

litchfield mittens + hat

by Elizabeth Doherty



finished measurements:

Mittens

Hand circumference: 7 (7 ½, 8)" / 18 (19, 20.5) cm

Shown in size 7 ½" / 19 cm.

Hat

Circumference at band: 21" / 53.5 cm

suggested yarn:

2 skeins Tanis Fiber Arts *Yellow Label DK* (260 yds / 238 m per 4 oz / 115 g skein; 100% Superwash Merino) in Poppy.

1 skein of yarn will make either the hat or the pair of mittens.

needles:

Size 2 US / 2.75 mm needles

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

notions:

Cable needle, stitch holders or waste yarn, stitch markers, one in a contrasting color, tapestry needle

gauge:

28 sts and 40 rows = 4" / 10 cm in Stockinette stitch.

To save time and to ensure accurate sizing, check gauge.

NOTES

This pattern is not specific as to needle style, and uses markers to orient you within the work rather than needle numbers. You can use double pointed needles, 2 circular needles, or 1 long circular needle for Magic Loop, according to your preference.

The mitten thumbs are shaped with increases and decreases for a closer fit.

MITTENS

CUFF

Loosely CO 52 (56, 60) sts. Join for working in the rnd and pm to mark beginning of rnd. Knit 6 rnds in St st.

Next rnd: K0 (1, 2), * p2, k2; rep from * to last 0 (1, 2) st(s), k0 (1, 2).

Work in k2, p2 ribbing as est for 15 (16, 17) more rnds.

Begin thumb gusset

Right hand only

Work 26 (28, 30) sts in est rib, pm, work 4 (3, 2) sts in est rib, pm, k1, LLI, RLI, k1, pm, work in est rib to end. 54 (58, 62) sts.

Left hand only

Work 26 (28, 30) sts in est rib, pm, work in est rib to last 6 (5, 4) sts, pm, k1, LLI, RLI, k1, pm, work in est rib to end. 54 (58, 62) sts.

Both hands

Work even in est patt for 3 more rnds, working the new sts as knit.

Inc rnd: Work Row 1 of Mitten Chart for your size, sm, knit to 1 st before marker, p1, sm, k1, LLI, knit to 1 st before next marker, RLI, k1, sm, p1, knit to end. 56 (60, 64) sts.

Next 3 rnds: Work even in Chart patt and St st as est, keeping 1 purl st outside markers on either side of gusset.

Rep last 4 rnds 5 (6, 7) more times. 16 (18, 20) sts between markers for gusset; 66 (72, 78) sts total.

Next rnd: Work Chart, sm, knit to marker, sm, place the next 16 (18, 20) sts on holder, CO 4 sts to bridge the gap, sm, knit to end. 54 (58, 62) sts.

Next 3 rnds: Work even in Chart patt and St st as est.

Next rnd: Work Chart, sm, knit to marker, remove marker, ssk, k2tog, remove marker, knit to end. 52 (56, 60) sts.

Work 1 rnd even as est.

Shape back of hand with short rows

Short Row 1: Work Chart, sm, k7, w&t.

Short Row 2 (WS): P7, work Chart across back of hand, p7, w&t.

Short Row 3: K7, work Chart, k5, w&t.

Short Row 4: P5, work Chart, p5, w&t.

Short Row 5: K5, work Chart, k3, w&t.

Short Row 6: P3, work Chart, p3, w&t.

Resume working in rnds, picking up and hiding all six wraps as you come to them.

Work even in Chart patt and St st through Row 60 (66, 70) of Chart.

Shape top

Next rnd: Work Row 61 (67, 71) of Chart, sm, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 49 (53, 57) sts.

Next rnd: Work Row 62 (68, 72) of Chart, sm, knit to end. 48 (52, 56) sts,

Continue as est, working Chart on back of hand and dec at beginning and end of palm on every other rnd until Chart patt is complete. 28 (32, 36) sts.

Next rnd: * K1, ssk 2 (3, 2) times, knit to 5 (7, 5) sts before marker, k2tog 2 (3, 2) times, k1; rep from * once. 20 (20, 28) sts.

Next rnd: Knit.

Size 8" / 20.5 cm ONLY

Rep last two rnds once more. 20 sts.

All sizes

Next rnd: * K2tog; rep from * to end. 10 sts.

Next rnd: Knit.

Next rnd: * K2tog; rep from * to end. 5 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an 8" / 20.5 cm tail.

