

Hely

Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

Hely is a mitten pattern with a modified arched thumb gusset and a round, symmetrical tip. The easy stranded colourwork pattern serves as a transition from the first colour to the second.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Tukuwool Fingering (100 % wool; 400 m / 100 g)

Main colour (MC): 30-40 grams of brown (H32 nila colourway)

Contrast colour (CC): 15-25 grams of grey (02 humu colourway)

Any fingering weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

32 sts and 42 rows in stockinette with smaller needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

At least 80 cm / 32 inch long circular needles, 2.0 mm / US½ and 2.5 mm / US1½ (or suitable to obtain gauge).

The mittens can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.

OTHER SUPPLIES

stitch holders, safety pins or pieces of scrap yarn for holding the thumb sts

1 stitch marker



SIZES

There are instructions for sizes small (48 sts for the wrist and 54 sts for the hand), medium (56 sts for the wrist and 60 sts for the hand) and large (60 sts for the wrist and 66 sts for the hand), which are referred to in the instructions as S (M, L). If only one stitch count is given, it applies to all sizes. With the gauge given, sizes S (M, L) snuggly fit a hand circumference of approximately 17 (19, 20.5) cm / 6½ (7¾, 8½) inches.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. Please note that there are separate instructions for the right and left mittens. In the left mitten, the thumb gusset and palm are worked on needle 1, and the back of the hand is worked on needle 2. In the right mitten, the back of the hand is worked on needle 1, and the thumb gusset and palm are worked on needle 2.

Please note that the beginning of the round is slightly on the palm side of the mitten. The stitches are redistributed prior to the stranded colourwork and tip.

INSTRUCTIONS for the LEFT mitten

Cuff

With the main colour (MC) and smaller needles, CO 48 (56, 60) sts. Distribute the sts as follows: 24 (28, 28) sts onto needle 1 and 24 (28, 32) sts onto needle 2. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Work *k2, p2* ribbing for 26 (28, 30) rnds or to desired ribbing length.

Thumb gusset

Work a set-up rnd as follows for each size:

size S: On needle 1, k4, place marker, k8, M1R and knit to the end of the needle. On needle 2, k12, M1R and knit to the end of the needle. *There are now 25 sts on each needle.*

size M: On needle 1, k4, place marker and knit to the end of the round.

size L: On needle 1, k4, place marker, k11, M1R and knit to the end of the needle. On needle 2, k17, M1R and knit to the end of the needle. *There are now 29 sts on needle 1 and 33 sts on needle 2.*

Work the arched thumb gusset as follows:

rnd 1: Knit to the marker, M1R, sm and knit to the end of the rnd.

rnd 2: Knit, slipping the marker on the way.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 a total of 2 (3, 4) times, i.e., a total of 4 (6, 8) rnds. Then, repeat only rnd 1 a total of 14 (15, 16) times. *There are now 41 (46, 49) sts on needle 1 and 25 (28, 33) sts on needle 2.*

INSTRUCTIONS for the RIGHT mitten

Cuff

With the main colour (MC) and smaller needles, CO 48 (56, 60) sts. Distribute the sts as follows: 24 (28, 32) sts onto needle 1 and 24 (28, 28) sts onto needle 2. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Work *p2, k2* ribbing for 26 (28, 30) rnds or to desired ribbing length.

Thumb gusset

Work a set-up rnd as follows for each size:

size S: On needle 1, k12, M1L and knit to the end of the needle. On needle 2, k12, M1L, k8, place marker and knit to the end of the needle. *There are now 25 sts on each needle.*

size M: Knit the sts on needle 1. On needle 2, k24, place marker and knit to the end of the needle.

size L: On needle 1, k15, M1L and knit to the end of the needle. On needle 2, k13, M1L, k11, place marker and knit to the end of the needle. *There are now 33 sts on needle 1 and 29 sts on needle 2.*

Work the arched thumb gusset as follows:

rnd 1: Knit to the marker, sm, M1L, and knit to the end of the rnd.

rnd 2: Knit, slipping the marker on the way.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 a total of 2 (3, 4) times, i.e., a total of 4 (6, 8) rnds. Then, repeat only rnd 1 a total of 14 (15, 16) times. *There are now 25 (28, 33) sts on needle 1 and 41 (46, 49) sts on needle 2.*

INSTRUCTIONS for the LEFT mitten

Hand

Knit to the marker, rm. Slip the next 16 (18, 20) sts onto a stitch holder, safety pin or a piece of scrap yarn. With the backwards loop CO technique, CO 4 sts onto the right hand needle. Then, knit the next 3 (4, 5) sts on the left hand needle onto the right hand needle (i.e., needle 1). Slip the remaining 2 (2, 0) sts on the left hand needle onto needle 2. Knit the sts on needle 2. *There are now 27 (30, 33) sts on each needle.*

Knit 4 (6, 8) rnds or until ready to start the stranded colourwork.

Switch to larger needles if desired and attach the contrast colour (CC). Work chart A, rows 1-17. *Each chart row is repeated 9 (10, 11) times in each round.*

Cut MC and switch to smaller needles if desired. Work in stockinette stitch until work measures approximately 3 (4, 5) cm / 1½ (1¾, 2) inches less than the desired final length.

