3, p1, k2, p1, k3, p1, k2, p1,

k3, p1, k1 (22 st)

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Continue working on hand/palm stitches in established pattern until you reach round 5 of the 5th pattern repeat.

Next round (pattern round 6): Decrease 6 stitches as follows: P1, K1, P1 [K3, P1, K2tog, P1] three times, K4, K2tog, [K5, K2tog] twice, K4 (42 st)

Work two repeats of **right cable rib** pattern, bind off loosely.

Thumb instructions: Place thumb (gusset) stitches from holder onto needles, join yarn and pick up 4 stitches at base of thumb, working in the round, work 2 repeats of the **right cable rib pattern**, bind off loosely.

Finishing: weave in ends, block lightly if needed.