



Christmas Townhouse Mittens

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These festive mittens are worked from the cuff up in stranded colourwork with two Latvian braids around the cuffs and a charming Amsterdam style townhouse design.



Abbreviations

BOR - Beginning of Round
CO - Cast On
MC - Main colour
BC - Background colour
st(s) - stitch(es)
rd(s) - round(s)
k - knit stitch
p - purl stitch
st st - Stockinette stitch
k2tog - knit two together
Ssk - slip slip knit
CDD - central double decrease

Materials

Yarn - Fingering/4ply weight yarn in two contrasting colours for the background colour and main colour. I've used Symfonie Terra yarns for the example in this pattern in the colours scarlet and jasmine.

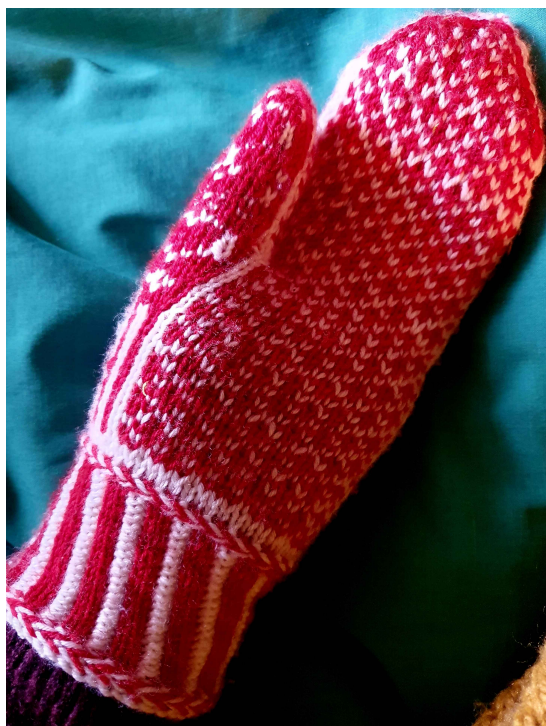
Yarn amounts - Background colour - 50g, main colour - 25g,

Needles - Circular needles in size US 1.5 (2.5mm) and US 2.5 (3mm) or size needed to obtain gauge.

Tools - 3 stitch markers, 1 stitch holder and a tapestry needle.

Gauge

32 sts x 33 rds for 4" (10cm) in st st stranded colourwork on larger needles after blocking





Sizing

These mittens are one size designed to fit a hand measuring 7" (18cm) in length and 9.5" (24cm) circumference at the widest part of the palm with up to 1" negative ease. If you need to make adjustments to the size you can use larger or smaller needles for a better fit.

Tips

Tension for Stranded Colourwork - Pay careful attention to your knitting tension as you may need to adjust to a looser knitting tension to

prevent your floats from becoming too tight which will make your work bunch together and lose its stretch. Keep the stitches on the right-hand needle spread out as you knit.

Yarn domination - When knitting stranded colorwork, hold the main color to the left and the background color to the right for optimal color dominance.

Catching floats - For better tension, you can catch the floats when working five stitches or more in a row in the same color.

Latvian Braids - As you work, you'll notice that the yarns are twisting around each other. This might be annoying for colorwork knitters who like to keep their strands untangled, but don't be tempted to untwist those strands! They will untangle themselves in the next round as you twist them in the opposite direction.



Instructions

CO 52 sts on the smaller needles in white. Place a stitch marker at BOR. You can use double pointed needles with the sts divided equally across 4 needles or on circular needles in a magic loop. Join the red yarn and work the Latvian Braid as follows.

Round 1 : *K1 BC, K1 MC; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2 : With MC and BC yarn in front *P1 with BC, bring MC strand under BC, purl 1 with MC, bring BC strand under MC; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 3 : *P1 with BC, bring MC strand over BC, P1 with MC, bring BC strand over MC; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 4 - 24 : *K2 red, P2 white; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 25 : *K1 red, K1 white; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 26 : With red and white yarn in front *P1 with red, bring white under red, purl 1 with white, bring red under white; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 27 : *P1 with red, bring white over red, P1 with white, bring red over white; repeat from * to end of round.

Switch to larger needles and knit 2 rounds in white. Work Chart A. when you have worked as far as the black squares in the diagram, work Chart C over these 3 stitches (place stitch markers on either side of Chart C if you need to).

