

REVERSIBLE FAIRISLE MITTEN



YARN

[Louise Robert Design DK PURE](#) (90% super wash merino, 10% silk | 115g – 238 m; 260 yds) : two skeins in different colors. Illustrated in the colors **Parchemin (A)** and **Belle Brume (B)**.

NEEDLES

3.25mm (US #3) circular needles – cable a minimum of 80cm (32 inches) or the size required to obtain the gauge (circulars may be substituted with double-pointed needles depending on your preference)

ACCESSOIRES : Yarn of contrasting color, tapestry needle.

GAUGHT : 20 stitches and 34 rounds = 10 cm; 4 inches.

SIZE : One size adult. Hand final circumference : 20 cm (8 in). Total length : 25 cm (10 in)

SOME NOTES BEFORE YOU BEGIN

THE REVERSIBLE FAIRISLE

When knitting a project in reversible fairisle, both sides are knitted with the right side out. In this way, each side of the knit is in stockinette stitch and the color patterns are reversed from side to side.

For example: if you knit a white cat on a black background on the right side, on the other side of the knitting you will get a black cat on a white background. Thus, your knit becomes reversible and can be worn on both sides.

Knitting in reversible fairisle has several other advantages. In reversible fairisle, it is not necessary to keep the unused strand behind the stitches, use both yarns to knit all stitches of all rows (rounds). In addition, the reversible fairisle forms a thicker and warmer knit: perfect for accessories such as mittens or hats!

This pattern is not a complete tutorial on the technique of reversible fairisle but still includes the basic instructions to make a pair of reversible mittens.

THE GAUGE

The knitting does not react in the same way when knitting reversible fairisle. Make sure you check your gauge and take advantage of it to practice your reversible fairisle technique before you start "for real" 😊.

READING THE CHART

Since mittens are knitted in the round, the chart should read from right to left and from bottom to top. The chart shows us the outer face of the mitten while the inner face of the mitten does not appear on the chart.

A bit like the knitting "brioche", the stitches are knit by "pairs", for each stitch on the right side of the knitting, there is a stitch of opposite color on the back and this is how we we'll have to knit them. Take for example the first row of the chart that looks like this:



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Here is how this chart should be worked on your knitting:

Stitches identified by a + are visible on the **outside and are knit on the right side**. Stitches identified by a - are visible on the **inside and are purled**.



Do you feel confused? This may be the case at first but as the pattern begins to appear, it will become easier to grasp the logic of this technique.

HOW TO KNIT THE STITCH

When you knit a stitch on the right side, you must hold the two colored threads behind your work and you knit the stitch at the spot with the corresponding colored thread (in the example shown above, the first stitch is knit with the gray strand).

For each knit stitch you knit, you should purl the next stitch with the opposite color.

When you purl a stitch, bring back the two colored strands in the front of your work and purl this stitch with the opposite color (in the example shown above, after knitting a knit stitch with the gray strand on the right side, purl the next one with the white thread).

Personally, I like to hold both strands together by separating them with my index finger. In this way, I handle the two strands together behind and in front of the work and I knit with it up or down by manipulating the corresponding color with my index finger.

For a video tutorial showing how to double knit, [Click HERE](https://youtu.be/dpH2qSPS5GM)¹.

THE INCREASES

Before increasing a stitch, don't forget to position your two strands behind the work to increase a knit stitch and front to increase a purl stitch.

Increases: on the right side, insert the left needle tip under the strand between the stitch you have just knit and the next stitch and knit it

¹ <https://youtu.be/dpH2qSPS5GM>

² <https://youtu.be/3Z8B822SbHc>

by inserting the right needle in the back strand with its color respectively. Repeat the same operation on the reverse side but this time, purl the stitch.

For a video showing how to work this type of increase, [Click HERE](#)².

THE DECREASES

To decrease, slip the first stitch on the right needle by knitting it as if you want to knit. Then slip the next two stitches together at the same time, slipping them as if you wanted to knit them together. You now have three stitches on the right needle: set them one at a time on the left needle.

