

bibelot

by Barbara Gregory



finished measurements:

Hand circumference: 7 ½" / 19 cm
Hand length: 7" / 18 cm, measured from start of thumb gusset
Total length: 9" / 23 cm

suggested yarn:

Classic Elite Yarns *Fresco* (164 yd / 150 m per 1 ¾ oz / 50 g skein; 60% Wool, 30% Baby Alpaca, 10% Angora):
1 skein each in #5390 Passionfruit (MC), #5361 Shadow (CC1) and #5301 Parchment (CC2)

needles:

Size 1 US / 2.25 mm needles in preferred style for small circumference knitting in the round
Size 2 US / 2.75 mm needles in preferred style for small circumference knitting in the round
Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

notions:

Stitch marker, waste yarn, tapestry needle

gauge:

37 sts and 42 rounds = 4" / 10 cm in charted pattern, using larger needles
To save time and to ensure accurate sizing, check gauge.

NOTES

These mittens are worked in the round from the bottom up. Highlights with CC2 are worked in duplicate stitch after the mittens are complete.

Work all chart rounds from right to left.

To maintain an even tension, keep the stitches on the right needle spread apart while working. Stranded colorwork can pull in and become inelastic if there is not enough slack in the floats (strands on the back of the work). When in doubt, make the floats looser than you think they should be.

In order to avoid long floats on the inside of the mittens, catch the float with the working yarn when it extends farther than 4 or 5 stitches. Stagger these spots so that the unused color is not trapped in the same place on consecutive rounds.

RIGHT MITTEN

CUFF

With smaller needles and MC, CO 60 sts. Pm for beg of rnd and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: * K1, p1; rep from * to end.

Rep last rnd until piece measures 2" / 5 cm.

HAND

Next rnd—Inc rnd: K5, m1, * k6, m1, k5, m1; rep from * to end. 71 sts.

Change to larger needles. Knit 1 rnd.

Work Rnds 1–24 of Right Hand Chart. 95 sts.

Separate Thumb

Next rnd: Work first 36 sts following Rnd 25 of chart, place next 23 sts on waste yarn for thumb, use MC and the backward-loop

method to CO 2 sts, work rem 36 sts following chart. 74 sts.

Mitten Top

Work through Rnd 72 of chart. 26 sts rem.

Arrange first 13 sts on one needle (front needle) and rem 13 sts on another needle (back needle).

* Sl first 2 sts purlwise from front needle to an empty needle, pass first sl st over 2nd sl st and return rem st to left needle. Repeat with 2 end sts from back needle. Turn mitten and rep from * at end of front and back needle. 22 sts rem.

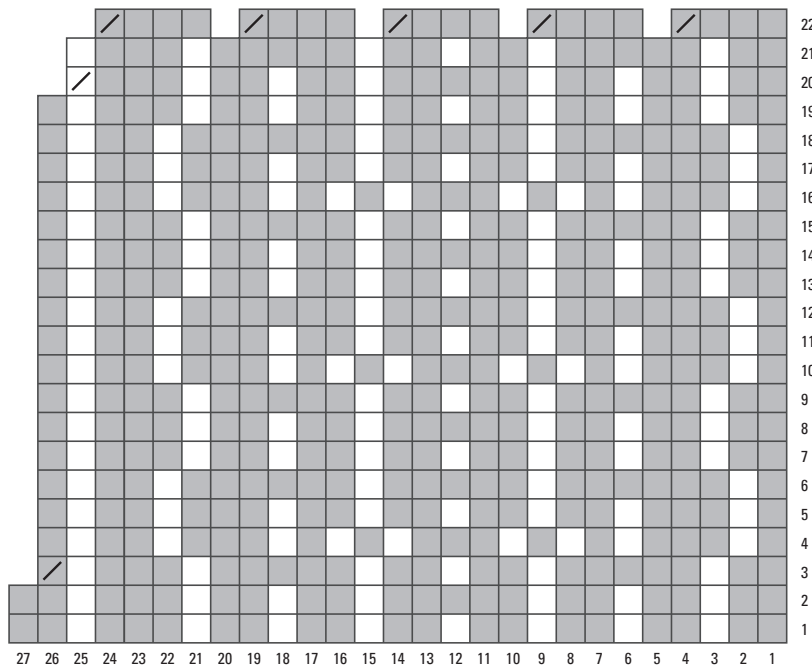
With MC, graft top of mitten closed using Kitchener st.

