

ÅKERTISTEL

“Field Thistle”
A mitten pattern by Inga Ollars

Size: Women's M. For a smaller or larger size, adjust the gauge.

Fit: Slim.

Technique: Knitted in the round. Stranded colourwork, 1–2 strands per round. Bind off in kitchener stitch, knitted or sewn.

Yarn: Permin Luna, 1 skein each of olive (889020), light purple (889017) and red (889008), or a suitable fingering/sport yarn*.

Needles: Double pointed needles 2mm or the size needed to obtain the right gauge.

Gauge: Stranded stockinette: 31 stitches per 10 cm.

NB!: Rounds are numbered by their place in the **CHART**.

Legend:

C1: colour 1 (olive)

C2: colour 2 (red)

C3: colour 3 (light purple)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 together

ks: kitchener stitch

m1: make 1

m1l: make 1 left

m1r: make 1 right

p: purl

PU-k: pick up and knit

ssk: slip knit wise, slip knit wise, knit together through back loop

Cuff:

To get distinct horizontal lines, knit all **k13** very tightly.

Round 1: Long-tail cast on, 48 stitches in C2

Rounds 2, 3:: *k1 C2, p1 C2* x24

Round 4: *k1 C2, k1 C3* x24

Rounds 5–20: C1 only

Round 5: k48

Round 6: *k1, p1* x3, **k13**, p1, *k1, p1* x5, **k13**, p1, *k1, p1* x2

Round 7, 8 & 9: *k1, p1* x24

Rounds 10 &11: like round 6

Rounds 12, 13 & 14: like round 7

Rounds 15 & 16: like round 6

Rounds 17, 18 & 19: like round 7

Round 22: *k1, p1, m1, k1, p1, k1, p1, m1, **k13**, m1, p1, k1, p1, m1, k1, p1* x2

You should now have 56 stitches.

*Permin Luna is supposedly DK, but it's unusually thin and non-elastic, making it suitable for fine needles.



Knitted in Permin Luna on 2mm needles

Mitten:

Knit stranded stockinette as shown in the main chart. Begin on round 22.

In rounds 33–51, keep knitting in the round according to the chart, but knit a thumb increase **instead of *k1 C1, k1 C3, k1 C1*** in columns 32–34 (outlined in green). This will produce a right mitten.

Thumb increase:

Knit as shown in the thumb chart.

After knitting round 51, put the 15 stitches from the thumb increase on hold and finish the main part of the mitten before knitting the thumb. Note the increase behind the thumb.

Increase behind thumb:

The increase is outlined in yellow. Long-tail cast on with both strands, twisting the strands to switch between colours. The colour codes given are for the loops, as the bottom strand won't show when the mitten is finished.

Round 52: cast on 2 in C1, cast on 1 in C3, cast on 2 in C1

Round 53: k2 C1, k1 C3, k2 C2

Round 54: k2tog C1, k1 C3, ssk C1

You should now be back at 56 stitches. Keep knitting the mitten as shown in the main chart. Finish by joining the front and back using kitchener stitch in C1.



For an unbroken line, cast on behind the thumb in two colours

Thumb:

Set up the thumb by picking up the C3 cast-on stitch + 4 C1 stitches on either side. Distribute the 9 new stitches + the 15 stitches on hold over 4 needles and knit according to the thumb chart. Bind off in kitchener stitch in C1.

Left mitten:

Like the right one, but make the thumb increase in columns 52–54 (outlined in green).

Finishing:

On the inside of the cuff, secure the stitches either side of every k13 by sewing a thin thread through the yarn with a sewing needle.

Weave in all ends.

Block if necessary. The mittens in the pictures are unblocked.



Securing the stitches



Leftover yarn,
unused mustard for reference

CHART