Thus, you now have two knit stitches placed side by side followed by two purl stitches side by side to make the proper decrease on the right side (by positioning the two strands behind first) and on the wrong side (bringing the two strands back together). beforehand).

For a video showing how to work a right slant decrease, [Click HERE](#)³ and for the left slant decrease, [Click HERE](#)⁴.

NOW, BEGIN

WRIST CUFF

Cast on 72 stitches, alternating 1 st with A and 1 st with B and join to knit in the round. I suggest the long tail cast-on in two colors but you can use the technique of your choice. [Click HERE](#)⁵ for a video showing this two color cast-on.

Knit rounds 1 to 20 of the chart.

HAND

On round 21, spread 16 sts as indicated on the chart (8 sts on the RS and 8 sts on the WS). You will now have 88 stitches in total. Continue to follow the chart until round 37.

PREPARING FOR THE THUMB OPENING

³ <https://youtu.be/nBaDz595QuE>

⁴ <https://youtu.be/VxJMdX2WJ1c>

⁵ <https://youtu.be/s3qd2miJuaE>

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On round 38, knit on the chart until you reach the thumb. Use a contrasting colored yarn to knit the sts of the thumb as follows: with the contrasting yarn, repeat [k1, p1] 8 times then place the last 16 stitches on the left needle and this time knit the stitches of the thumb with A on RS (and purl with B on WS). For a tutorial video of this step, [Click HERE](#)⁶.

Finish round 38 as normal and continue on the chart until round 82.

CLOSURE

This is where the outer and inner sides of the mitten separate: slip the first stitch with A on the right needle and use a piece of contrasting yarn and a tapestry needle to place the second stitch on the contrasting yarn. Repeat all the way until all the stitches with A and B are separated. Pour voir cette étape en vidéo, [Cliquez ICI](#)⁷.

Cut strand B leaving a sufficient tail to close the mitten. Secure the



B-stitch by attaching the contrasting yarn and insert the pieces inside the mitten (the B-stitches, the contrasting yarn and the remaining piece of yarn from B).

Now that you have separated the two sides of the mitten, use the grafting (kitchener stitch) method to close the 20 stitches on each other.

Return the inside of the

mitten to the outside, place the B stitches on the needles and close them in the same way using the grafting method.

Weave in strands A and B through the inside of the knit between side A and side B.

THUMB

Carefully remove the contrasting yarn and place the sts of the thumb on the needle for a total of 30 stitches: 8 stitches for A and 8 stitches for B (from round 38) and 7 stitches for A and 7 stitches for B which are in the fold of thumb. For a tutorial video on how to open the thumb, [Click HERE](#)⁸.

Repeat knitting in the round (if necessary, pick-up and knit 1 stitch of each color on both sides of the thumb to avoid the formation of a hole so as to obtain 34 stitches)

Continue following the thumb chart. When you have obtained the desired length of thumb, separate the stitches as you did at the end of the mitten, cut the yarn leaving a length of about 20 cm, pass the strand through the remaining stitches and pull firmly to close the thumb. Weave in the ends and repeat for the second mitten!

