

# horatio + oren

by Barbara Gregory



## finished measurements:

Child's sizes

Hand circumference: 5 1/2 (6) / 14 (15) cm

Hand length: 4 1/4 (5) / 11 (12.5) cm

Total length: 6 1/4 (7) / 16 (18) cm

Horned Owl shown in circumference  
size 6" / 15 cm

Intended to fit child aged 2-4 years  
(4-6 years).

Woman's sizes

Hand circumference: 7 1/2 (8) / 19  
(20.5) cm

Hand length: 7 (7 1/2) / 18 (19) cm

Total length: 9 1/2 (10) / 24 (25.5) cm

Snowy Owl shown in circumference  
size 7 1/2" / 19 cm.

## suggested yarn:

Child's sizes

Valley Yarns *Huntington* (218 yd / 199 m  
per 1 1/4 oz / 50 g skein; 75% Fine Super-  
wash Merino, 25% Nylon):

For Horned Owls

1 skein in #28 Arctic (Background Color)

1 skein in #B118 Chocolate (Owl Color)

For Snowy Owls (not shown)

1 skein in #30 Deep Pine or #31 Dark  
Olive (Background Color)

1 skein in #10 Natural (Owl Color)

Woman's sizes

Valley Yarns *Northfield* (124 yd / 113 m  
per 1 1/4 oz / 50 g ball; 70% Merino, 20%  
Baby Alpaca, 10% Silk):

For Snowy Owls

1 ball in #11 Balsam (Background Color)

1 ball in #01 Natural (Owl Color)

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## NOTES

Mittens are worked in the round from the cuff to the top.

While working Chart patterns, carry the color not in use loosely across the wrong side of the work. To maintain an even tension, keep the first few stitches on the right needle spread apart when changing colors.

In places with more than 3 consecutive stitches of the same color, loosely weave or catch the floats of the unused color with the working yarn. Where possible, stagger these spots so that the unused color is not trapped in the same place on consecutive rounds.

Each mitten uses two colors. For Horned Owls use the lighter yarn as the Background Color and the darker yarn as the Owl Color. For Snowy Owls use the darker yarn as the Background Color and the lighter yarn as the Owl Color.

## CHILD'S SIZES

### RIGHT MITTEN

#### Cuff

With smaller needles and Background Color,  
CO 44 sts. Distribute sts over three needles.  
Pm to indicate beginning of round and join to  
work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Round 1: \* K1, p1; repeat from \* to end.

Repeat this round until cuff measures 2" / 5 cm.

#### Hand

Change to larger needles.

Next round: \* K11, m1; repeat from \* to  
end—48 sts.

Join Owl Color and begin working from Chart  
A for Horned Owl or Chart C for Snowy Owl.

Work Rounds 1-16, increasing as indicated for  
thumb gusset—64 sts.

#### Thumb opening

Round 17: Work 24 sts of chart; move 17  
sts of gusset to waste yarn for holding; using  
backward loop cast on and Background Color,

CO 1 st to bridge gap; work 23 sts to end of  
round—48 sts.

#### Mitten Top

Work to end of chart, decreasing as  
indicated—16 sts. Cut Background Color,  
leaving long tail.

Arrange the first 8 sts on one needle (front  
needle) and second 8 sts on another needle  
(back needle).

Slip first 3 sts purlwise from front needle to an  
empty needle. Pass 2nd st slipped over 3rd st  
slipped; return 2 sts to left needle. Repeat with  
3 end sts from back needle.

Turn mitten and reduce 1 st at end of front and  
back needle in same manner—12 sts total.

#### Snowy Owl ONLY

Use Kitchener stitch and Owl Color to graft  
top of mitten closed.

#### Horned Owl ONLY

Cut Owl Color, leaving a tail approximately  
24" / 61 cm long. Use Kitchener stitch and  
Owl Color to graft top of mitten closed; leave  
yarn end threaded onto tapestry needle.

For Horned Owls (not shown)

1 ball in Stone Blue or Tranquil Blue  
(Background Color)

1 ball in Charcoal or #04 Cocoa (Owl  
Color)

**needles:**

For child's size 5 1/2" / 14 cm

Sizes 0 US / 2 mm and 1 US / 2.25 mm  
double-pointed needles

For child's size 6" / 15 cm

Sizes 1 US / 2.25 mm and 2 US / 2.75 mm  
double-pointed needles

For woman's size 7 1/2" / 19 cm

Sizes 2 1/2 US / 3 mm and 3 US / 3.25 mm  
double-pointed needles

For woman's size 8" / 20.5 cm

Sizes 2 1/2 US / 3 mm and 4 US / 3.5 mm  
double-pointed needles

*Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain  
correct gauge.*

**notions:**

Stitch marker, tapestry needle

**gauge:**

Child's sizes

36 sts and 41 rounds = 4" / 10 cm in

Stockinette stitch over chart using size  
1 US / 2.25 mm needles.

