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KELBOURNE WOOLENS



DECEMBER  
MITTEN

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## SPECIFICATIONS

**YARN:** The Fibre Co. Cumbria Fingering (60% merino wool, 30% masham wool, 10% mohair; 328 yds/100 gm skein): coniston, 1 skein.

**GAUGE:** 30 sts + 48 rnds = 4" (10 cm) in broken rib pattern, after blocking.

**NEEDLES:**

1 - set US 1 (2.25 mm) dpns.

**NOTIONS:** Stitch marker, tapestry needle.

**SIZE:** 10.75" (27.25 cm) total length, 8.25" (21 cm) circumference.

**SKILLS:** Working knit/purl patterning from charts, Channel Island Cast-On.

## ABBREVIATIONS

Special cable abbreviations are listed with the chart keys on pages 3 and 5. For a list of other commonly used abbreviations, please visit: [kelbournewoolens.com/abbreviations](http://kelbournewoolens.com/abbreviations).

## WORTHY OF NOTE

The December Mittens are built for warmth, durability and comfort. Inspired by traditional gansey patterning, the cuff of the mitten begins with a Channel Island Cast On, a traditional, firm cast on with slight texture that is commonplace in many Gansey designs. The top of hand is worked in a traditional gansey pattern, and the palm utilizes a texturized broken ribbing. Much like the original gansey garments, these mittens are worked at a slightly denser gauge, for optimum durability and warmth.

When utilizing the Channel Island Cast On, you will be casting on an even number of stitches. In order to do so, count the two loops created by the slipknot as two stitches, and knit into each stitch on the following round. When increasing for the thumb, work increases on the right as M1R, and increases on the left as M1L.

## STITCH PATTERNS

**GARTER STITCH (In the rnd):**

**Rnd 1:** K all sts.

**Rnd 2:** P all sts.

Rep Rnds 1-2 for patt.

**BROKEN RIB (In the rnd over a mult of 4):**

**Rnd 1:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Rnd 2:** K all sts.

Rep Rnds 1-2 for patt.

## DIRECTIONS

**CUFF:**

Using the Channel Island CO, CO 52 sts. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. PM indicating beg of rnd. Work in Garter st for 8 rnds, Work Rnds 1 – 21 of Cuff Chart – 54 sts after working Rnd 3.

**RIGHT HAND ONLY:**

Work Rnds 1 – 32 of Right Increase Chart – 62 sts after working Rnd 25.

**Thumb Placement: Rnd 33:** Work 3 sts, k next 10 sts with waste yarn, slide 10 waste yarn sts back to LH ndl, k 10 sts with working yarn, work in patt as set to end.

**LEFT HAND ONLY:**

Work Rnds 1 – 32 of Left Increase Chart – 62 sts after working Rnd 25.

**Thumb Placement: Rnd 33:** Work 15 sts in patt as set, k next 10 sts with waste yarn, slide 10 waste yarn sts back to LH ndl, k 10 sts with working yarn, work in patt as set to end.

**BOTH HANDS:**

Work Rnds 1 – 59 of Hand Chart – 22 sts.

**TOP OF HAND:**

**Rnd 1:** Remove m, p1, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k2, replace m (new eor) – 20 sts. **Rnd 2:** Ssk, p1, ssk, k2tog, p1, k2tog, ssk, p1, ssk, k2tog, p1, k2tog – 12 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog – 8 sts. **Rnd 4:** Ssk, k2tog, ssk, k2tog – 4 sts. Break yarn, thread through live sts and fasten off. Securely weave in end.

**THUMB:**

Unpick waste yarn, transfer 20 live stitches to dpns, distributing evenly. Join yarn at outside of hand.

**Rnd 1 (Inc):** P/u 1 st at side of thumb, K10, p/u and k 2 sts at side of thumb, k10, p/u and k 1 st at side of thumb – 24 sts. PM indicating beg of rnd. Work Rnds 1 - 30 of Thumb chart - 4 sts. Break yarn, thread through live sts and fasten off inside of thumb. Securely weave in end.

**FINISHING:**

Weave in any remaining ends. Soak in cool water and wool wash and block to measurements.