Chart A

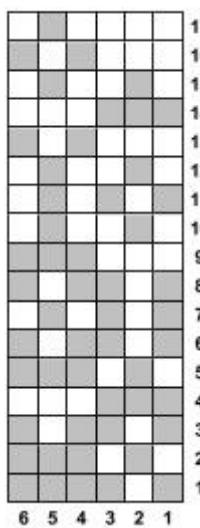


Chart key

	MC
	cc

INSTRUCTIONS for the RIGHT mitten

Hand

Knit the sts on needle 1. Knit the first 2 (2, 0) sts on needle 2 and slip them onto needle 1. On needle 2, k3 (k4, k5). Slip the next 16 (18, 20) sts onto a stitch holder, safety pin or a piece of scrap yarn, rm. With the backwards loop CO technique, CO 4 sts onto the right hand needle. Then, knit the remaining 20 (22 24) sts on the left hand needle onto the right hand needle (i.e., needle 2). *There are now 27 (30, 33) sts on each needle.*

Knit 4 (6, 8) rnds or until ready to start the stranded colourwork.

Switch to larger needles if desired and attach the contrast colour (CC). Work chart A, rows 1-17. *Each chart row is repeated 9 (10, 11) times in each round.*

Cut MC and switch to smaller needles if desired. Work in stockinette stitch until work measures approximately 3 (4, 5) cm / 1½ (1¾, 2) inches less than the desired final length.



Sample pair with reversed colours.

INSTRUCTIONS for the **LEFT** mitten

Tip

Work the tip decreases as follows for each size:

size S

rnd 1: 6 times *ssk, k7* (48 sts)

rnds 2-4 (i.e., 3 rnds): Knit.

rnd 5: 6 times *ssk, k6* (42 sts)

rnds 6-7 (i.e., 2 rnds): Knit.

rnd 8: 6 times *ssk, k5* (36 sts)

rnd 9: Knit.

rnd 10: 6 times *ssk, k4* (30 sts)

rnd 11: 6 times *ssk, k3* (24 sts)

rnd 12: 6 times *ssk, k2* (18 sts)

rnd 13: 6 times *ssk, k1* (12 sts)

size M:

rnd 1: 6 times *ssk, k8* (54 sts)

rnds 2-5 (i.e., 4 rnds): Knit.

rnds 6-18: Work according to size S, rnds 1-13.

size L:

rnd 1: 6 times *ssk, k9* (60 sts)

rnds 2-5 (i.e., 4 rnds): Knit

rnd 6: 6 times *ssk, k8* (54 sts)

rnds 7-9 (i.e., 3 rnds): Knit.

rnds 10-22: Work according to size S, rnds 1-13.

Cut the yarn and pull through the remaining 12 sts twice. Fasten tight.

INSTRUCTIONS for the **RIGHT** mitten

Tip

Work the tip decreases as follows for each size:

size S

rnd 1: 6 times *k7, k2tog* (48 sts)

rnds 2-4 (i.e., 3 rnds): Knit.

rnd 5: 6 times *k6, k2tog* (42 sts)

rnds 6-7 (i.e., 2 rnds): Knit.

rnd 8: 6 times *k5, k2tog* (36 sts)

rnd 9: Knit.

rnd 10: 6 times *k4, k2tog* (30 sts)

rnd 11: 6 times *k3, k2tog* (24 sts)

rnd 12: 6 times *k2, k2tog* (18 sts)

rnd 13: 6 times *k1, k2tog* (12 sts)

size M:

rnd 1: 6 times *k8, k2tog* (54 sts)

rnds 2-5 (i.e., 4 rnds): Knit.

rnds 6-18: Work according to size S, rnds 1-13.

size L:

rnd 1: 6 times *k9, k2tog* (60 sts)

rnds 2-5 (i.e., 4 rnds): Knit

rnd 6: 6 times *k8, k2tog* (54 sts)

rnds 7-9 (i.e., 3 rnds): Knit.

rnds 10-22: Work according to size S, rnds 1-13.

Cut the yarn and pull through the remaining 12 sts twice. Fasten tight.

INSTRUCTIONS for BOTH mittens

Thumb

Using smaller needles, distribute the sts left on hold for the thumb evenly onto needle 1 and 2. Along the upper part of the thumb opening, pick up 3 sts onto each needle. *There are now 11 (12, 13) sts on each needle.*

Attach MC and work in stockinette stitch until the tip of the thumb is almost covered.

Work the thumb tip decreases for each size as follows:

size S:

rnd 1: K6, k2tog, knit to the end of the rnd.
(21 sts)

rnd 2: 3 times *k5, k2tog* (18 sts)

rnd 3: 3 times *k4, k2tog* (15 sts)

rnd 4: 3 times *k3, k2tog* (12 sts)

rnd 5: 3 times *k2, k2tog* (9 sts)

rnd 6: 3 times *k1, k2tog* (6 sts)

size M:

rnd 1: 3 times *k6, k2tog* (21 sts)

rnds 2-6: Work according to size S, rnds 2-6.

size L:

rnd 1: K7, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k8 (24 sts).

rnd 2: 3 times *k6, k2tog* (21 sts)

rnds 3-7: Work according to size S, rnds 2-6.

Cut the yarn and pull through the remaining 6 sts twice. Fasten tight.

FINISHING

Soak the mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens inside a towel. Stretch to desired measures and let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in the ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

CC – contrast colour

CO – cast on

dplns – double pointed needles

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 sts together

MC – main colour

M1L – make 1 st leaning left

M1R – make 1 st leaning right

p – purl

rm – remove marker

rnd(s) – round(s)

sm – slip marker

ssk – slip, slip, knit

st(s) – stitch(es)

TECHNICAL TIPS

Backwards loop CO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojOU7Bco4dM>

M1L:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdzAsvl9_sc

M1R:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz40VVS_wL5A

The Empress Mittens

Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu
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The Empress Mittens were designed to match The Emperor's Bride socks. As the whole knitting world seems to be full of stranded colourwork mitten patterns for people with long fingers, I wanted to create a design for us with shorter fingers and preference for snugger fit.