32 sts and 35 rounds = 4" / 10 cm in

Stockinette stitch over chart using size  
2 US / 2.75 mm

Woman's sizes

26 sts and 29 rounds = 4" / 10 cm in

Stockinette stitch over chart using size  
3 US / 3.25 mm needles.

24 sts and 27 rounds = 4" / 10 cm in

Stockinette stitch over chart using size  
4 US / 3.5 mm needles.

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

**Make ear tufts**

With smaller needles pick up 4 sts along the  
line between front and back of the mitten,  
working from end of grafted stitches towards  
the cuff using the tapestry needle, as follows:  
pass yarn over double pointed needle, under  
strand between sts and back to surface—1 st  
picked up; repeat for next 3 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Next row—Dec row: K2tog, knit to  
end—3 sts.

Repeat Dec row—2 sts. K2tog—1 st. Pull on  
st to enlarge it until end of yarn pulls free.

With tapestry needle, weave yarn along edge  
of ear tuft and across inside of top of mitten to  
beginning of grafted sts. Make second ear tuft.

**Thumb**

With larger needles and Background Color  
pick up and knit 1 st at cast on edge of thumb  
opening. Move 17 held sts of gusset from waste  
yarn to needles and knit them. Pm to indicate  
beginning of round—18 sts. Redistribute sts,  
placing 6 sts on each needle.

Next round—Dec round: K1, ssk, knit to  
last 2 sts, k2tog—16 sts.

Work 1 round even.

Repeat Dec round—14 sts.

Work even until thumb measures 1 (1 1/2)" /  
2.5 (3.5) cm, or desired length.

Next round: \* K2tog; repeat from \* to  
end—7 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving long tail. Thread tail  
through live sts, pull snug and fasten off.

**LEFT MITTEN**

**Cuff and Hand**

Work same as for Right Mitten, following  
Chart B for Horned Owl or Chart D for  
Snowy Owl, to end of Round 16.

**Thumb opening**

Round 17: Work 23 sts of Chart; move 17  
sts of gusset to waste yarn for holding; using  
backward loop cast on and Background Color,  
CO 1 st to bridge gap; work 24 sts to end of  
round—48 sts.

**Mitten Top and Thumb**

Work same as for Right Mitten.

**FINISHING**

Sew in ends, closing any holes at base of  
thumb.

Blocking is recommended. Soak mittens in  
lukewarm water, with wool wash if desired,  
then roll in a towel and squeeze out excess  
water. Lay flat to dry.

**WOMAN'S SIZES**

**RIGHT MITTEN**

**Cuff**

With smaller needles and Background Color,  
CO 48 sts. Distribute sts over three needles.

Pm to indicate beginning of round and join to  
work in the round, being careful not to twist.



Round 1: \* K1, p1; repeat from \* to end.

Repeat this round until cuff measures 2 1/2" / 6.5 cm.

#### Hand

Change to larger needles.

Begin working from Chart E for Horned Owl or Chart G for Snowy Owl, joining Owl Color at Round 4.

Work Rounds 1–18, increasing as indicated for thumb gusset—66 sts.

#### Thumb opening

Round 19: Work 24 sts of chart; move 19 sts of gusset to waste yarn for holding; using backward loop cast on and Background Color, CO 1 st to bridge gap; work 23 sts to end of round—48 sts.

#### Mitten Top

Work to end of Chart, decreasing as indicated—16 sts. Cut Background Color, leaving long tail.

Arrange the first 8 sts on one needle (front needle) and second 8 sts on another needle (back needle).

Slip first 3 sts purlwise from front needle to an empty needle. Pass 2nd st slipped over 3rd st slipped; return 2 sts st to left needle. Repeat with 3 end sts from back needle.

Turn mitten and reduce 1 st at end of front and back needle in same manner—12 sts total.

#### Snowy Owl ONLY

Use Kitchener stitch and Owl Color to graft top of mitten closed.

#### Horned Owl ONLY

Cut Owl Color, leaving a tail approximately 24" / 61 cm long. Use Kitchener stitch and Owl Color to graft top of mitten closed; leave yarn end threaded onto tapestry needle.

#### Make ear tufts

Same as for Child's sizes.

#### Thumb

Move 19 held sts of gusset from scrap yarn to needles. With larger needles and Background Color pick up and knit 1 st at cast on edge of thumb opening. Pm to indicate beginning of round—20 sts.

Redistribute sts, placing 8 sts on first needle and 6 sts each on second and third needles.

Knit 1 round.

Next round—Dec round: K1, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, ssk—18 sts.

Work 1 round even.

Repeat Dec round—16 sts. Work even until thumb measures 2 (2 1/4)" / 5 (5.5) cm, or desired length.

Next round: \* K2tog; repeat from \* to end—8 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving long tail. Thread tail through live sts, pull snug and fasten off.

#### LEFT MITTEN

##### Cuff and Hand

Work same as for Right Mitten, following Chart F for Horned Owl or Chart H for Snowy Owl, to end of Round 18.