Thread tail onto yarn needle, and pass through remaining sts. Pass tail through hole to inside of mitten, pull tightly and fasten off.

THUMB

Return 16 (18, 20) held sts to needles. Join yarn. Starting at the center of the 4 sts that were CO to bridge the gap, pick up and knit 2 sts in the CO edge and 1 st at the gusset corner, k1, pm, k14 (16, 18), pm, k1, picking up 1 st in the gusset corner and 2 sts in the CO edge. 22 (24, 26) sts. Join for working in the rnd.

Next 2 rnds: Knit.

Next rnd: K1, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, k1. 18 (20, 22) sts.

Next rnd: Knit.

Next rnd: Ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog. 14 (16, 18) sts.

Next 2 rnds: Knit.

Next rnd: K1, RLI, k1, sm, knit to next marker, k1, LLI, k1. 16 (18, 20) sts.

Next 2 rnds: Knit.

Next rnd: K2, RLI, k1, sm, knit to next marker, k1, LLI, k2. 18 (20, 22) sts.

Next rnd: Knit, removing markers as you come to them.

Work even until thumb is about ¼" / 0.5 cm less than desired finished length.

Next rnd: * K2, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 (0, 2) sts, k2 (0, 2). 14 (15, 16) sts.

Next 2 rnds: Knit.

Next rnd: * K2tog, k1; rep from * to last 2 (0, 2) sts, k2tog 1 (0, 1) time. 9 (10, 11) sts.

Next rnd: * K2tog; rep from * to last 1 (0, 1) st, end k1 (0, 1). 5 (5, 6) sts.

Break yarn, leaving an 8" / 20.5 cm tail.

Thread tail onto yarn needle, and pass through remaining sts. Pass tail through hole to inside of mitten, pull tightly and fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block.

HAT

BAND

Cast on 24 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, p1, k3, p14, k3, p1, k1.

Row 2: P1, k1, p3, k14, p3, k1, p1.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4—Inc row (WS): P1, k1, p3, k1, RLI, p2, k1, RLI, k2, RLI, k1, p2, k2, p2, RLI, k1, p3, k1, p1. 28 sts.

Begin working from Hatband Chart. Work Rows 1–28 of Chart 7 times, then work Rows 29–54. 21 sts.

I-cord bind-off

Turn work to RS, and using a cable cast-on, CO 4 sts. K4, then slip these 4 sts back to LH needle. Pull yarn firmly across back of work.

* K3, k2tog tbl with st from band, sl 4 sts back to LH needle; rep from * until all 21 sts from band are bound off. 4 sts rem.

Last row: K4, slip 4 sts back to LH needle, k2tog, BO all sts.

Elongate last loop and pass ball of working yarn through. Pull loop tight.

Sew cast-on and bound-off edges of I-cord to WS of band, squaring up edges.

Pick up stitches for crown and brim

For brim
Turn work so that I-cord edge is on the right. Working just inside the row of knit sts on the edge of band, using attached yarn, begin picking up sts just to left of bound off I-cord. Pick up and knit 151 sts (about 2 sts for every 3 rows). Break yarn. Slip picked-up sts to waste yarn or spare needle for holding.

For crown

Turn band 180°, join yarn and pick up and knit 151 sts along other side of band, ending at the right-hand edge of I-cord.

CROWN

Baste ends of band together with waste yarn, overlapping sts picked up along edges by 1 st.

Set-up rnd: Sl 1, k13, pm, * k25, pm; rep from * to last 12 sts, k11, k2tog with slipped st from beginning to join. Pm of a different color to mark beginning of rnd. 150 sts.

Next 3 rnds: Knit.

Dec rnd: * Knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k2tog; rep from * 5 more times, knit to end of round. 138 sts.



Continuing in St st, rep dec rnd every 8th rnd once, every 6th round twice, every 4th rnd 4 times, and every other round 3 times. Knit 1 rnd after last dec rnd, removing markers as you come to them. 18 sts.

Next rnd: * K2tog; rep from * to end. 9 sts.

Next rnd: K1, * k2tog; rep from * to end. 5 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an 8" / 20.5 cm tail.

Thread tail onto tapestry needle, and pass through remaining stitches. Pass tail through hole to inside of hat, pull tight and fasten off.

BRIM

Return Brim sts to needles.

Set-up rnd: Sl 1, * k2, p1, k1, p1, rep from * to last 5 sts, k2, p1, k1, p2tog with slipped st from beginning to join. Pm to mark beginning of rnd. 150 sts.