Continue working according to Charts A and C (using lifted increase stitches in Chart C to make the increases). When you reach round 16 of Chart C place the increased stitches from Chart C on a stitch holder. On the next round cast on 3 stitches behind the stitches on the holder. You should now have 52 stitches on the round. Continue working Chart A over all stitches. When the diagram has been completed there are 8 stitches left on the round. Cut the strand, tack it through the stitches using a tapestry needle and fasten well.

Thumb

Place the 11 stitches from the stitch holder on double pointed needles size US 2.5 (3 mm) and start the round by picking up 9 stitches at the back of the thumb (pick up 2 stitches on each side and 5 stitches in the 3 cast-on stitches) you should have 20 sts. Work Chart C. When the diagram has been completed there are 4 stitches left on the round. Cut the strand, tack it through the stitches and fasten well.

Weave in the ends and block.

Repeat for the left mitten using Chart B where the thumb placement is on the opposite side.

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Chart A - Left Mitten

- MC
- BC
- No stitch
- ssk
- k2tog
- cdd

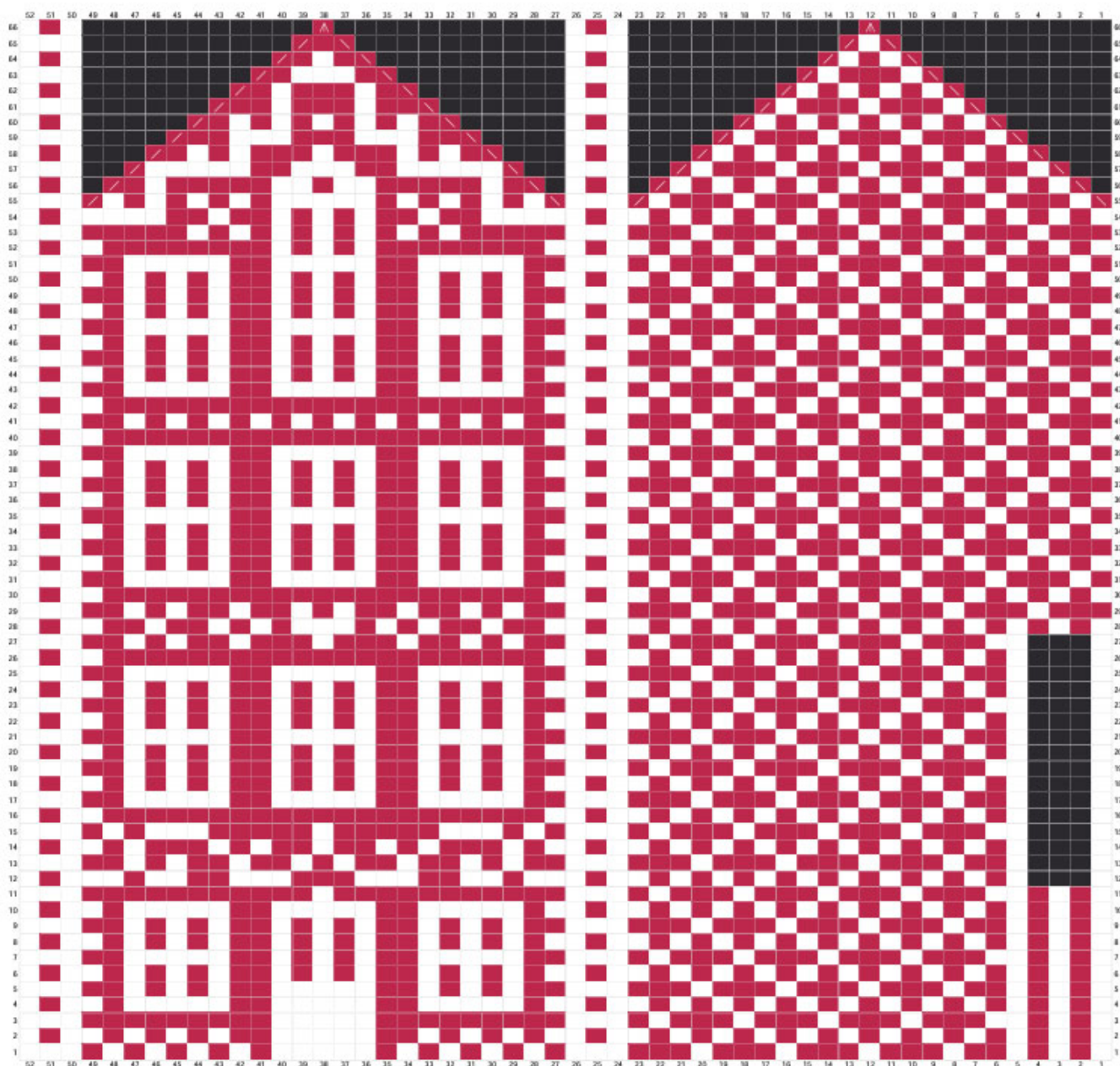


Chart B - Right Mitten

- MC
- BC
- No stitch
- ssk
- k2tog
- cdd

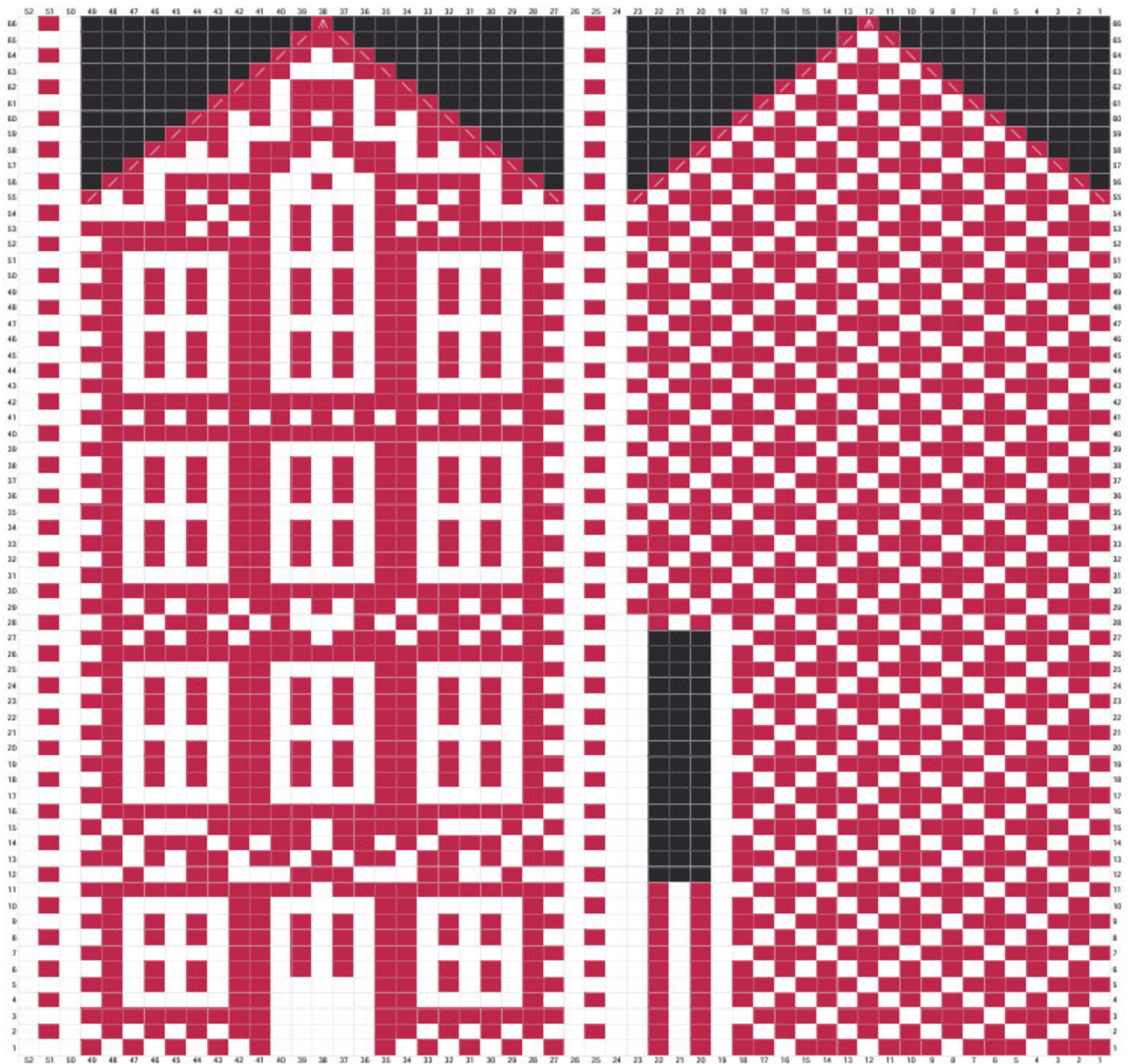


Chart C - Thumb

- MC
- BC
- No stitch
- ssk
- k2tog
- cdd

