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Materials:

1. 50g of fingering weight yarn of MC and 50g of CCs .
2. Circular needles size US 0-2.5, depending on your gauge / size needed.
3. Some scrap yarn or stitch holders for the thumb stitches
4. Tapestry needle to close the thumb and mitten tips

Gauge and size: I recommend approx. 35 x 35 = 4" for size medium. Adjust your gauge if you need a different size.

Mittens: using MC, CO 68 st on your needles, distribute the stitches evenly, join in the round without twisting, and knit 8 rounds of 1X1 rib. Proceed with the chart in stranded colorwork technique. In 27th row, add 2 stitches evenly and knit the mitten body on 70 st. as charted.

Thumb hole: in 45th row, put the 13 stitches below the pink line on a scrap yarn or a stitch holder and CO the same number of stitches over the hole in the same row. Continue knitting mitten body as charted.

Thumbs: The thumb opening is highlighted with pink line on the charts. The pink line on the thumb chart shows the stitches from the stitch holder, the remaining stitches are picked up. The thumbs are worked on 30 stitches (13X2 from mitten body + 2X2st. picked on the sides, marked with pink squares).

Thumb and mitten tips: some people prefer to close the stitches with kitchener stitch, however, that might result in a blunt tip, which I don't like. That's why I prefer to simply pull the yarn tail (leave about 10 cm) through the remaining 5-6 stitches and inside, and make a knot.

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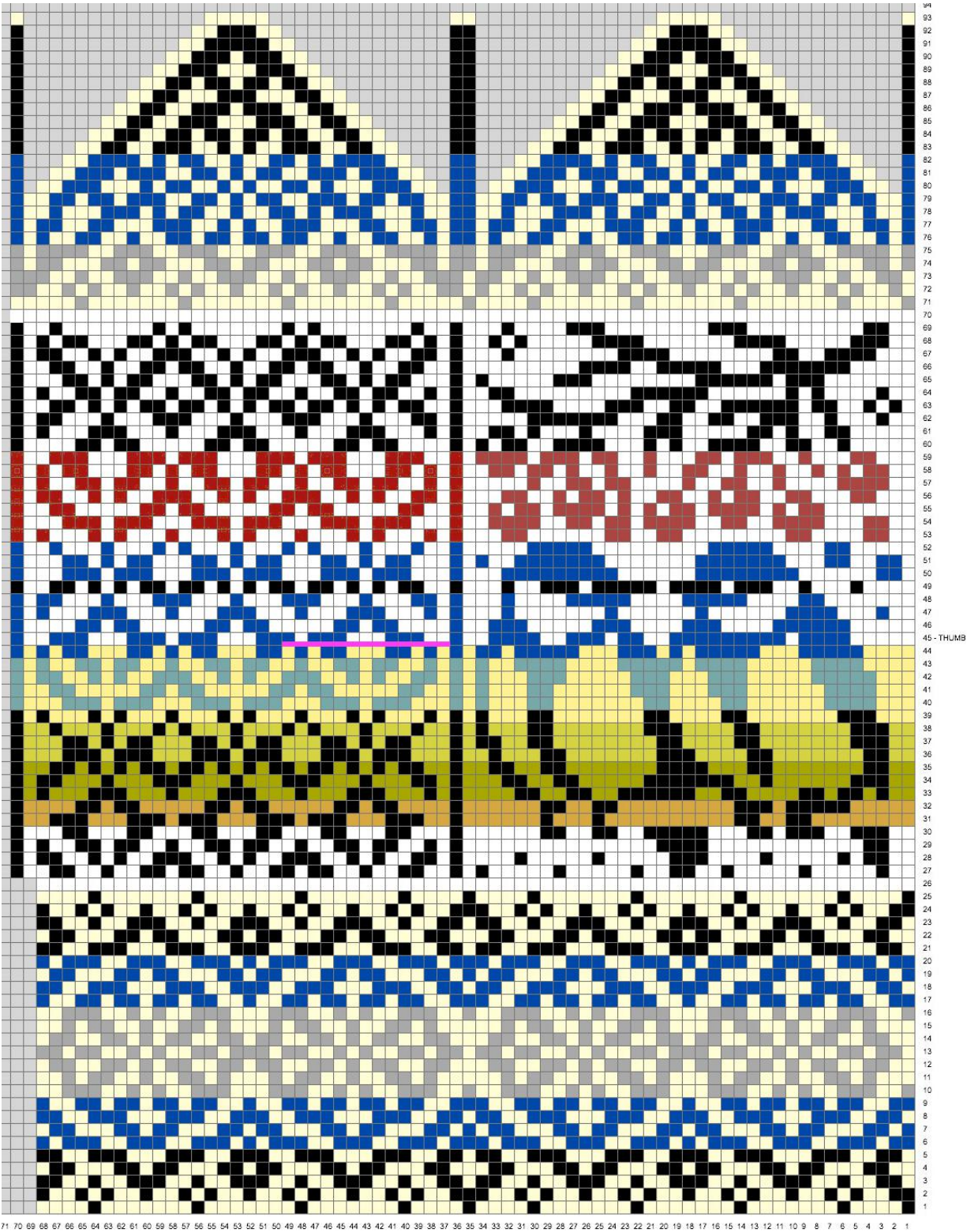
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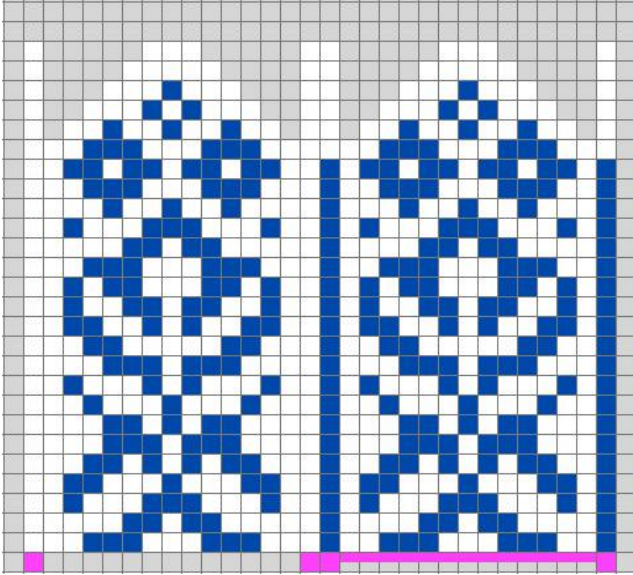
Slightly different chart with red berries. Left:



Right:



Thumbs (make two):



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