This is a revised and slightly extended version of the original pattern first published in 2016. The design was originally named 'Keisarinna' in Finnish.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Main colour (MC): CaMaRose Yaku 4/16 (100% merino; 50 g / 200 m), 30-40 grams of grey

Contrast colour (CC): DROPS Fabel (75% wool, 25% nylon; 50 g / 205 m), 30-40 grams of white

Any fingering weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

38 sts and 38 rows in stranded colourwork with larger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

2.0 mm / US0 and 2.5 mm / US1½ (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long.

Mittens can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.



OTHER SUPPLIES

Supplies for provisional cast-on

A spare circular needle for picking up stitches along provisional cast-on edge (if not already used in provisional cast-on)

A piece of scrap yarn for working the thumb openings

Size

There are two length options (short and regular), which are referred to in the instructions as S (R). The length of the mitten, measured from the thumb opening to the tip, is approximately 13 (15.5) cm / 5 (6) inches.

With the stated gauge the mittens fit a hand circumference of approximately 19 cm / 7½ inches snugly.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. There are separate charts for left and right mitten and sizes S (R). If only one instruction is given, it applies to both sizes.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

With the provisional cast-on technique of your choice and MC, cast on 60 sts using smaller needles. Distribute sts evenly across needle 1 and needle 2. Join to begin working in the round being careful not to twist.

Knit 8 rounds, purl one round and finally, knit 8 rounds.

Undo provisional cast-on (if necessary) and pick up 60 sts along the cast-on edge onto a spare needle. Fold work in half along the purl row, leaving stockinette facing out. Knit each stitch on the outside needle together with the corresponding stitch on the inside needle, thus creating a folded hem.

Switch to larger needles if desired. Attach CC and work chart A, rows 1-19. Each chart row is worked three times in the round. *CC is the recommended dominant colour in chart A.*

Hand and tip

MC is the recommended the dominant colour in charts B1 (C1) and B2 (C2).

Redistribute stitches as follows: the first 24 sts of the round onto needle 1 (*i.e. the palm*) and the last 36 sts of the round onto needle 2 (*i.e. the back of the hand*).

Work according to chart B1 (C1) for the right mitten or chart B2 (C2) for the left mitten until you have finished chart row 22. On row 23, work first 2 sts for the right mitten or the first 20 sts for the left mitten according to the appropriate chart. Next, take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 13 sts (*i.e. the thumb gusset sts*) with the scrap yarn. Slip those 13 sts back onto the left-hand needle and finish row 23 of the appropriate chart.

Finish chart B1 (C1) for the right mitten or chart B2 (C2) for the left mitten. Cut both yarns, leaving a longer end for CC. Graft the stitches on needle 1 and needle 2 with CC.

Thumb

MC is the recommended dominant colour in charts D1 and D2.

Pick up 13 sts beneath the scrap yarn sts onto needle 1 and 13 sts above the scrap yarn stitches onto needle 2. Undo the scrap yarn and pick up two extra stitches on each side of the thumb opening. *There are now 30 sts for the thumb.*

Distribute stitches so that the first MC stitch of the thumb gusset is the **second** stitch of needle 1 to align the thumb gusset and thumb patterns.

Work the thumb in the round, starting at the beginning of needle 1. Work thumb for the right mitten according to chart D1 and for the left mitten according to chart D2 as follows: repeat rnd 1 until thumb measures approximately 5.5 cm / 2¼ inches less than the desired final length and then, work rnds 2-25. Cut yarns and pull the yarns through the remaining 6 sts twice.

FINISHING

Soak the mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens in a towel. Let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

CC – contrast colour
dpls – double pointed needles
k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 sts together
MC – main colour
M1L – make 1 left
M1R – make 1 right
p – purl
pss0 – pass the slipped stitch over
rnd(s) – round(s)
sk2p – sl1 knitwise, k2tog, pss0
sl – slip
ssk – slip, slip, knit
st(s) – stitch(es)



Chart A (cuff, both sizes)

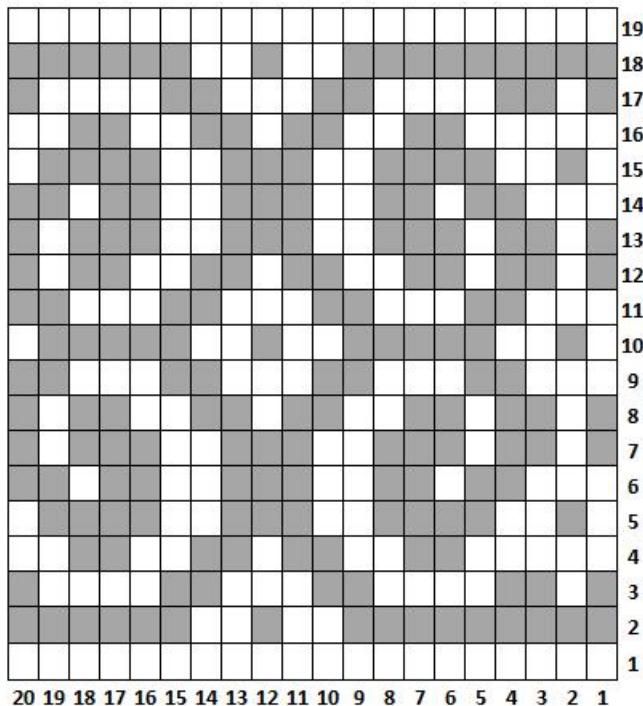


Chart key

	MC
	CC
	M1L
	M1R
	ssk
	k2tog
	sk2p

Chart B1 (right mitten, size S)