Rnd 1: * K2, p1, RLI, k1 p1; rep from * to end. 180 sts.

Rnds 2 and 3: * K2, p1, k2, p1; rep from * to end.

Rnd 4: * K2, p1, k1, RLI, k1 p1; rep from * to end. 210 sts.

Rnds 5-7: * K2, p1, k3, p1; rep from * to end.

Rnd 8: * K2, p1, k1, RLI, k2, p1; rep from * to end. 240 sts.

Rnds 9-11: * K2, p1, k4, p1; rep from * to end.

Rnd 12: * K2, p1, k1, RLI, k3, p1; rep from * to end. 270 sts.

Rnds 13-15: * K2, p1, k5, p1; rep from * to end.

Rnd 16: K1, * k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog; rep from * to last 8 sts, k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog with first st of next rnd. 210 sts.

Knit 5 rnds.

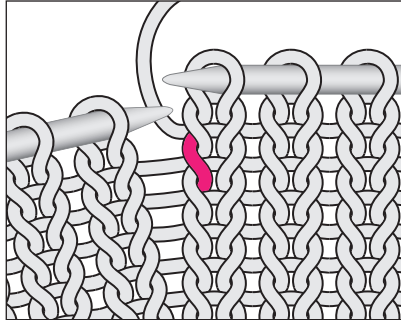
BO all sts.

FINISHING

Turn hat inside out. The columns of slipped stitches that frame the cables on the band form furrows on the WS. Using yarn, sew the two edges of the furrow together to create welts on the RS. Remove basting sts and sew I-cord over join in band. Weave in ends.

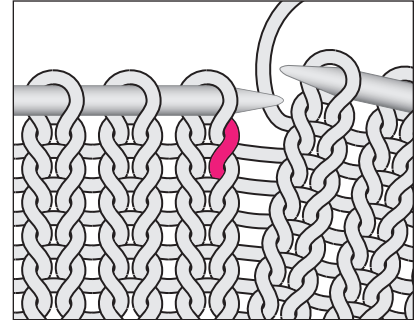
Block in an upright position with brim flat. A form can be made for blocking the crown by stuffing a plastic bag with crumpled newspaper to achieve the desired shape and size.

lifted increases



Left Lifted Increase (LLI)

Use your left needle tip to pick up the left leg of the stitch two stitches below the stitch on your right hand needle. Knit this stitch. (1 stitch increased.)



Right Lifted Increases (RLI)

Use your right needle tip to pick up the right leg of the stitch immediately below the next stitch on the left hand needle. Place stitch on left needle and knit. (1 stitch increased.)



abbreviations

BO	Bind Off (Cast Off)
cn	cable needle
CO	Cast On
dec	decrease(ing)
est	established
inc	increase(ing)
k	knit
k2tog	knit two together (right-slanting decrease)
LH	Left Hand
LLI	Left Lifted Increase (see sidebar on page 3)
p	purl
p2tog	purl two together
patt(s)	pattern(s)
pm	place marker
rep	repeat
RS	Right Side
RLI	Right Lifted Increase (see sidebar on page 3)
rnd(s)	round(s)
sm	slip marker
ssk	slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then knit those 2 stitches together through the back loops (left-slanting decrease)
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch
WS	Wrong Side(s)



k on RS, p on WS



p on RS, k on WS



slip stitch purlwise



k2tog on RS, p2tog on WS



slip 2 together as if to knit, k1, pass slipped stitch over



p2tog



slip 2 sts to cn and hold to back, k1, p2 from cn



slip 1 st to cn and hold to front, p2, k1 from cn



slip 1 st to cn and hold to back, k2, k1 from cn



slip 2 sts to cn and hold to front, k1, k2 from cn



sl 1 st to cn and hold to back, k2, p1 from cn



sl 2 sts to cn and hold to front, p1, k2 from cn



slip 2 sts to cn and hold to back, k2, k2 from cn



slip 2 sts to cn and hold to front, k2, k2 from cn



slip 2 sts to cn and hold to back, k2, p2 from cn



slip 2 sts to cn and hold to front, p2, k2 from cn



Decrease 6 sts to 5: slip 2 sts to cn and hold to front. K1, slip next st to right needle. Slip next 2 sts to cn (4 sts total on cn), then transfer slipped st on right needle back to left needle. (K1, k2tog, k1) from cn, k1. (1 st decreased)