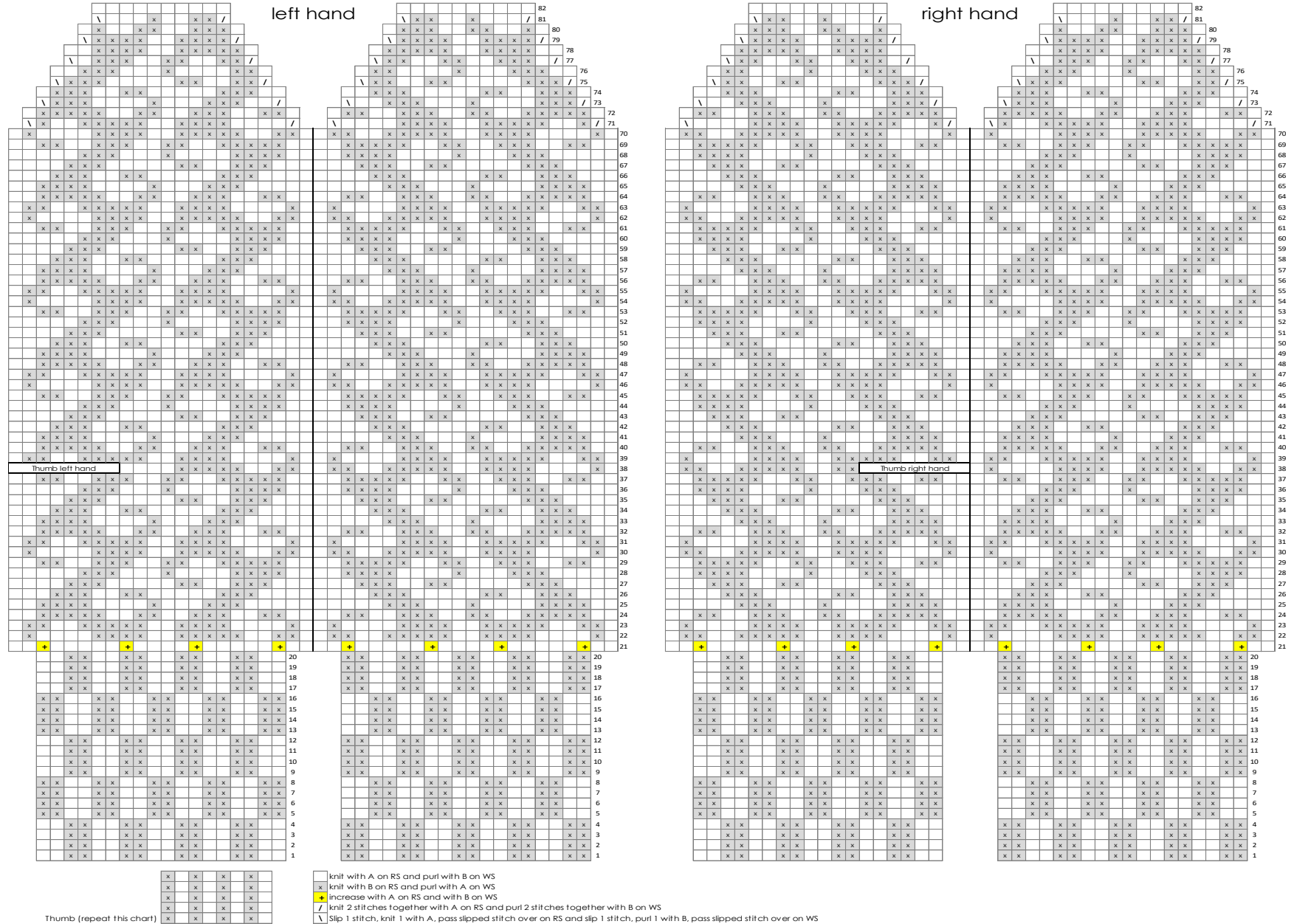
ABBREVIATIONS : **K** = knit, **P** = purl, **RS** = right side, **WS** = wrong side,

⁶ <https://youtu.be/S4elpZxtRi0>

⁷ <https://youtu.be/W1CqGCSB4CU>

⁸ <https://youtu.be/I4LrZ2Xo3HU>

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BLANK GRID : HAVE FUN !!

left hand

right hand

thumb left hand

thumb right hand

Thumb (repeat this chart)

x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x

[] knit with A on RS and purl with B on WS
 x knit with B on RS and purl with A on WS
 + increase with A on RS and with B on WS
 / knit 2 stitches together with A on RS and purl 2 stitches together with B on WS
 \ Slip 1 stitch, knit 1 with A, pass slipped stitch over on RS and slip 1 stitch, purl 1 with B, pass slipped stitch over on WS