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## USEFUL TIPS:

For a tutorial on the Channel Island Cast On, visit: [kelbournewoolens.com/tipsandtricks/channelislandcaston](https://kelbournewoolens.com/tipsandtricks/channelislandcaston)

For a tutorial on working from charts, visit our Charts Series: [kelbournewoolens.com/tipsandtricks/workingfromcharts](https://kelbournewoolens.com/tipsandtricks/workingfromcharts)

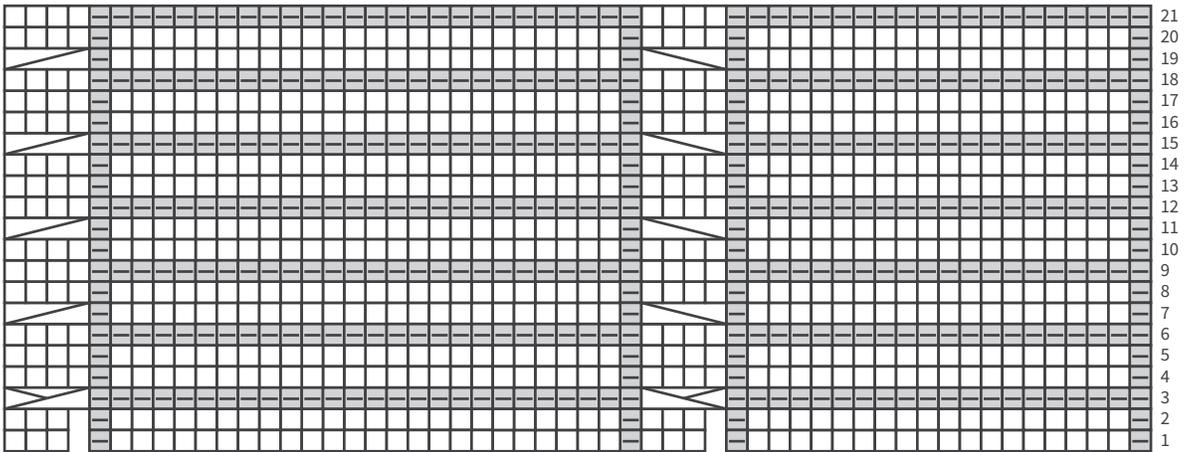
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For a tutorial on picking up stitches from waste yarn to work the mitten thumb, visit: [kelbournewoolens.com/tipsandtricks/pickingupstitchesfromwasteyarn](https://kelbournewoolens.com/tipsandtricks/pickingupstitchesfromwasteyarn)

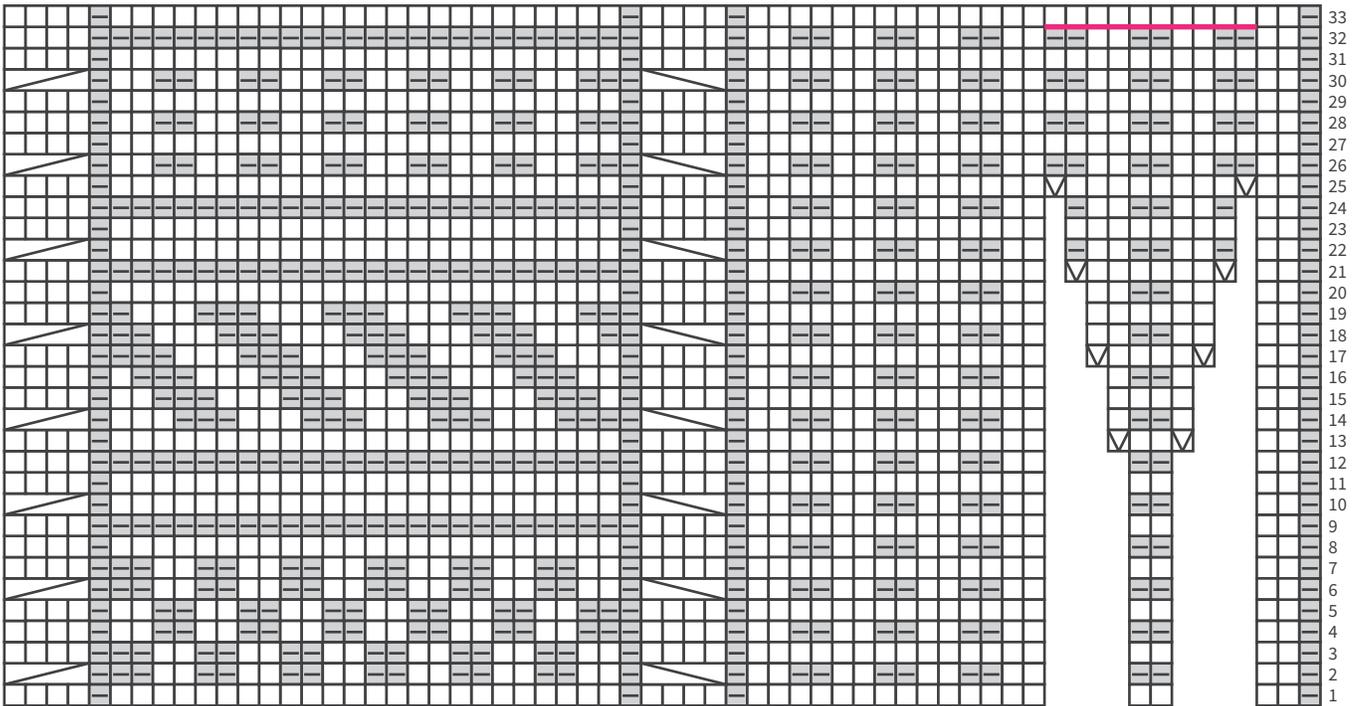
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## CUFF CHART