Decrease 6 sts to 5 (purl): slip 2 sts to cn and hold to front. P1, slip next st to right needle. Slip next 2 sts to cn (4 sts total on cn), then transfer slipped st on right needle back to left needle. (K1, k2tog, k1) from cn, p1. (1 st decreased)

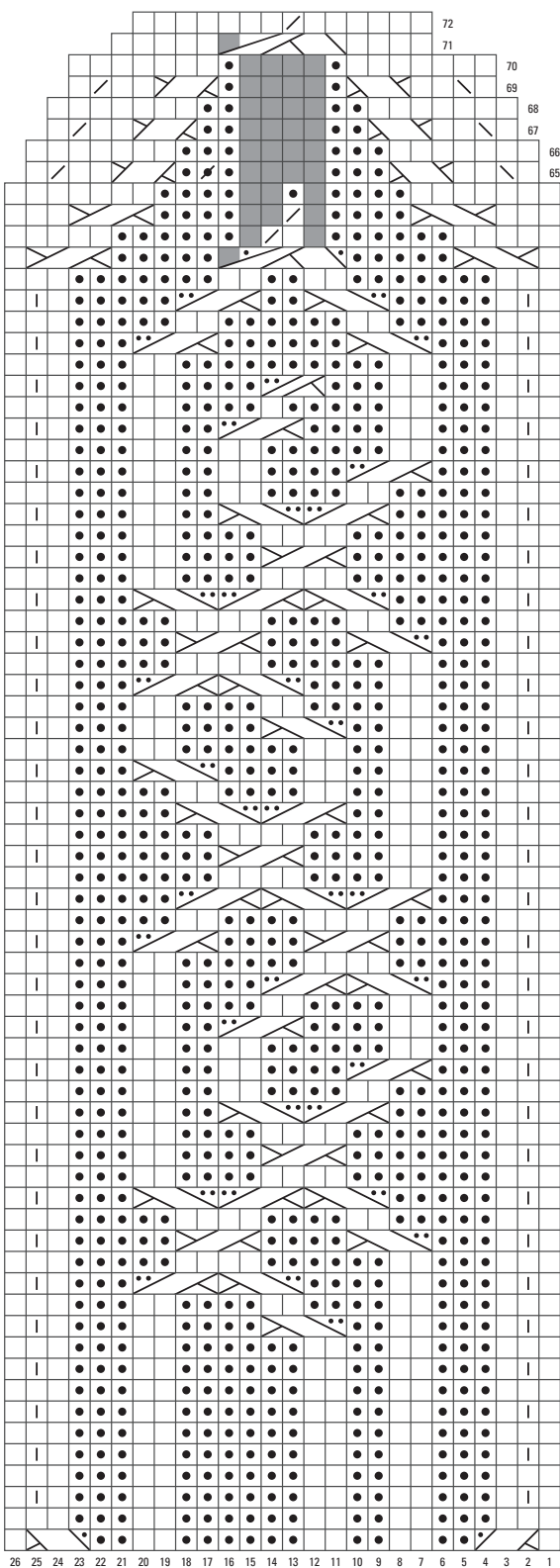


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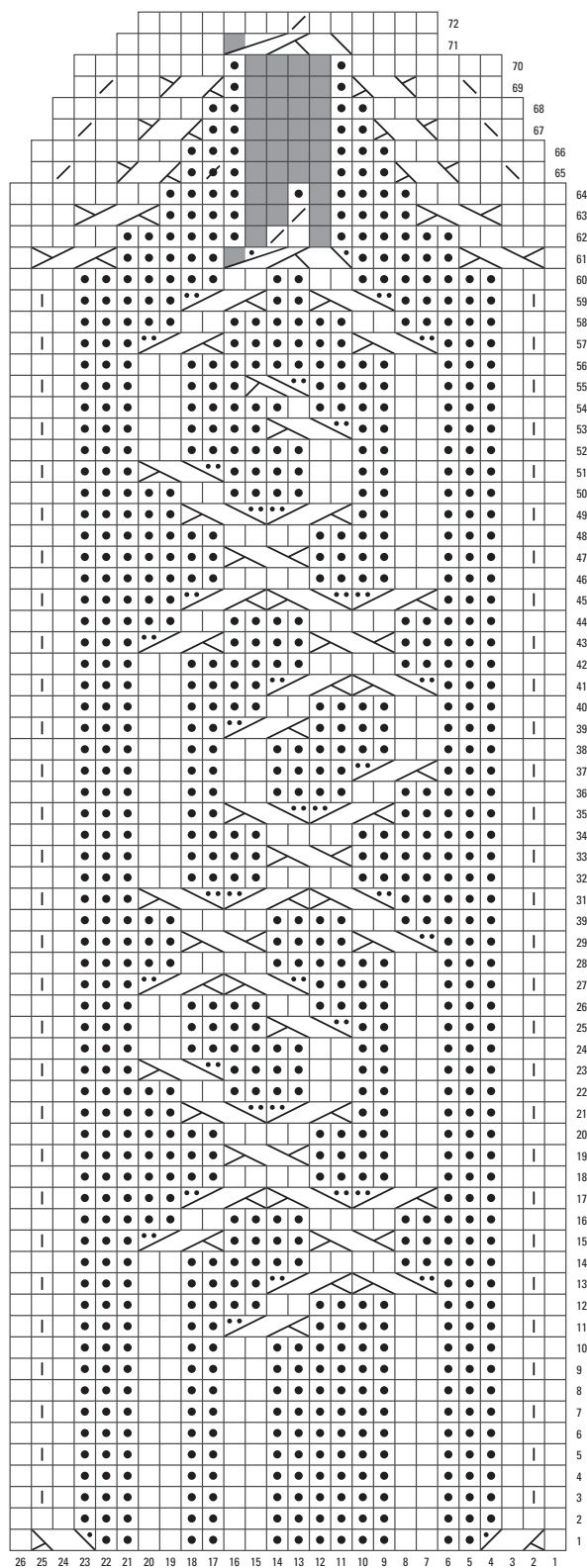