##### Thumb opening

Round 19: Work 23 sts of Chart; move 19 sts of gusset to waste yarn for holding; using backward loop cast on and Background Color, CO 1 st to bridge gap; work 24 sts to end of round—48 sts.

##### Mitten Top and Thumb

Work same as for Right Mitten.

#### FINISHING

Sew in ends, closing any holes at base of thumb.

Blocking is recommended. Soak mittens in lukewarm water, with wool wash if desired, then roll in a towel and squeeze out excess water. Lay flat to dry.



- knit in lighter color
- knit in darker color
- LLI in indicated color
- RLI in indicated color
- k2tog in indicated color
- ssk in indicated color
- CO 1 st in indicated color

Child's Sizes Horned Owl Mittens

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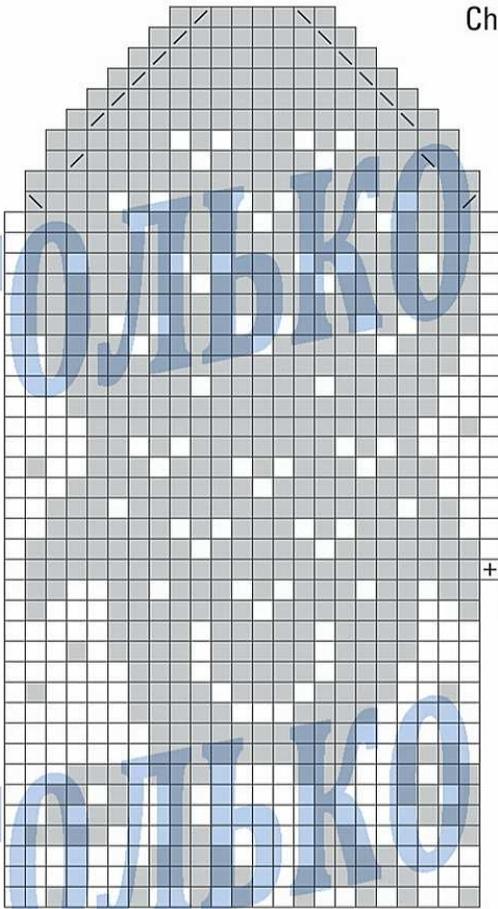