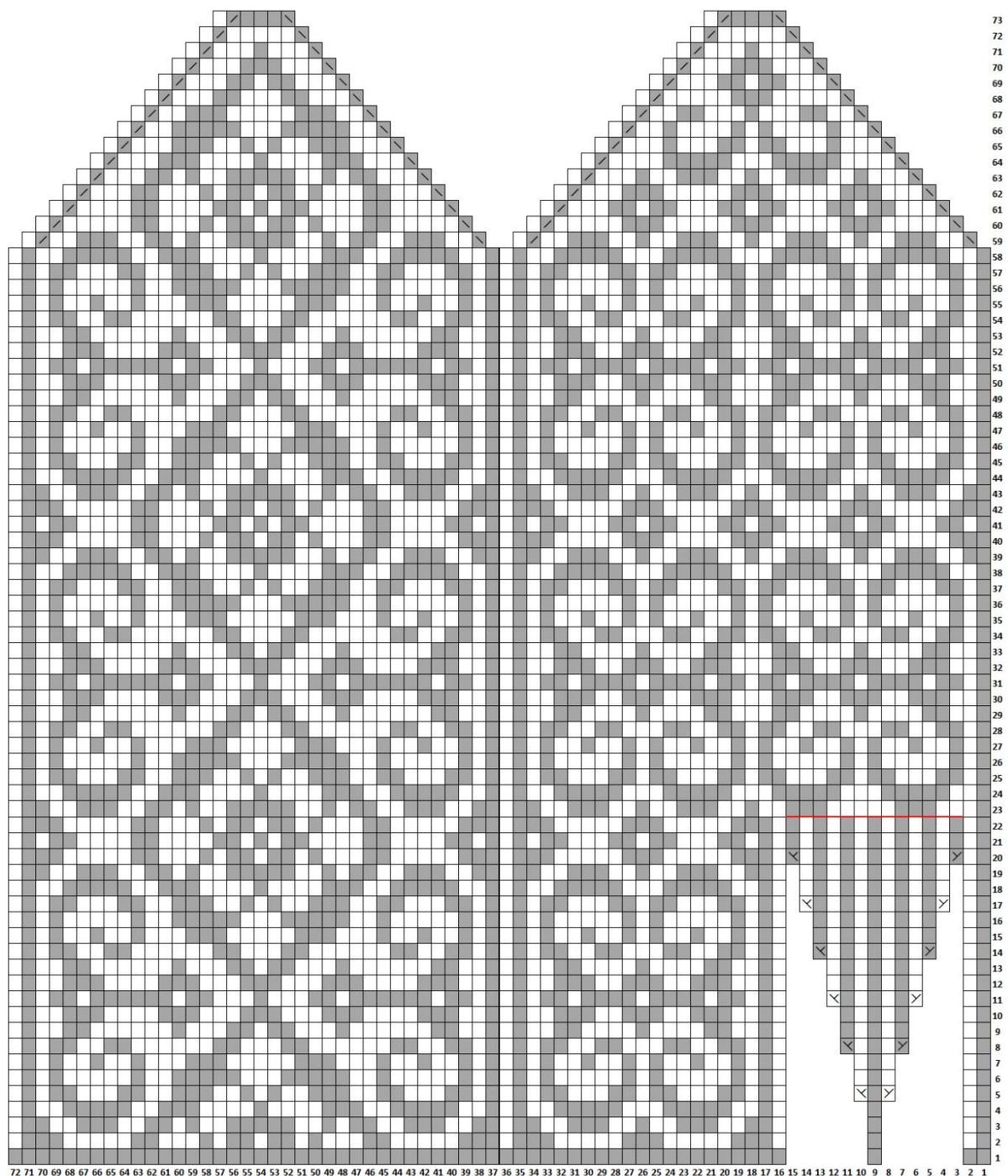


Chart B2 (left mitten, size S)