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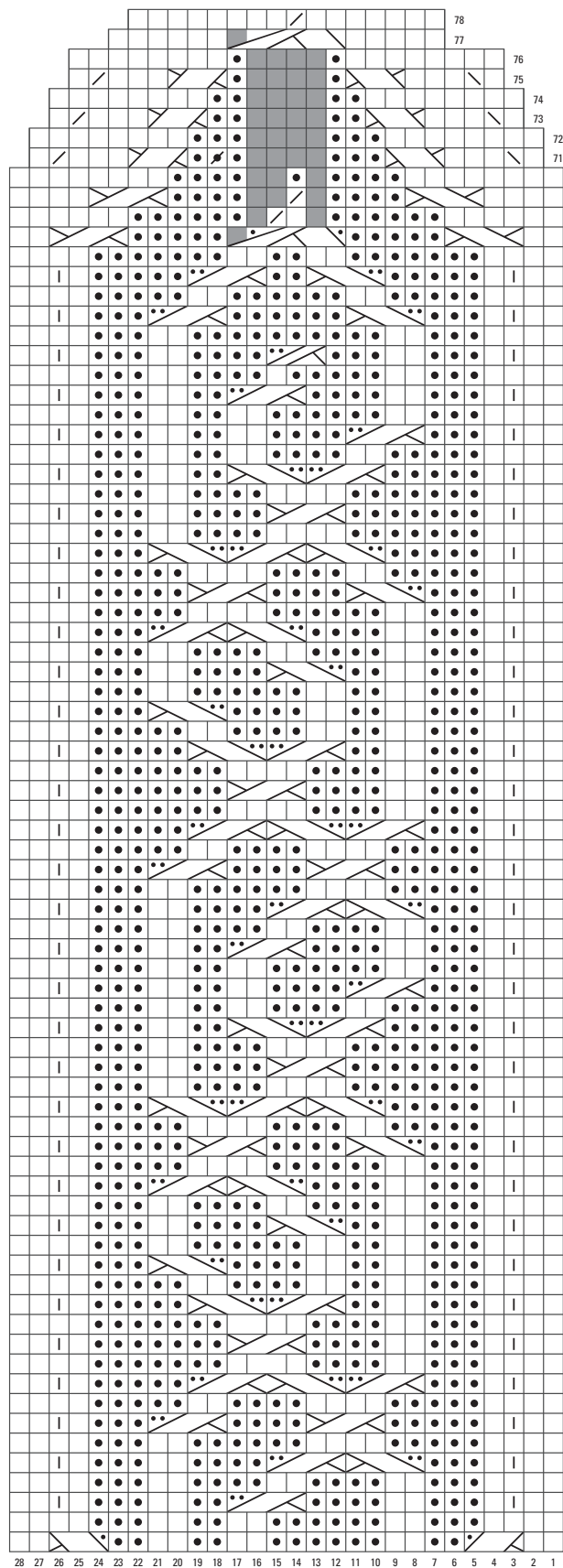
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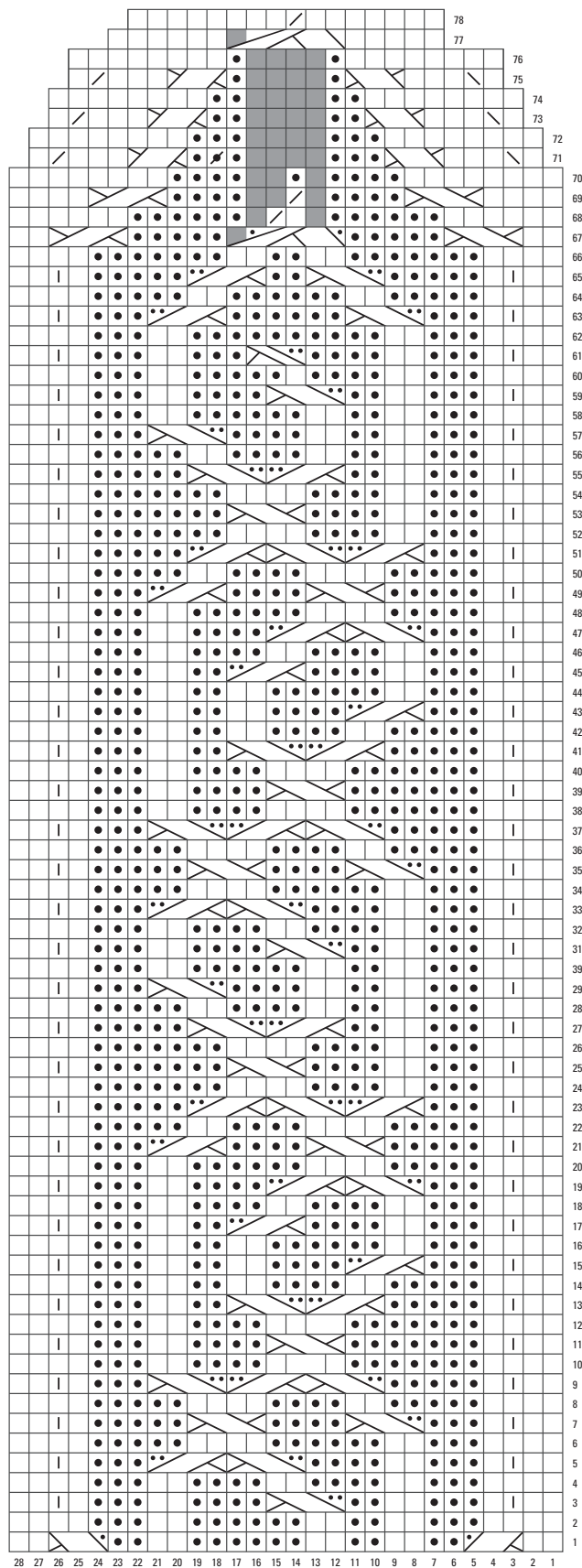
Right Mitten Chart: Size 7" / 18 cm