Chart A: Right Hand

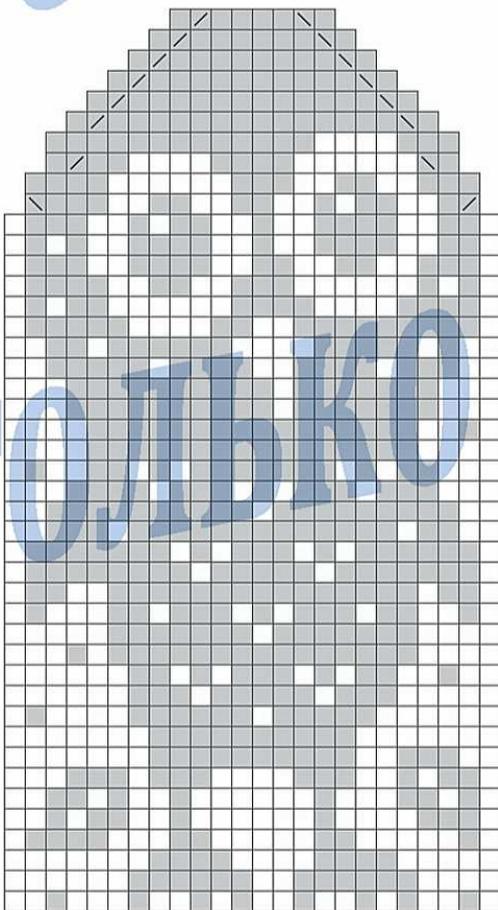
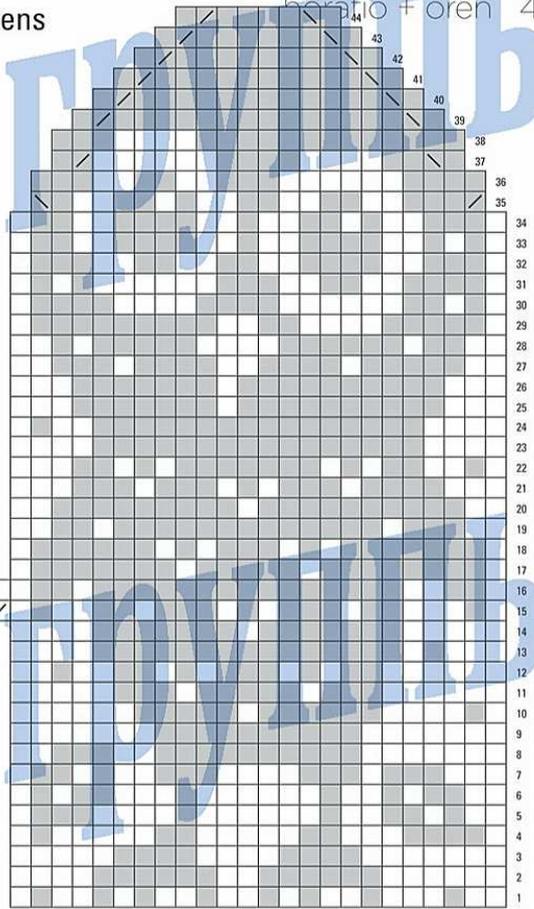
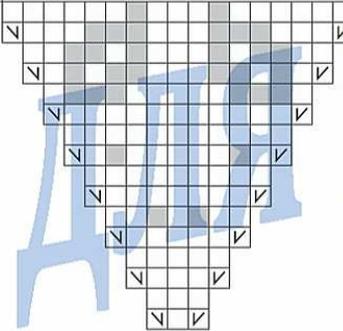
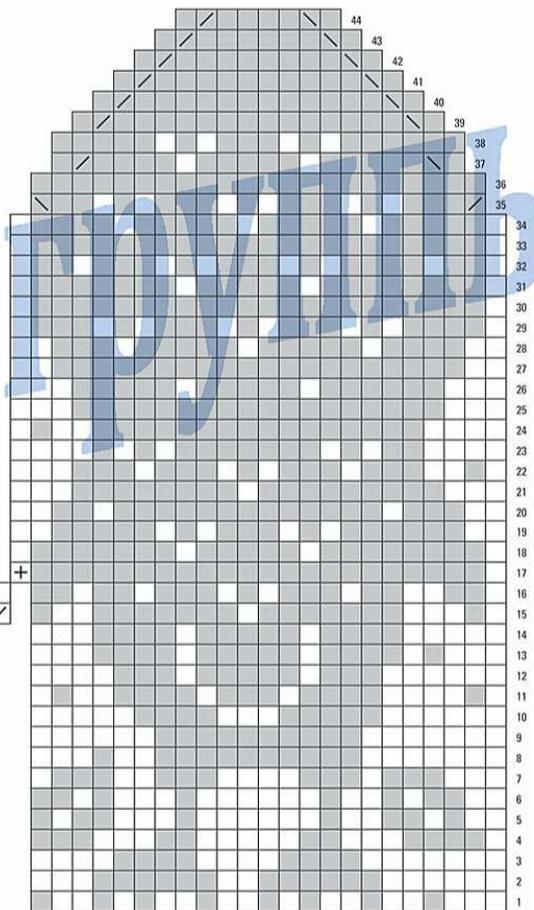
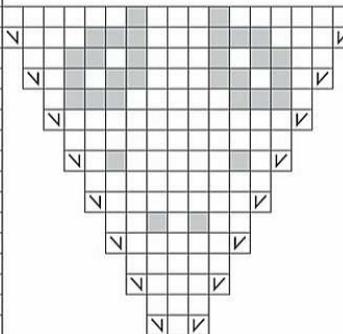


Chart B: Left Hand



Child's Sizes Snowy Owl Mittens

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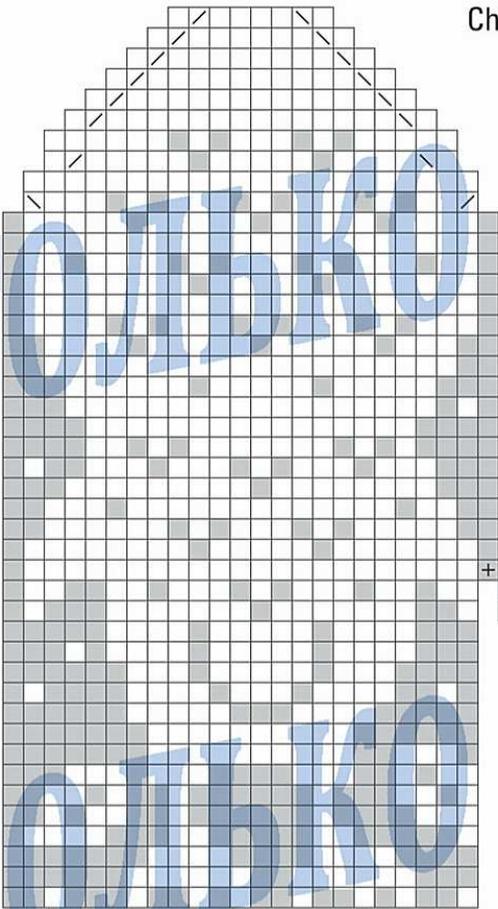


