



Purple Pansy Designs

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Cabled Mitten Decoration

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This project was inspired by an idea I saw in a decorating magazine that did not provide DIY instructions; so I came up with my own.

Supplies:

Yarn: 1 skein Lion Brand Wool-Ease in Cream (or other worsted wt Yarn)

Needles: 2 size US 6 circular needles and 1 (set of 4) US size 6 double point needles

Pattern Note: instructions are for two needle technique, but can be worked entirely on double-points if preferred.

1 cable needle; stitch markers, stitch holder

GAUGE: 4.5 St = 1 inch of stockinette stitch

Directions:

Right Mitten

Cast on 42 stitches using two circular needles. Arrange stitches so there are 21 stitches on each needle. Join and knit in the round as follows:

Round 1-4: (needle 1) K4, P2, K8, P2, K5 (needle 2); K21

Round 5: (needle 1) K4, P2 slip next 4 stitches to cable needle, hold in front of the work (LT); K4; K4 stitches from cable needle, P2, K5; (needle 2) K21

Repeat these 5 rounds 3 times (15 rounds) then begin thumb gusset shaping

Thumb gusset shaping

Increase Round 1: needle 1, K4, P2, K8, P2, K4, place marker, M1, K1; needle 2 K1, M1, place marker, K to end of needle

Increase Round 2: needle 1, K4, P2, K8, P2, K6; needle 2 K22

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While continuing established rounds for cable crossings, work increase rounds 1 and 2 until 12 increases have been made (14 stitches between markers) slip the 14 thumb stitches to waste yarn or a stitch holder

Continue working Rounds 1-5 of pattern until hand reaches 2" less than desired length or 50 rounds.

Begin finger shaping while continuing with cable pattern:

Decrease Round 1: (needle 1) K1, SSK, K1, P2, K8, P2, K1, K2tog, K1 (needle 2) K1, SSK, K14, K2tog, K1

Decrease Round 2: Work even in established pattern

Continue these two decrease rounds until one more cable twist has been made, then repeat decrease round 1 without making cables until 4 stitches remain on each needle (8 stitches total).

Cut yarn and Kitchener the top of the mitten.

Thumb

Pick up 14 thumb stitches on 3 dpn and work around until thumb measures 2" from hand.

Thumb Decrease Round 1: K2 tog around

Thumb Decrease Round 2: K all stitches

Thumb Decrease Round 3: K2tog 3 times, K1

Break yarn and pull through remaining stitches.

Weave in all ends.

Left Mitten:

Cast on 42 stitches using two circular needles. Arrange stitches so there are 21 stitches on each needle. Join and knit in the round as follows:

Round 1-4: (needle 1) K21 (needle 2); K5, P2, K8, P2, K4

Round 5: (needle 1) K21 (needle 2) K5, P2 slip next 4 stitches to cable needle, hold in back of the work (RT); K4; K4 stitches from cable needle, P2, K4;

Repeat these 5 rounds 3 times (15 rounds) then begin thumb gusset shaping

Thumb gusset shaping

Increase Round 1: (needle 1) K20, M1, place marker, K1; (needle 2) K1 place marker, M1, K4, P2, K8, P2, K4

Increase Round 2: (needle 1) K22; (needle 2) K6, P2, K8, P2, K4

While continuing established rounds for cable crossings, work increase rounds 1 and 2 until 12 increases have been made (14 stitches between markers) slip the 14 thumb stitches to waste yarn or a stitch holder

Continue working Rounds 1-5 of pattern until hand reaches 2" less than desired length or 50 rounds.

Begin finger shaping while continuing with cable pattern:

Decrease Round 1: (needle 1) K1, SSK, K1, P2, K8, P2, K1, K2tog, K1 (needle 2) K1, SSK, K14, K2tog, K1

Decrease Round 2: Work even in established pattern

Continue these two decrease rounds until one more cable twist has been made, then repeat decrease round 1 without making cables until 4 stitches remain on each needle (8 stitches total).

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Attach ribbon to inside of each mitten, add greens or other decorations. Hang and enjoy!

For a wearable version of this pattern, you may want to add a 1-1½ ribbed cuff before beginning cable pattern.