Left Mitten Chart: Size 7 1/2" / 19 cm

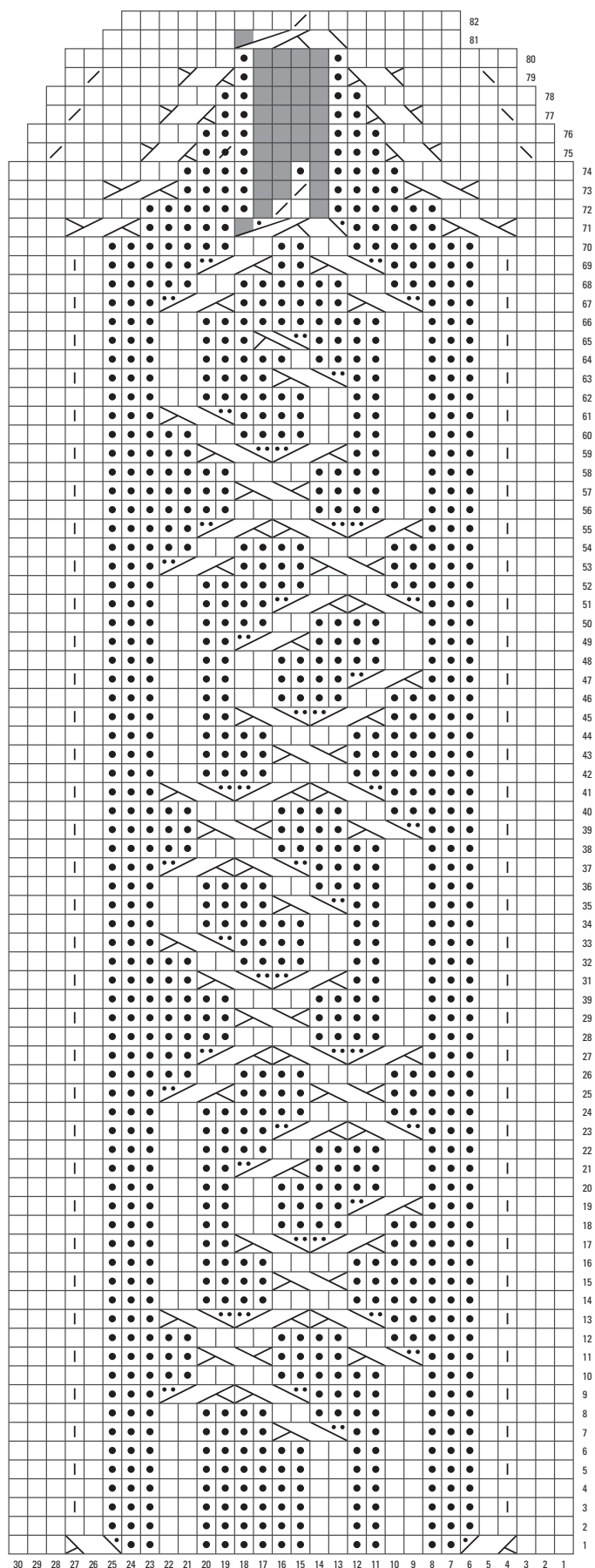