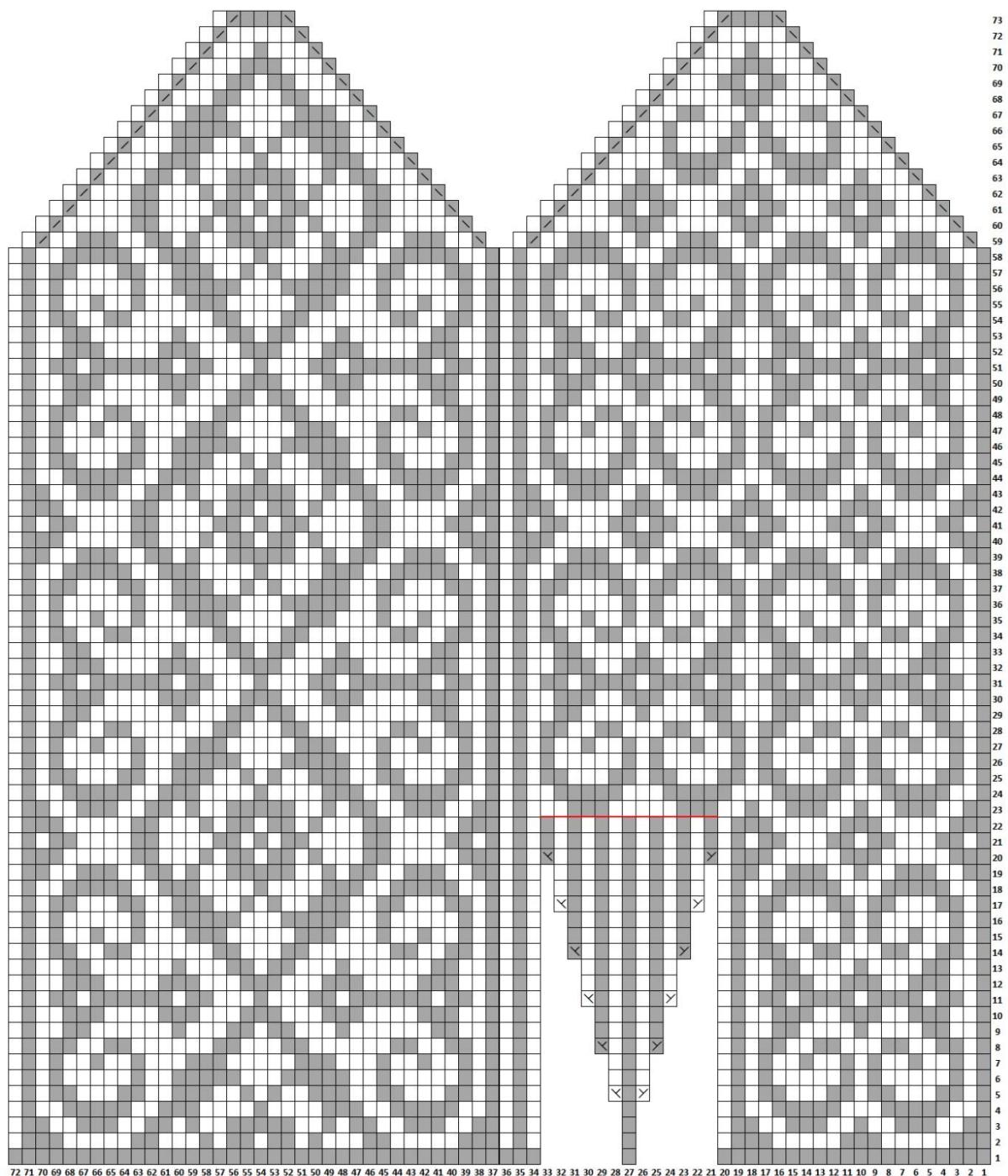


Chart C1 (right mitten, size R)

