

Freja

by Emmy Petersson



Freja, the Nordic goddess of love and fertility, is the inspiration for these mittens. The design started with the pattern of small hearts in the palm, and I knew I wanted to combine it with more hearty shapes. The result is these mittens. A ribbed cuff and the traditional Norwegian construction with a thumb gusset give the mittens a comfortable fit. They will look good in many color combinations and will shine like little jewels on your hands during cold winter days.

SIZE

Woman's medium

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Hand circumference: 8"/20 cm

Length: 10"/25 cm

YARN

Rauma Gammelserie [100% wool; 175 yd/160 m per 50 g skein]

MC: color: 401 Off White, 1 skein

CC: color: 401 Off White, hand dyed as described below, 1 skein.

Rauma gammelserie comes in just a few colors. Rauma finullgarn [100% wool; 191 yd/175 m per 50 g skein] is an excellent substitution with a larger color selection. The handdyed yarn I used is somewhere between color 456 and color 4886 of Rauma finull. The 456 colorway is a bit more yellow and a warmer red/brown pink than my yarn, and the 4886 is cooler, more bluish pink. The 456 is the one that is closest to my yarn.

Dyeing

For the dyeing, I started with Rauma Gammelserie in off white, color 401. The yarn is dyed with Zenit reactive dyes, used as an acid dye. I used the number 42 red dye and the amount of dye powder was 2% of the yarn weight.

NEEDLES

US #1.5/2.5 mm double pointed needles, or the needles you need to knit to gauge.

NOTIONS

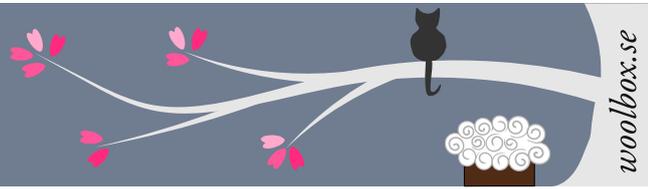
Tapestry needle

Waste yarn for holding stitches

GAUGE

34 sts/38 rows = 4"/10 cm in stranded color pattern, after blocking.

To ensure accurate sizing and save time and frustration, check your gauge.



DIRECTIONS

Cuff

With MC, CO 57 sts. Distribute sts across needles as you prefer and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Ribbing round: [K2, p1] around.

Work even until ribbing measures 2.5"/6 cm, or desired length of cuff.

Next round: [K14, m1r] four times, k1. 61 sts.

Body of mitten

Work one left mitten and one right mitten. Use the appropriate chart for each hand.

Join CC and start working from the appropriate chart for the hand, increasing for the thumb gusset as indicated. 13 sts for thumb gusset at the end of round 20.

On round 21, slip the 13 thumb stitches onto waste yarn and using the backwards loop method, cast on 13 sts over gap in the color indicated.

Continue working from the chart until all 70 rounds are complete. 8 sts remain.

Break yarn and thread through the remaining sts, using a tapestry needle. Pull tight, and thread the yarn through the top of the mitten to the inside.

Thumb

Return the 13 held thumb sts onto a needle and rejoin both MC and CC.

Working from the Thumb chart, knit across those sts in pattern. Following the chart, pick up and knit one st at corner between these stitches and the cast-on stitches of the hand, pick up and knit 13 sts over cast-on stitches of the hand, and 1 more stitch in the corner between these stitches and the held stitches. 28 sts.

Join for working in the round, and work in pattern following Thumb chart until all 25 rounds are complete. 8 sts remain.

Break yarn and thread through the remaining sts, using a tapestry needle. Pull tight, and thread the yarn through the top of the thumb to the inside.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block lightly.

ABBREVIATIONS

CC – Contrasting color

CO – Cast on

k – Knit

k2tog – knit 2 together

m1l – Pick up bar between sts with left needle from front to back and knit through the back loop.

m1r – Pick up bar between sts with left needle from back to front and knit through the front loop.

MC – Main color

p – Purl

ssk – Slip, slip, knit slipped stitches together

st(s) – Stitch(es)

sl 1, k2tog, pss0 – Slip 1 stitch, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over stitch just worked.