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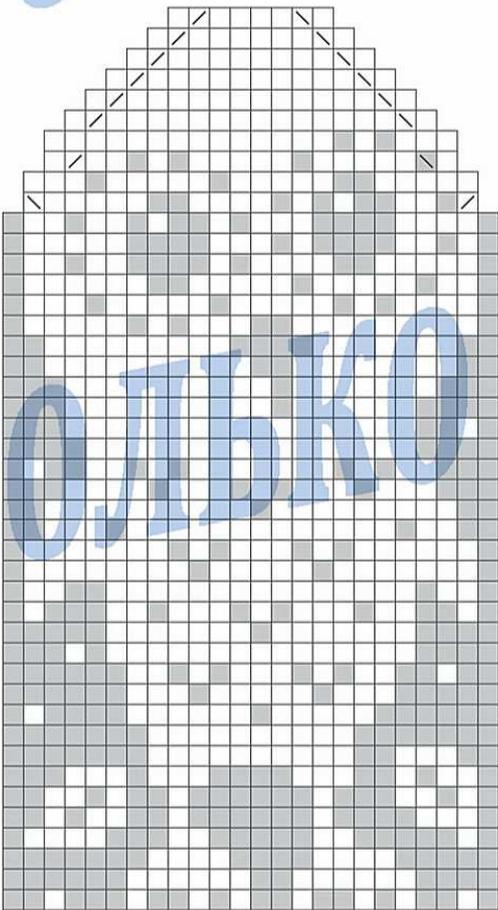
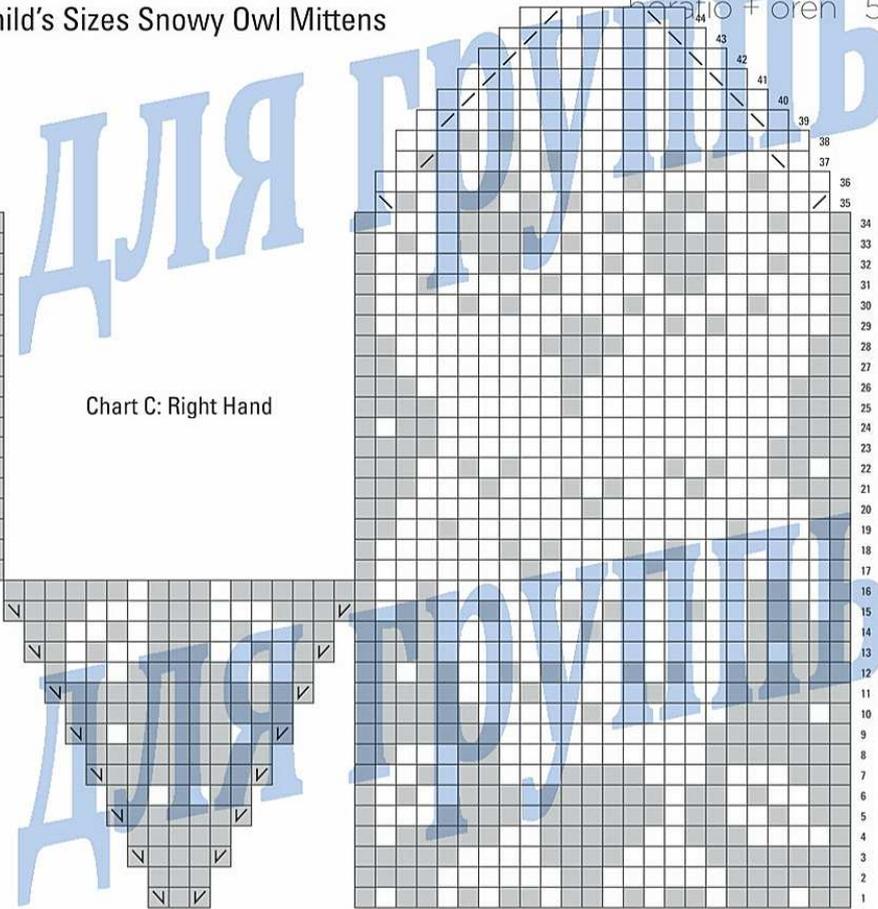
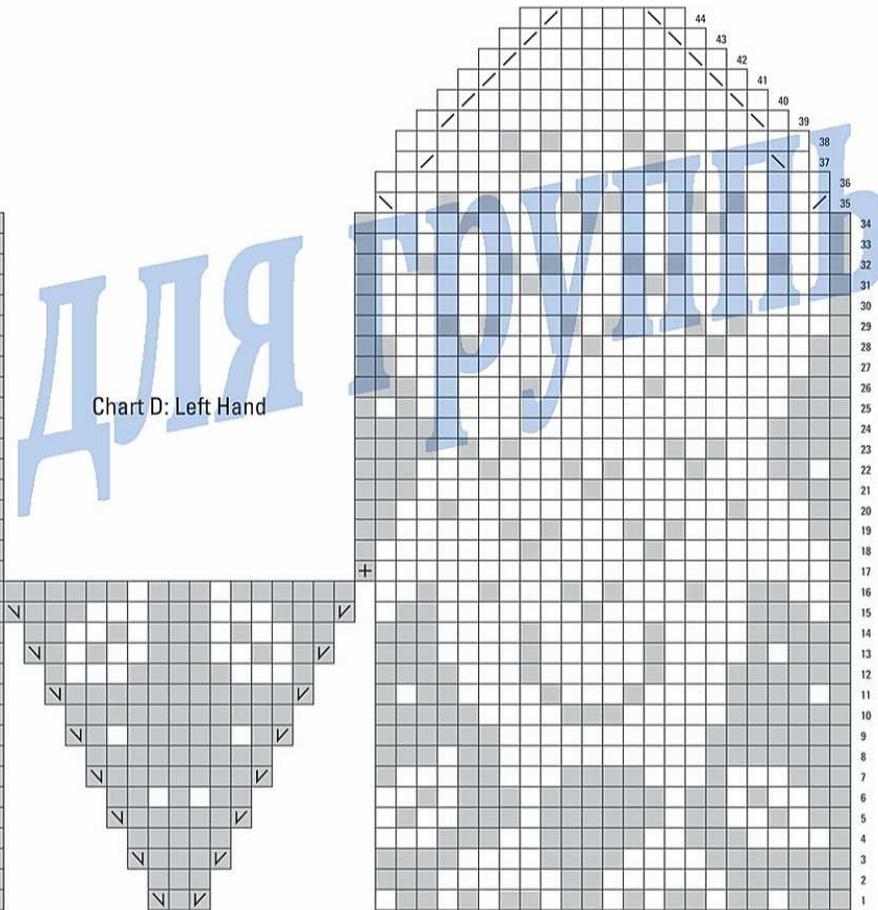