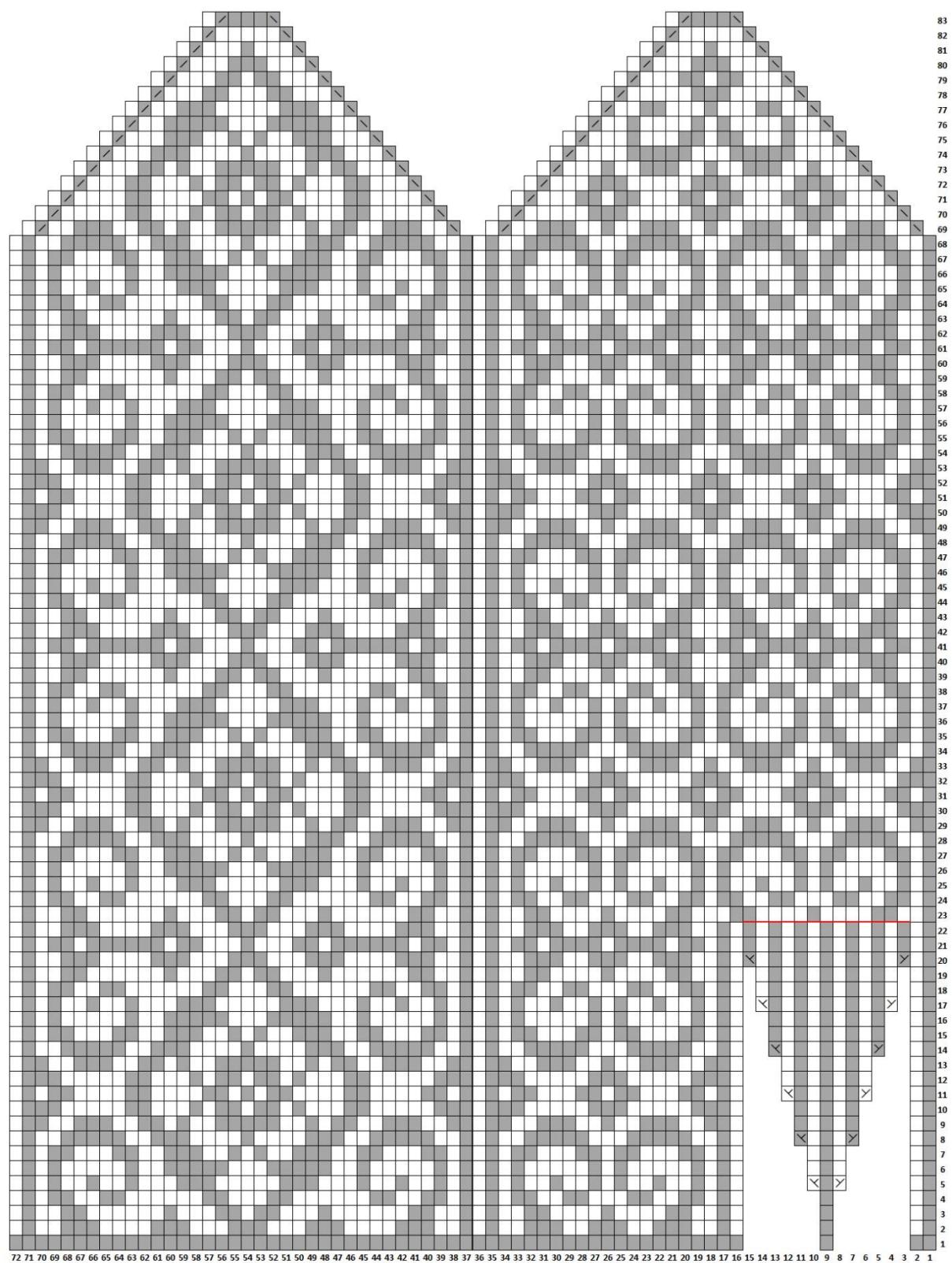


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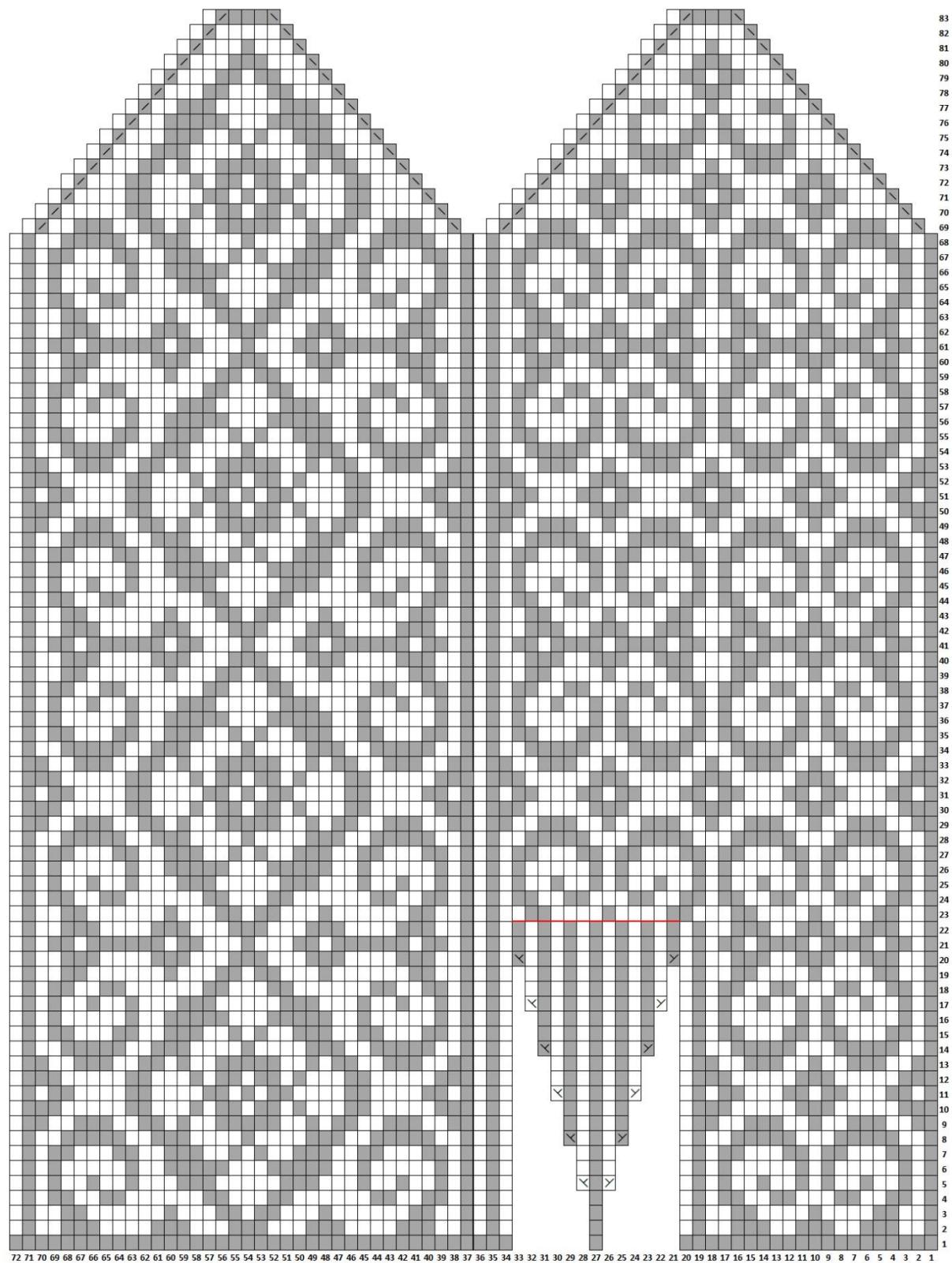


Chart D1 (right thumb, both sizes)