THUMB

Return 23 held thumb sts to larger needles.

With MC, pick up and knit 4 sts across CO

Thumb Chart



edge of thumb opening. Pm for beg of rnd and join to work in the rnd. 27 sts.

Work Rnds 1–22 of Thumb Chart. 20 sts rem.

Cut CC1 and continue in MC only.

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

Cut yarn leaving long tail. Use tapestry needle to thread tail through remaining sts, pull snug and fasten off.

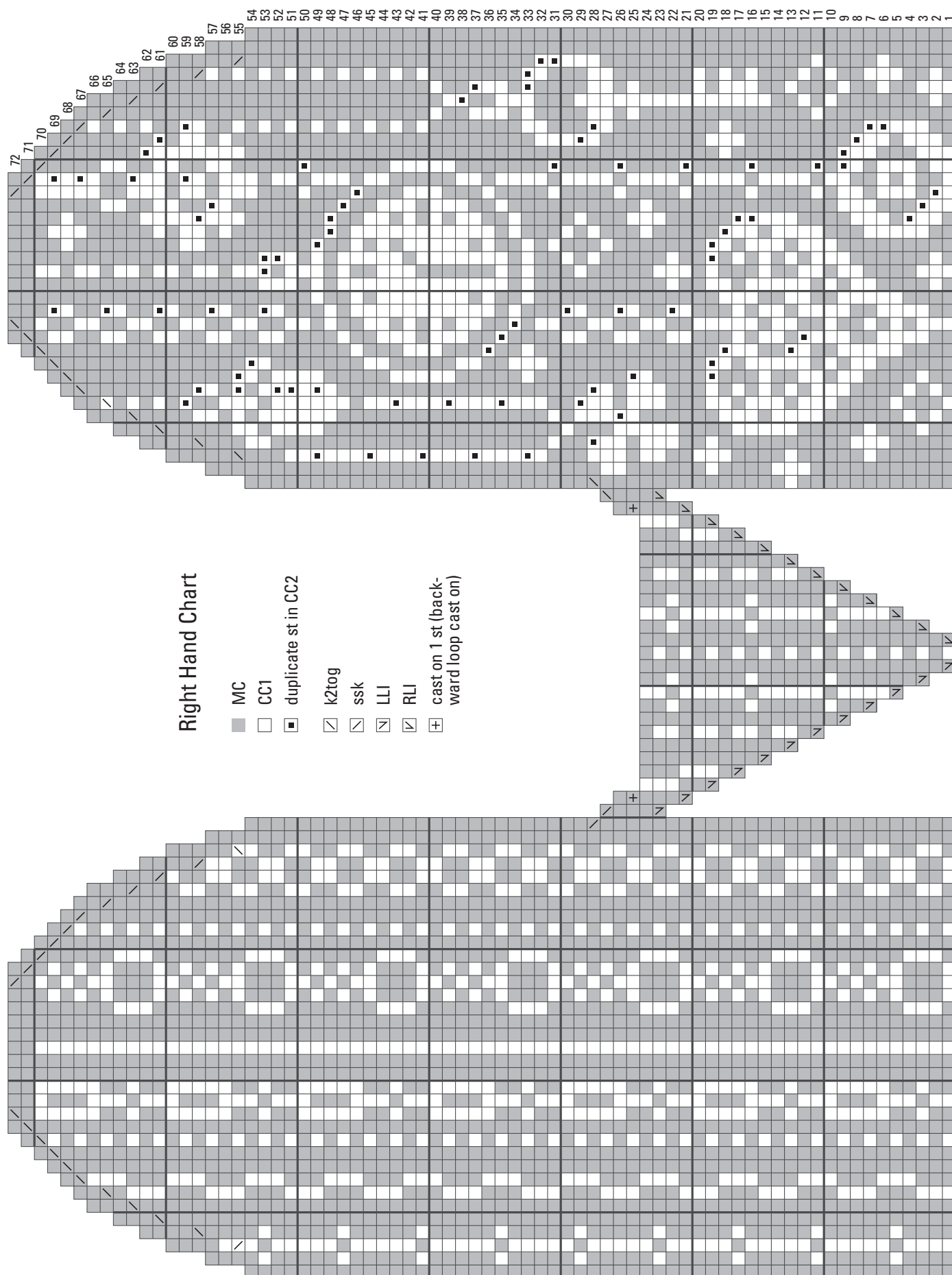
LEFT MITTEN

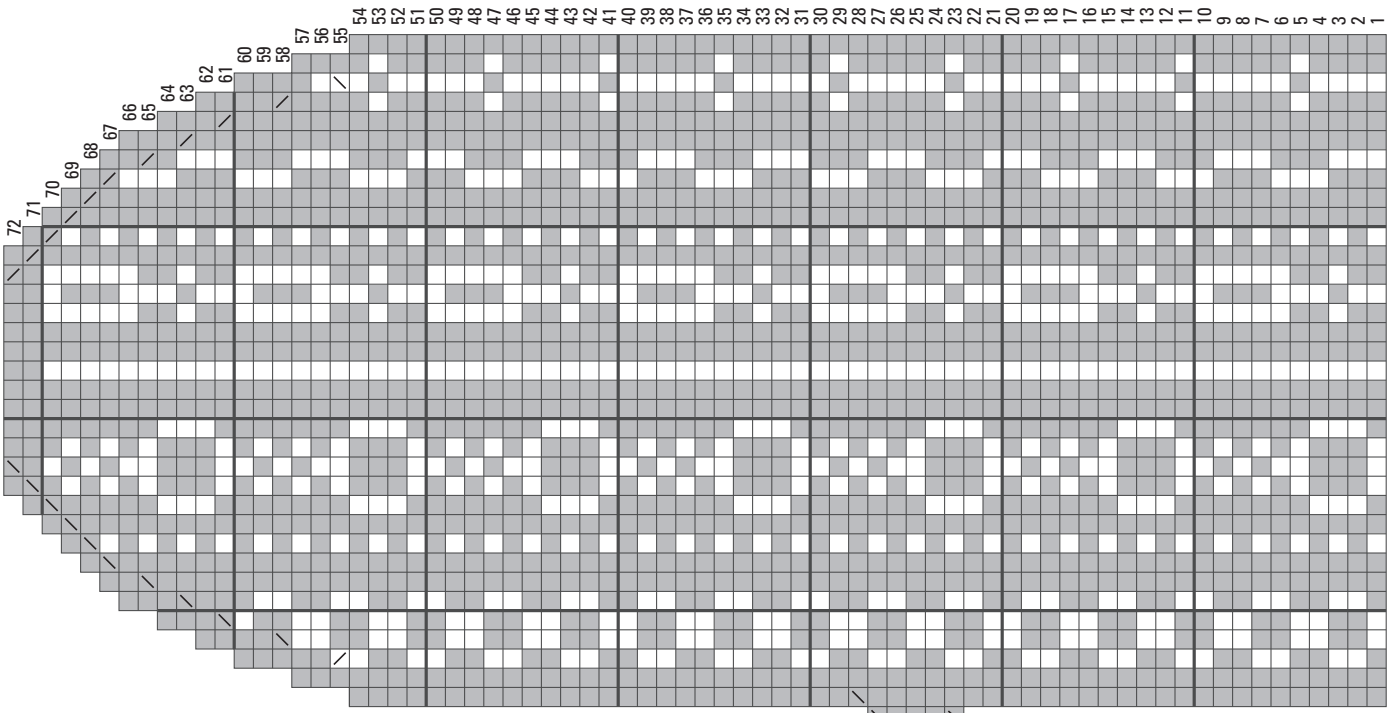
Work as for Right Mitten, following Left Hand and Thumb charts.

FINISHING

Thread tapestry needle with CC2 and work duplicate st following charts. Weave in ends, closing any holes at base of thumb. Block to smooth out colorwork.