Chart D: Left Hand



Woman's Sizes Horned Owl Mittens

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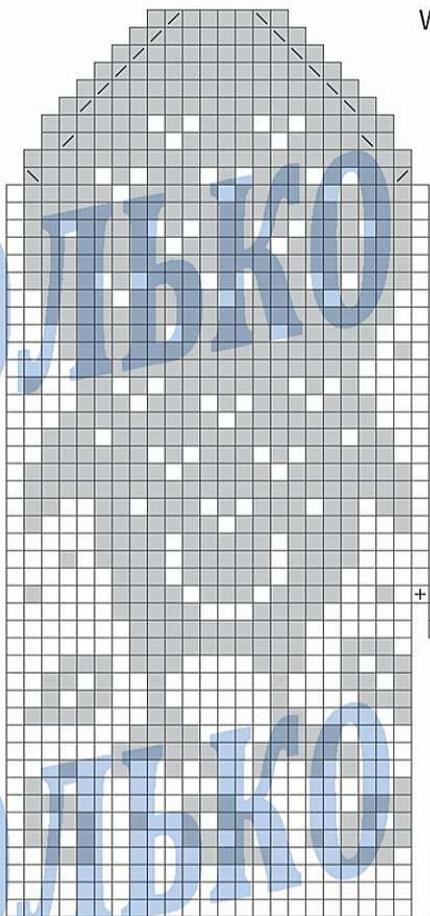


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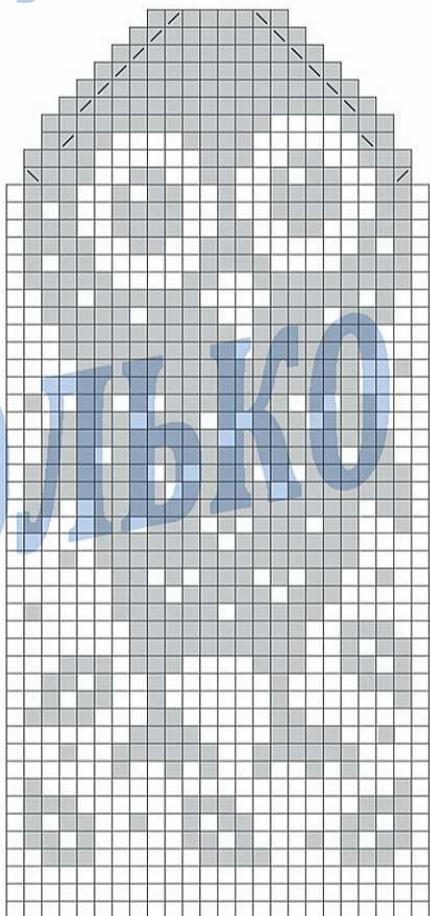
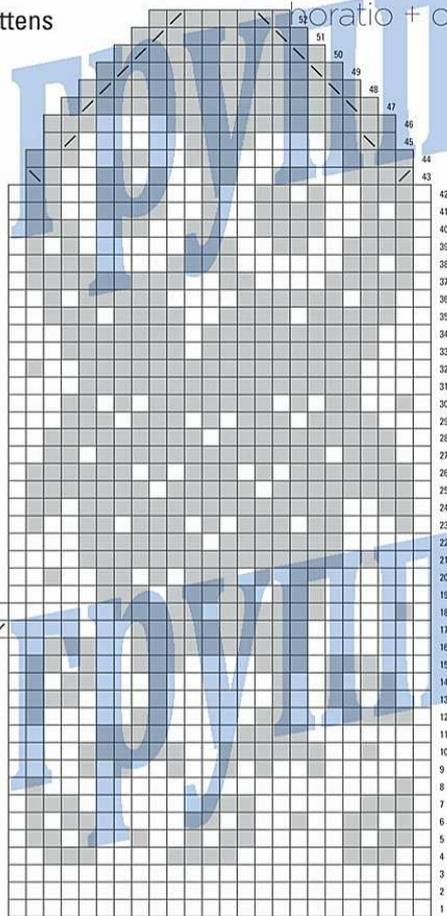
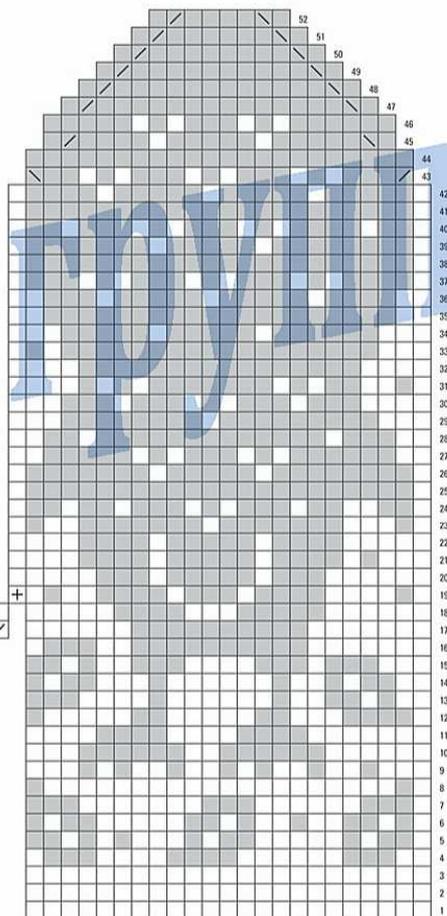