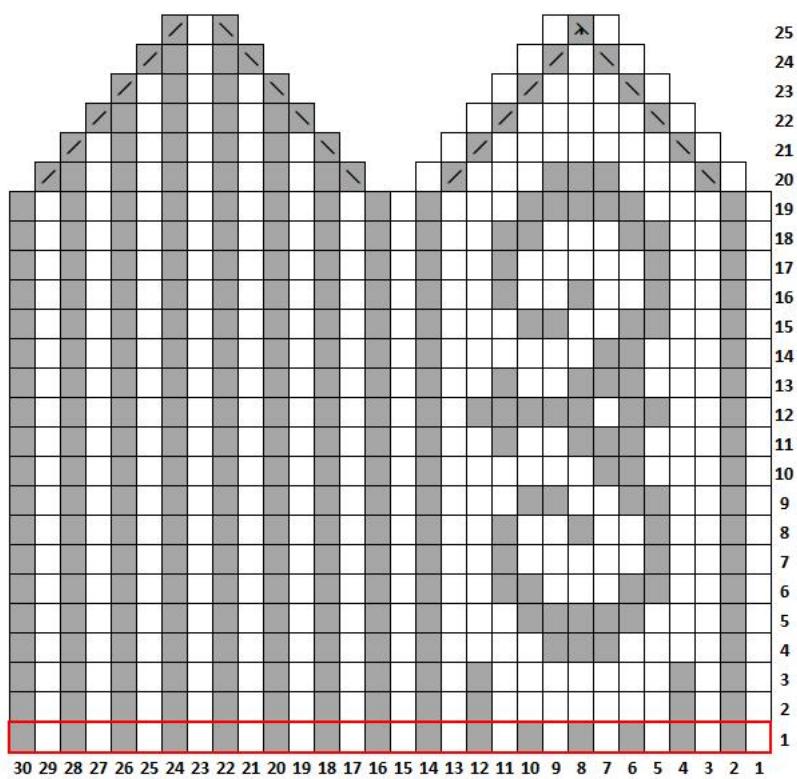
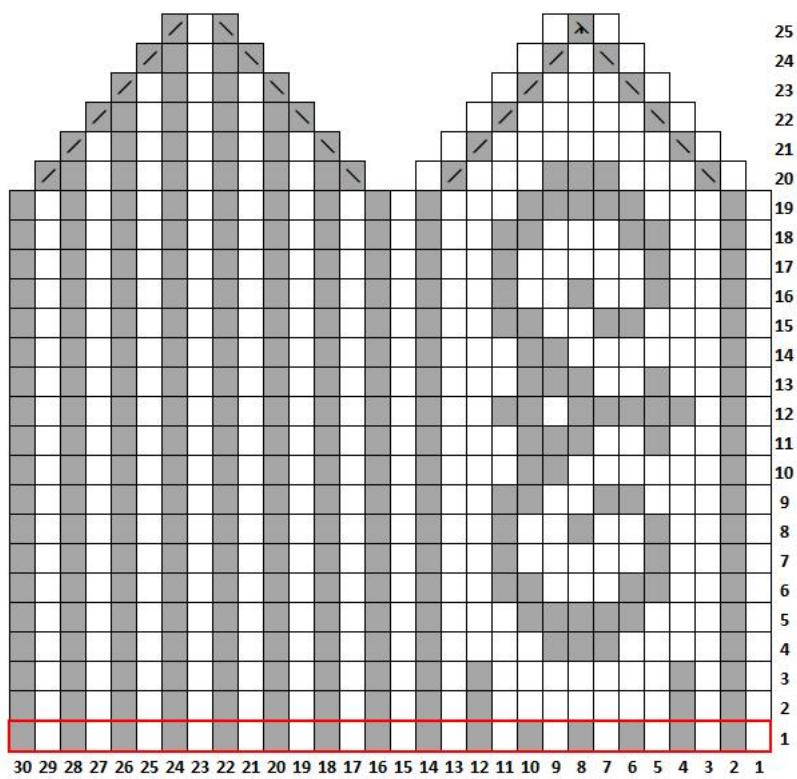


Chart D2 (left thumb, both sizes)



Garden Dreams Mittens

Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

The Garden Dreams Mittens design was inspired by Augusta Abrahamsson's cross stitch patterns. This mitten pattern has been designed for those of us who have relatively short fingers.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Main colour (MC): Kraft Hand-Dyed BFL Sock (75 % wool, 25 % nylon; 400 m / 100 g), 40-45 grams of dark grey (Scorzonera colourway)

Contrast colour (CC): Lola-Doodle's Pure Sock (80 % merino, 20 % nylon; 366 m / 100 g), 25-30 grams of light green (Sweet Pea colourway)

Any other fingering weight yarn can be used. The delicate figures of the stranded colourwork best show in solid or semisolid colours with distinct contrast.

GAUGE

38 sts and 38 rows in stranded colourwork with larger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

2.25 mm / US1 and 2.5 mm / US1½ (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long

a spare circular needle, size 2.25 mm / US1 or smaller for picking up stitches along the provisional cast on edge

The mittens can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.



OTHER SUPPLIES

pieces of scrap yarn for thumb openings

supplies for provisional cast-on (the supplies needed depend on the technique chosen; for example, a crochet hook slightly larger than the needles chosen and some scrap yarn)

SIZE

There is only one size available. With the recommended gauge, the mittens snuggly fit hand circumference of approximately 19 cm / 7½ inches. The size of the mitten can be changed by changing the gauge.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The palm is knitted on needle 1 and the back of the hand is knitted on needle 2.

Please note that in the charts MC is light and CC is dark unlike in the sample mittens in the photos.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

With MC and smaller needles, cast on 60 sts using the provisional cast-on method of your choice. Distribute sts evenly across needle 1 and needle 2. *There are now 30 sts on each needle.* Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

With MC, knit 7 rnds, purl 1 rnd and knit 8 rnds.

Undo provisional cast-on if necessary and pick up 60 sts along the cast-on edge onto a spare circular needle. Fold work in half along the purl row, leaving stockinette facing out. Knit each stitch on the outside needle together with the corresponding stitch on the inside needle, thus creating a folded hem.

Switch to larger needles if preferred and attach CC. *K1 with MC, k1 with CC*, repeat * - * to the end of the round.

Work a left leaning Latvian braid (right mitten) or a right leaning Latvian braid (left mitten) as follows:

left leaning Latvian braid:

rnd 1: Bring both working yarns in front. P1 with MC. *Pick up CC yarn **over** MC yarn and p1 with CC. Pick up MC yarn **over** CC yarn and p1 with MC.* Repeat * - * to the end of the round. *The yarns get twisted around each other in front of the work, leaving working yarns twisted. Do not untwist the yarns but continue working the second round of the braid.*

rnd 2: Keep the working yarns in front. P1 with MC. *Pick up CC yarn **under** MC yarn and p1 with CC. Pick up MC yarn **under** CC yarn and p1 with MC.* Repeat * - * to the end of the round. *The yarns get twisted in opposite direction in front of the work, untwisting the working yarns. The two rounds of twisted yarns create a left leaning Latvian braid.*

right leaning Latvian braid: work as described for the left leaning Latvian braid but work rnd 2 first and rnd 1 second.

Knit two rounds with MC.

Next, work according to chart A1 (right mitten) or A2 (left mitten), rows 1-13. *Each chart A row is repeated three times in each round.*

Knit two rounds with MC.