## RIGHT INCREASE CHART



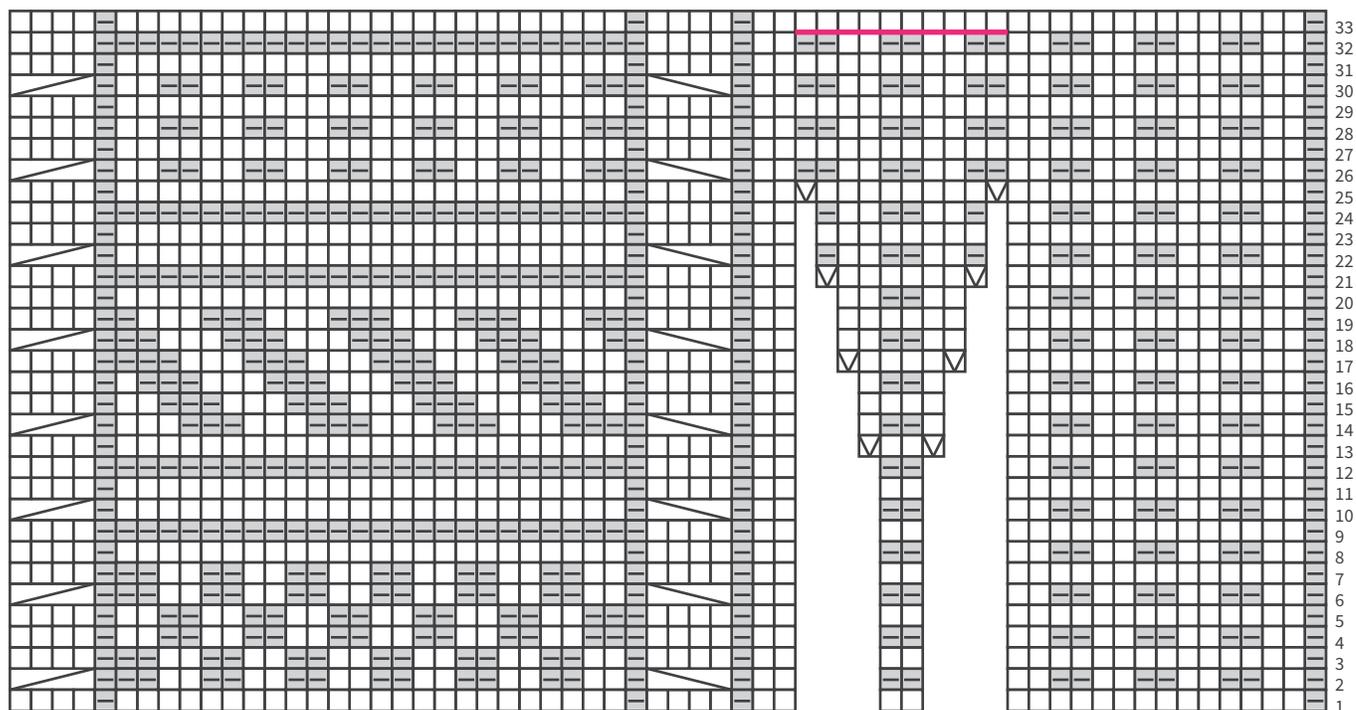
## CHART KEY

- Knit
- C4LInc: Sl 2 sts to cn, hold front; k1f+b, k2 from cn.
- Purl
- C4RInc: Sl 1 st to cn, hold back; k2, k1f+b from cn.
- k2tog
- C2/2L: Sl 2 sts to cn, hold front, k2; k2 from cn.
- ssk
- C2/2R: Sl 2 sts to cn, hold back, k2; k2 from cn.
- M1

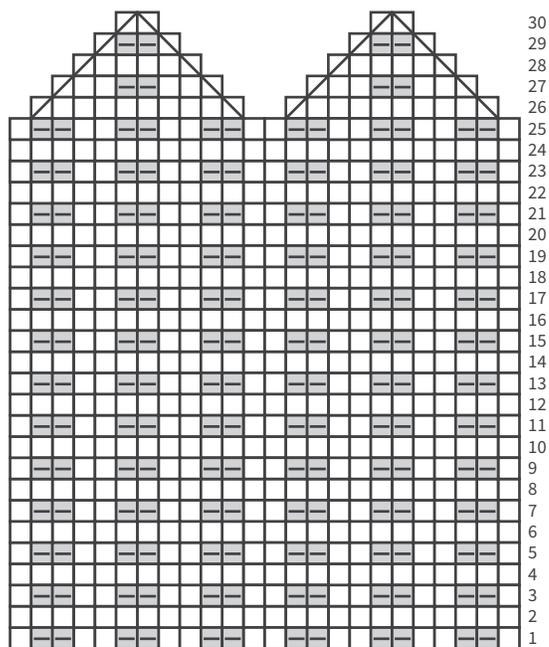
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## LEFT INCREASE CHART