Chart F: Left Hand



Woman's Sizes Snowy Owl Mittens

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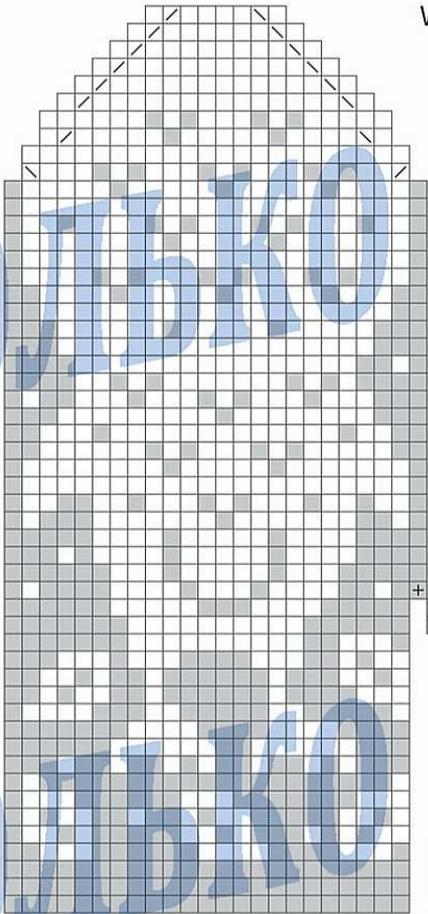