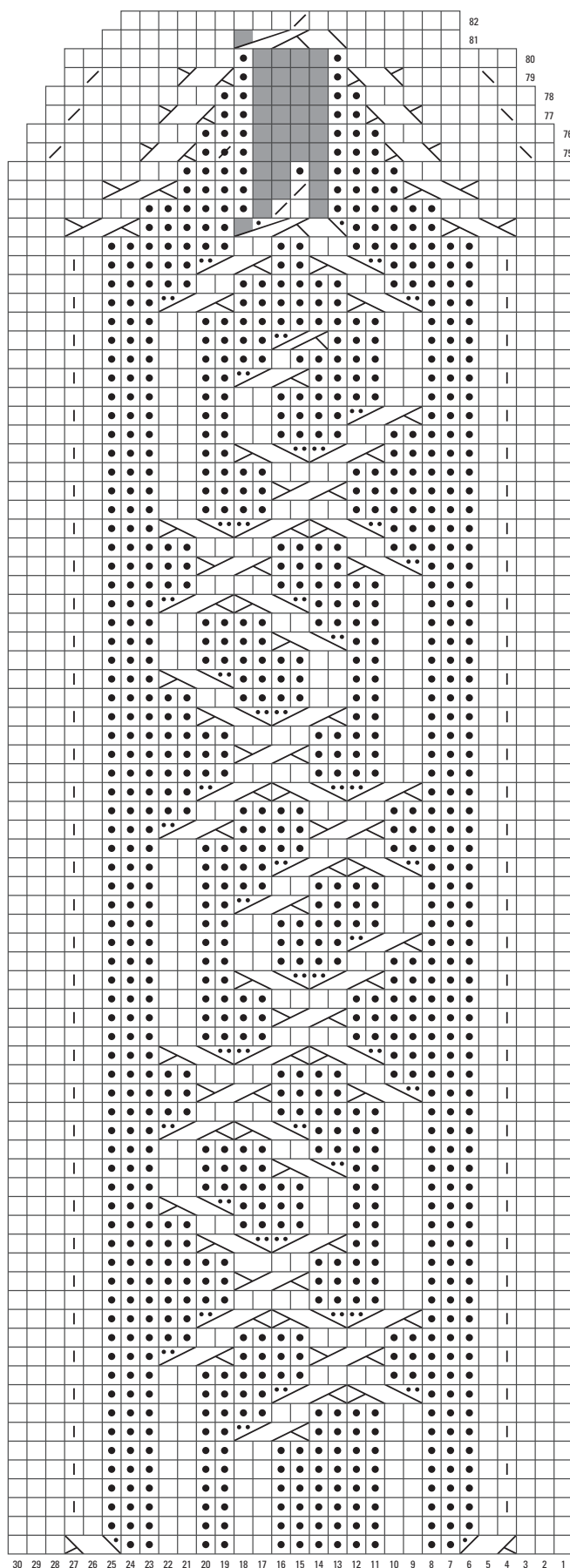