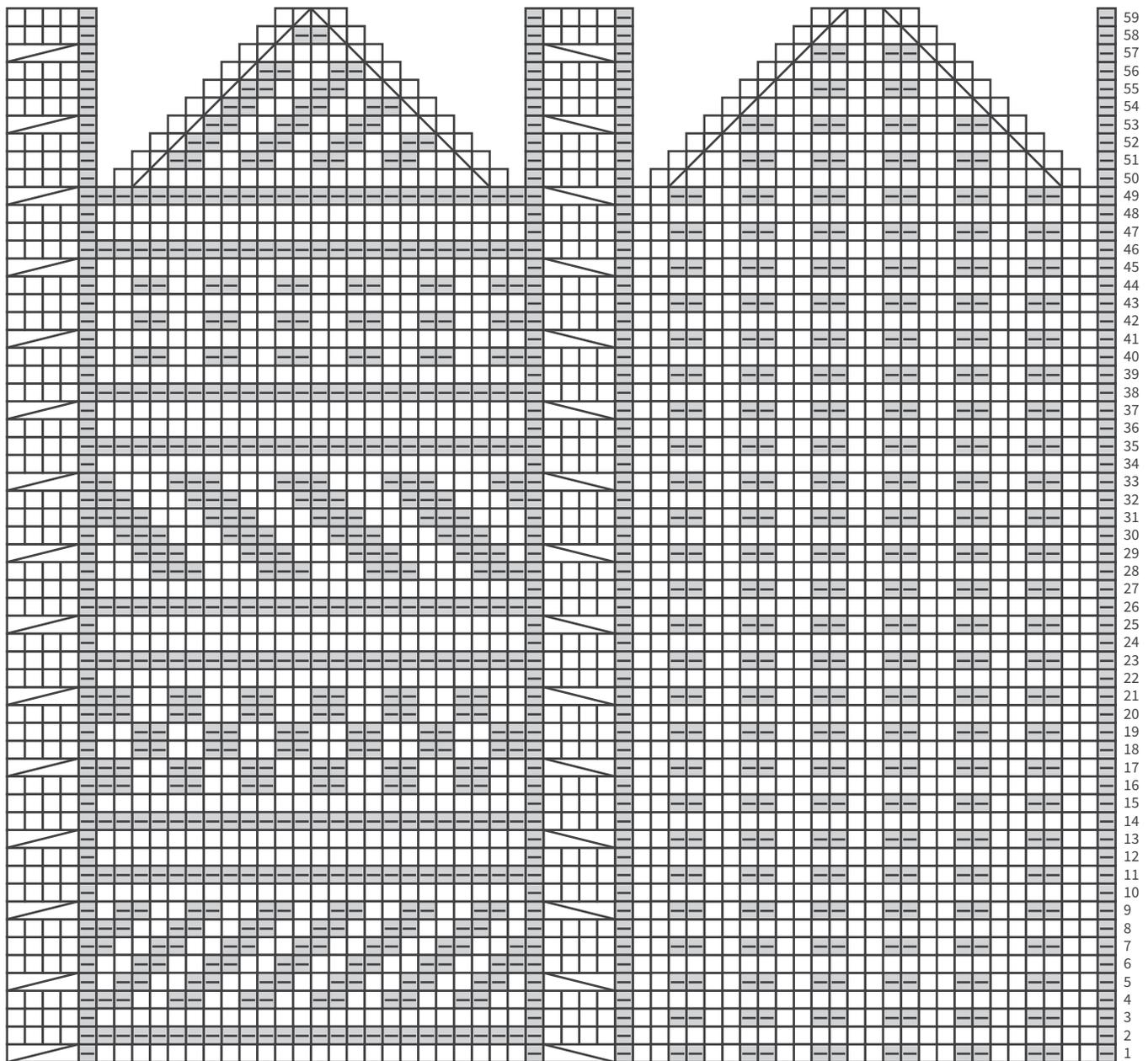
## THUMB CHART



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## HAND CHART



### CHART KEY

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- Purl
- k2tog
- ssk
- M1
- C4LInc: Sl 2 sts to cn, hold front; k1f+b, k2 from cn.
- C4RInc: Sl 1 st to cn, hold back; k2, k1f+b from cn.
- C2/2L: Sl 2 sts to cn, hold front, k2; k2 from cn.
- C2/2R: Sl 2 sts to cn, hold back, k2; k2 from cn.



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