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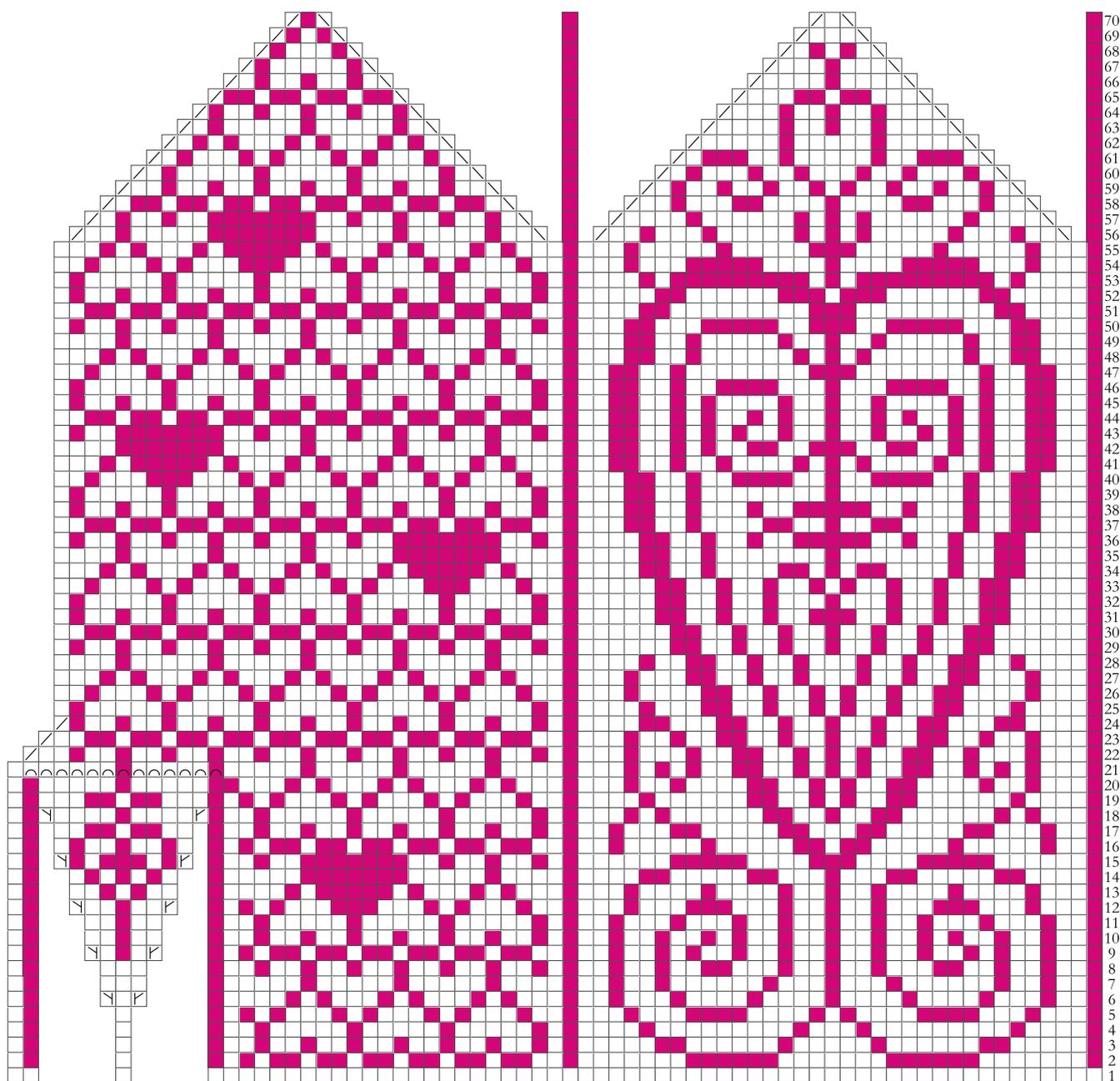
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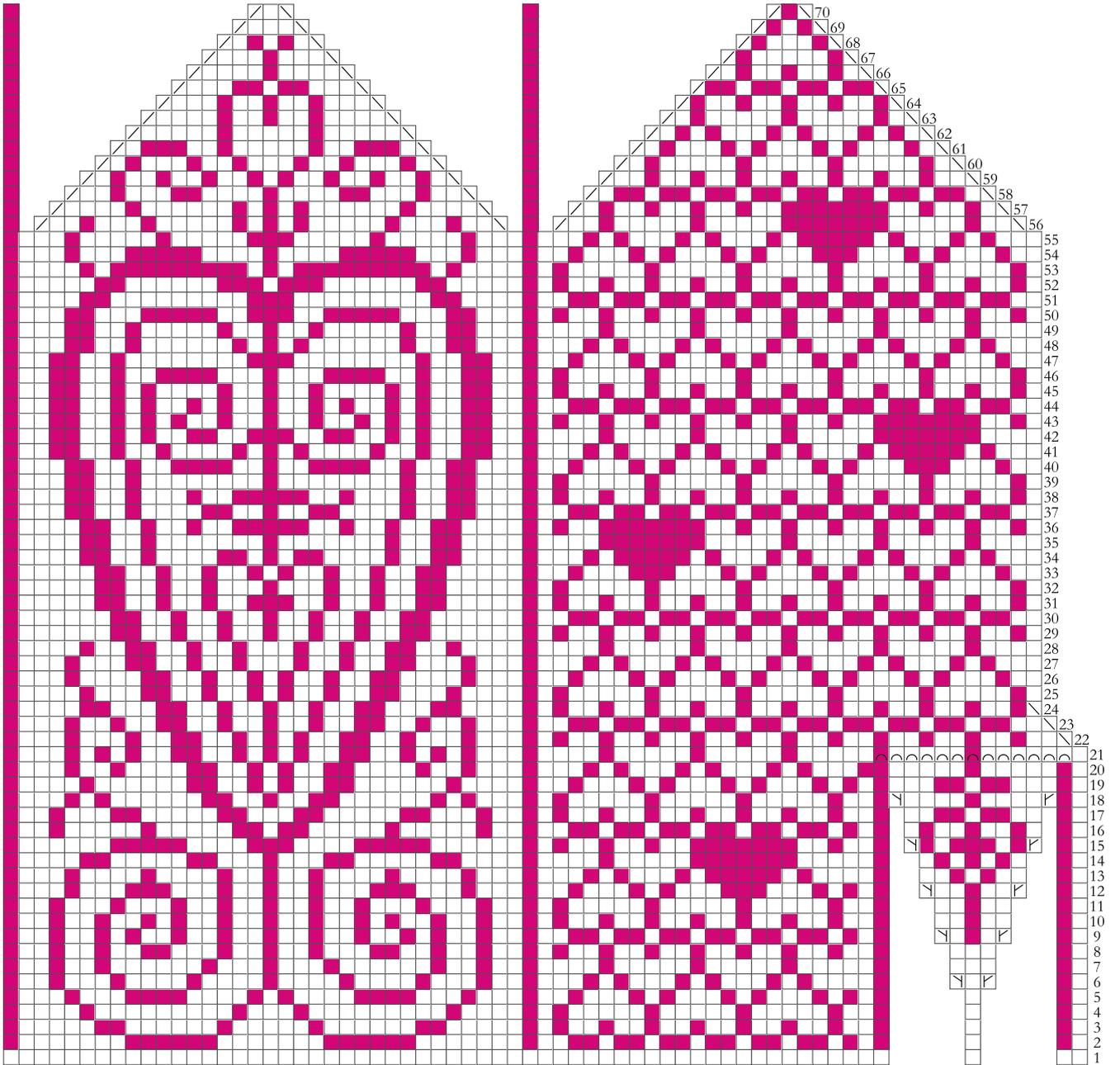
Left hand



Key

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|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Knit with MC | Put stitch on waste yarn and cast on a new stitch |
| Knit with CC | k2tog |
| m1l | ssk |
| m1r | sl1, k2tog, pss0 |

Right hand



Thumb