Right Mitten Chart: Size 7 1/2" / 19 cm

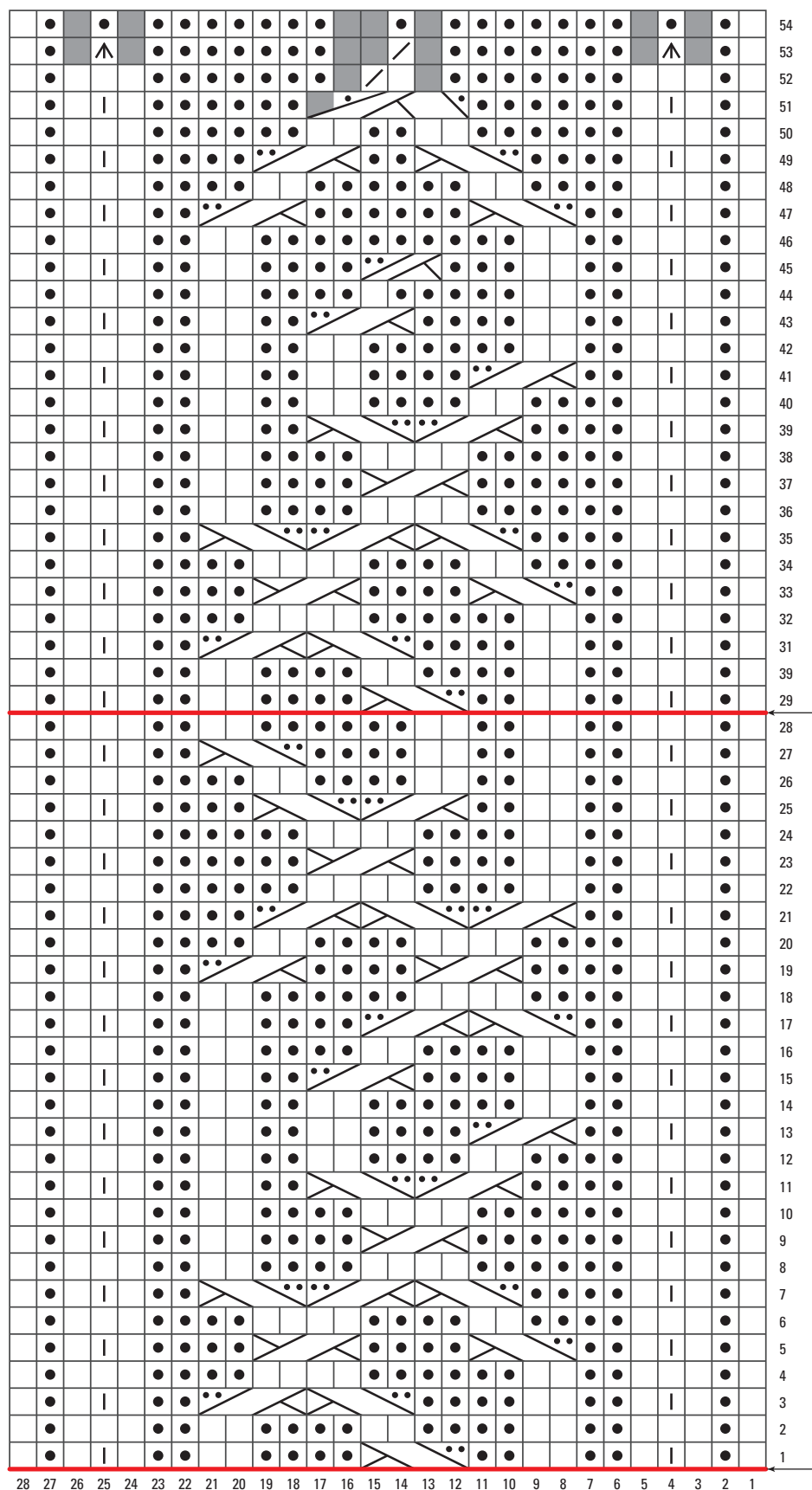


Left Mitten Chart: Size 8" / 20.5 cm

Right Mitten Chart: Size 8" / 20.5 cm



Hatband Chart



twist
collective

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