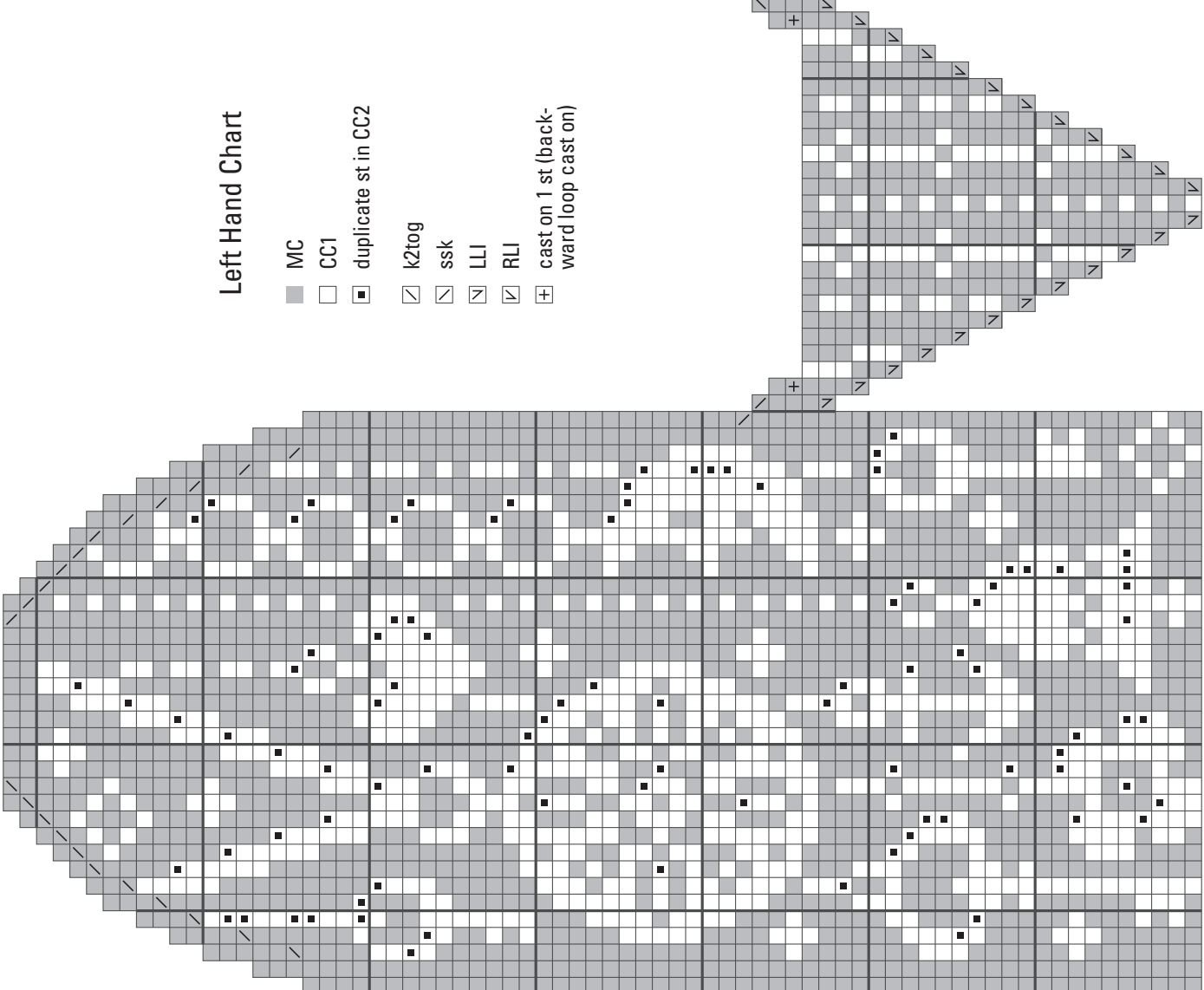






Left Hand Chart

- MC
- CC1
- duplicate st in CC2
- k2tog
- ssk
- LLI
- RLI
- cast on 1 st (backward loop cast on)





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abbreviations

beg	begin(s)(ning)
CC	Contrasting Color
CO	Cast On
dec	decrease(d)(ing)
inc	increase(d)(ing)
k	knit
k2tog	knit two together (right-slanting decrease)
LLI	Left Lifted Increase: Insert the tip of left needle from behind into stitch 2 rows below last stitch on right needle and knit into the back of this stitch. 1 stitch increased.
MC	Main Color
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
rem	remain(s)(ing)
rep	repeat(s)(ed)(ing)
RLI	Right Lifted Increase: Knit into the front loop of the stitch below the next stitch on left needle. 1 stitch increased.
rnd	round(s)
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)