

Saroyan fingerless mittens

inspired by Liz Abinante's popular design for the Saroyan scarf



Size: one size fits all

Yarn: Aran

Yarn used: Lana Grossa Bingo
(ca 1 skein/ 40g)

Size needle: 5 (US size 8)

also needed: waste yarn,
stitch markers
tapestry needle

The Saroyan scarf is a beautiful way to keep your neck warm on chilly days—but what about your hands? Don't you hate it, too, when the cold morning air creeps into your sleeves while you cycle to school or to work. Yet, often it is not yet cold enough for „real gloves“, or you need your fingers to handle your electronic devices. Fingerless mittens are a good solution, pretty and practical.

These fingerless mittens are inspired by the popular scarf designed by Liz Abinante in 2009 and would indeed make a nice matching outfit. Yet, they differ in a few crucial ways: the leaves on the border are smaller, and also divided from the main body by a pretty slipped-stitch border.

The mittens are knit flat and grafted together, no thumb gusset necessary. Pattern includes instructions to make them longer or shorter. The lace is easy and beginner-friendly but does require a few more-than-basic needle-tricks, such as kpfb—yet, the small pattern repeat (10 rows) makes this easy enough to handle, and indeed it could be a good way to train a few more skills. About one skein of a bulky yarn should be enough to make a pair.

Note:

The pattern is free to download, knit and share. You can knit as many mittens as you like and keep them or give them away to family, friends, strangers or charity. You are not allowed to sell the pattern or the finished mittens unless you want to donate the money received to charity.

Note also:

I am not a native speaker of English. If you find my wording strange or my grammar incorrect, please contact me. Likewise, if you find a mistake in the pattern. I'll then try to improve the pattern. Thank you!

Abbreviations/required techniques:

k knit	ssk slip, slip, knit two slipped st together through back loops
p purl	yo yarn over
k2tog knit 2 together	kfb make one by knitting first into the front and then into the back loop
p2tog purl 2 together	pkfb make one by first purling, then knitting into the back loop
pm place marker	kpfb make one by first knitting, then purling into the back loop
slm slip marker	slk2p slip1, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over
sl1p slip 1 purlwise	

the lace edge is given between [square brackets]

For right mitten:

Cast-on 26 st using your favorite provisional cast-on technique (such as crochet cast-on)

- 1 k1, pm, k19, pm, [p2, k1, yo, k1, yo, k2]
- 2 [p6, kfb, k1], slm, sl1p, k to second marker (= k17), slm, sl1p, p1
- 3 knit to second marker (=k20), slm, [p3, k2, yo, k1, yo, k3]
- 4 [p8, kfb, k2], slm, sl1p, k to second marker (= k17), slm, sl1p, p1
- 5 knit to second marker (=k20), [p4, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1]
- 6 [p6, kfb, p1, k2], slm, sl1p, k to second marker (= k17), slm, sl1p, p1
- 7 knit to second marker (=k20), slm, [p2, k1, p2, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1]
- 8 [p4, kfb, k1, p1, k2], slm, sl1p, k to second marker (= k17), slm, sl1p, p1
- 9 knit to second marker (=k20), slm, [p2, k1, p3, slk2p]
- (10 [p2tog, cast-off 2, p3, kfb] slm, sl1p, k to second marker (= k17), slm, sl1p, p1)

Note: For thumb hole, use a different row 10!

Thumb hole:

10 p2tog, cast-off 3, p1, k2tog, remove marker, slip 1, cast-off 5, k to second marker (=k13), slm, slip 1 purlwise, p1 (thus you keep the leaf „stem“, framed by 1 purl stitch on each side; the slipped stitch will be the first stitch to be passed over for casting off)

11 knit to thumb-hole (=k15), turn

12 knit to marker (=k 13), slm, sl1p, p1

13 knit to thumb-hole (=k15), cast-on 6 by purling-on (turn, purl into last knit stitch, lift stitch onto left needle, repeat 6 times, turn again), **p1, k1, p1**

14 k1, p1, k1, turn

15 p1, k1, p1

16 k1, p1, k1, turn

17 p1, k1, p1

18 [kpfb, p1, pkfb, k1] place marker, sl1p, knit to marker (=k17), slm, sl1p, p1

19=1 (repeat rows 1-10 three more times)

49 knit to second marker, turn

50 sl1p, knit to marker (=k17), slm, sl1p, p1

51=1 (repeat rows 1-10 one last time =5 leafs alltogether)

Finishing:

Graft first and last row together. (Put stitches from provisional cast-on on second needle, place behind needle with last-row stitches. Mumble „knit slip, purl“ for front *and* back needle while grafting. Despair and watch enlightening tutorials online for the tricky leaf part.)

For a **matching left mitten**, insert first short-row after first leaf and insert thumb hole between 4th and fifth leaf OR work leaf at the beginning of rows like so

- 1 [k2, yo, k1, yo, k1, p2], k20
- 2 p1, sl1p, k17, sl1p [k1, kfb, p6]
- 3 [k3, yo, k1, yo, k2, p3], k20
- 4 p1, sl1p, k17, sl1p [k2, kfb, p8]
- 5 [k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, p4], k20
- 6 p1, sl1p, k17, sl1p [k2, p1, kfb, p6]
- 7 [k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, p2, k1, p2], k20
- 8 p1, sl1p, k17, sl1p [k2, p1, k1, kfb, p4]
- 9 [k1, k2togtbl, put last stitch to left needle, k2togtbl, p3, k1, p2], k20
- (10 [kfb, p3, k1, slip1 as if to knit, p2tog, put last two stitches back to left needle, k2tog, repeat to end])

For **thumb hole**, knit in row:

- 10 [k2tog, p1, k1, k2tog, pass last stitch to left needle, k2tog, pass last stitch to left needle]
- 11 [p1, k1, p1] sl1m cast-off 5, k to end
- 12 p1, sl1, knit to hole, turn
- 13 k to end
- 14 k to hole, purl-on 6, k1, p1, k1
- 15 p1, k1, p1
- 16 k1, p1, k1
- 17 p1, k1, p1
- 18 kpfb, p1, pfb

Again, repeat rows 1-10 four more times, inserting short row after fourth leaf.

Cast-off after fifth leaf, graft first and last row together.

Enjoy your mittens!