Chart G: Right Hand

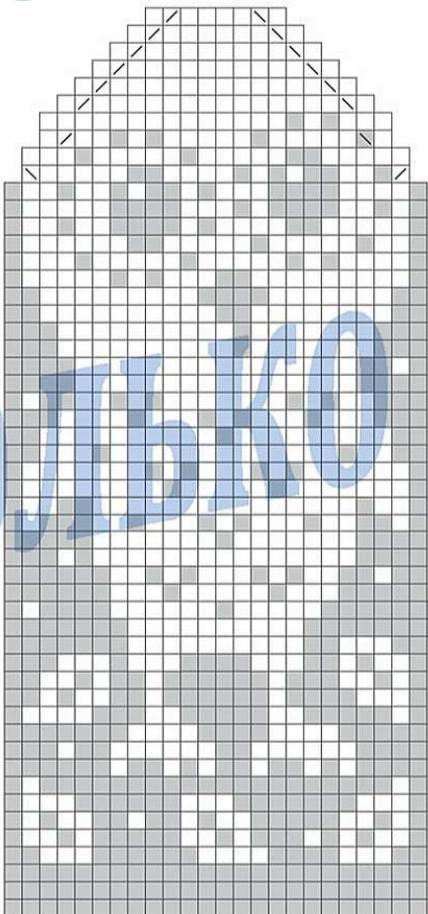
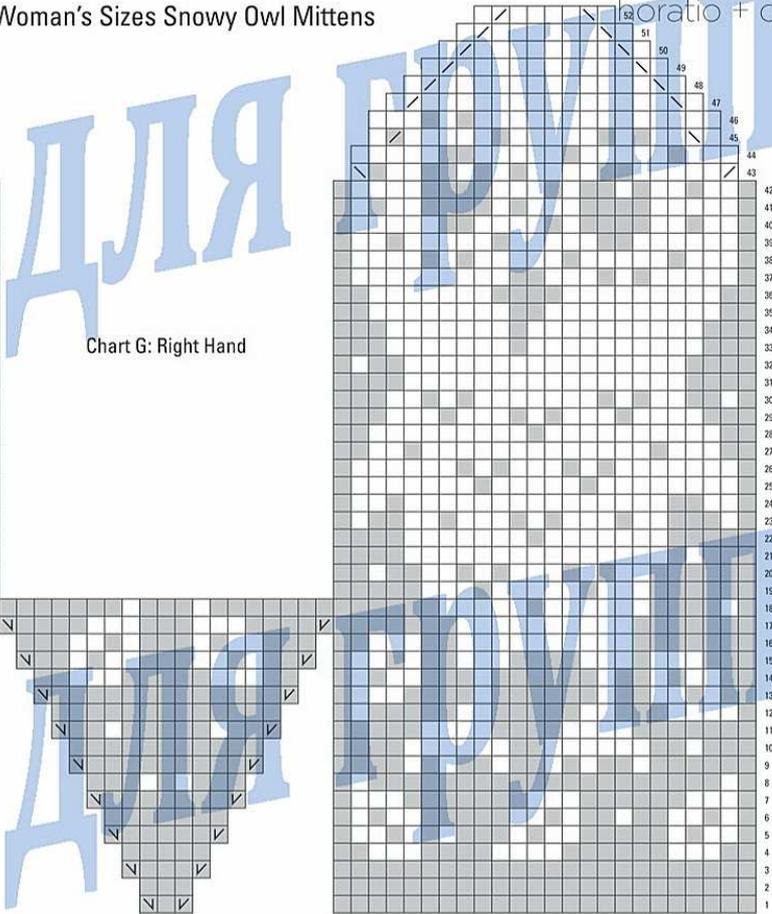
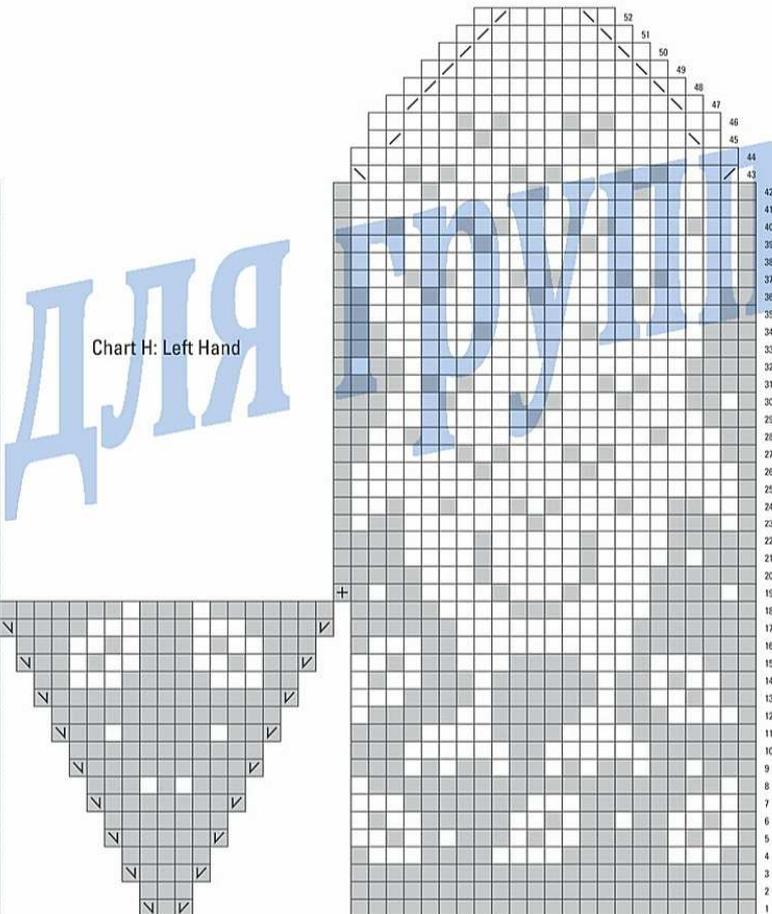


Chart H: Left Hand





### abbreviations

CO	Cast On
dec	decrease(d)(ing)
k	knit
k2tog	knit two together (right-slanting decrease)
LLI	Insert the tip of left needle from behind into stitch 2 rows below stitch just worked and knit into back of this stitch. 1 stitch increased.
m1	make 1 stitch: Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through back loop. 1 stitch increased.
p	purl
pm	place marker
RLI	Knit into the stitch below the next stitch on left needle. 1 stitch increased.
ssk	slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then knit those 2 stitches together through the back loops (left-slanting decrease)
st(s)	stitch(es)



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