Then, *k1 with MC, k1 with CC*, repeat * - * to the end of the round. Work a left leaning Latvian braid (right mitten) or a right leaning Latvian braid (left mitten) as described.

Finally, knit two rounds with MC and one round with CC.

HAND AND TIP

Redistribute the sts as follows: the first 24 sts of the rnd onto needle 1 (*i.e., the palm*) and the last 36 sts of the rnd onto needle 2 (*i.e., the hand back*).

Work according to chart B1 (right mitten) or B2 (left mitten) until you have finished chart B1/B2, row 24. *Please note that on row 1 of chart B1/B2 you work with MC only.*

On row 25 of chart B1/B2, work the first stitch (right mitten) or the first 21 sts (left mitten) for the appropriate row of chart B1 (right mitten) or chart B2 (left mitten). Then, take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 13 sts (*i.e., the thumb gusset sts*) with the scrap yarn. Slip the thumb gusset sts back onto the left-hand needle and finish row 25 according to chart B1 (right mitten) or chart B2 (left mitten).

Work rows 26-75 of chart B1 (right mitten) or B2 (left mitten). Cut both yarns and pull through the remaining stitches twice.

THUMB

Pick up 13 sts both below and above the scrap yarn stitches for the thumb. Undo the scrap yarn and pick up one extra stitch on each side of the thumb opening onto needle 1 (*i.e., the front side of the thumb*) and one extra stitch on each side of the thumb opening onto the needle 2 (*i.e., the back side of the thumb*).

There are now 15 sts on each needle. The BOR is at the beginning of needle 1.

Work the thumb in the round according to chart C for both mittens. *Please note that the decreases begin on row 19 on needle 1 (the front of the thumb) but on row 20 on needle 2 (the back of the thumb).* After finishing chart C, cut yarns and pull through the remaining stitches twice.

FINISHING

Soak the mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens inside a towel. Let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in ends.



ABBREVIATIONS

CC – contrast colour
k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 sts together
MC – main colour
M1L – make one stitch leaning left
M1R – make one stitch leaning right
p – purl
sl – slip
ssk – slip, slip, knit
st(s) – stitch(es)
wyib – with yarn in back

Chart A1 (wrist, right mitten)

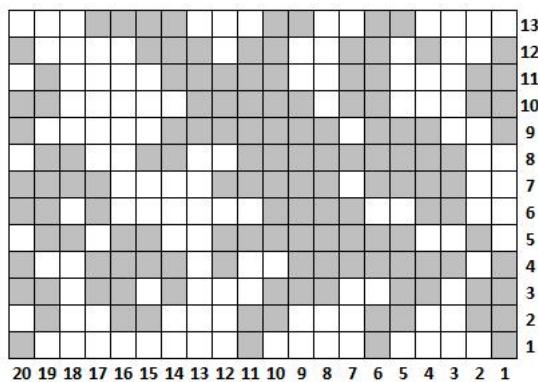


Chart A2 (wrist, left mitten)

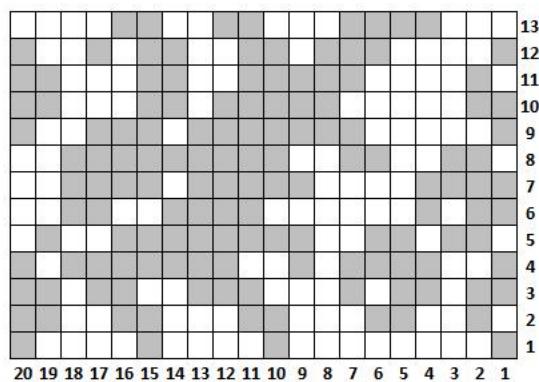


Chart C (thumb, both mittens)

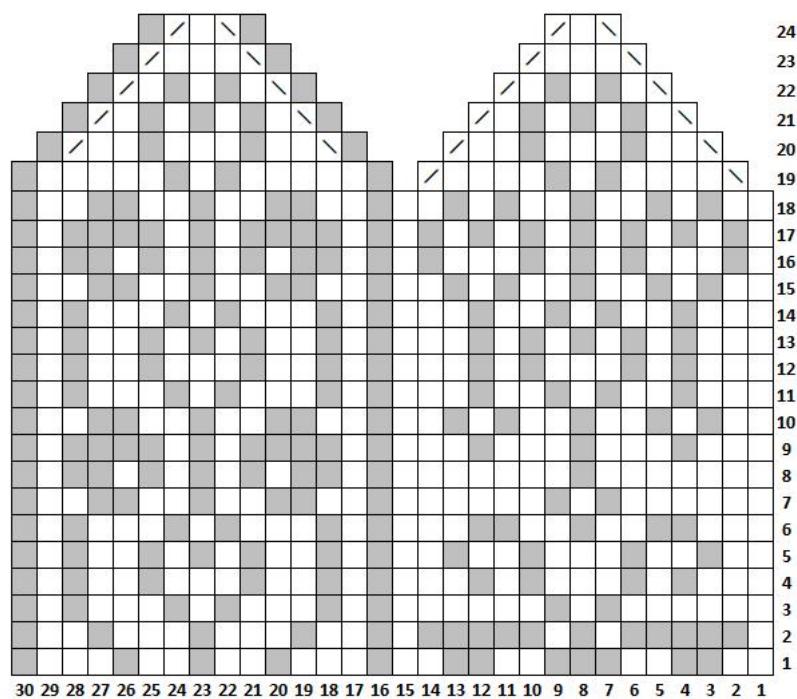


Chart key

MC
CC
▼ sl CC st wyib
↙ M1L
↘ M1R
↖ k2tog
↖ ssk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Chart B1 (right mitten)

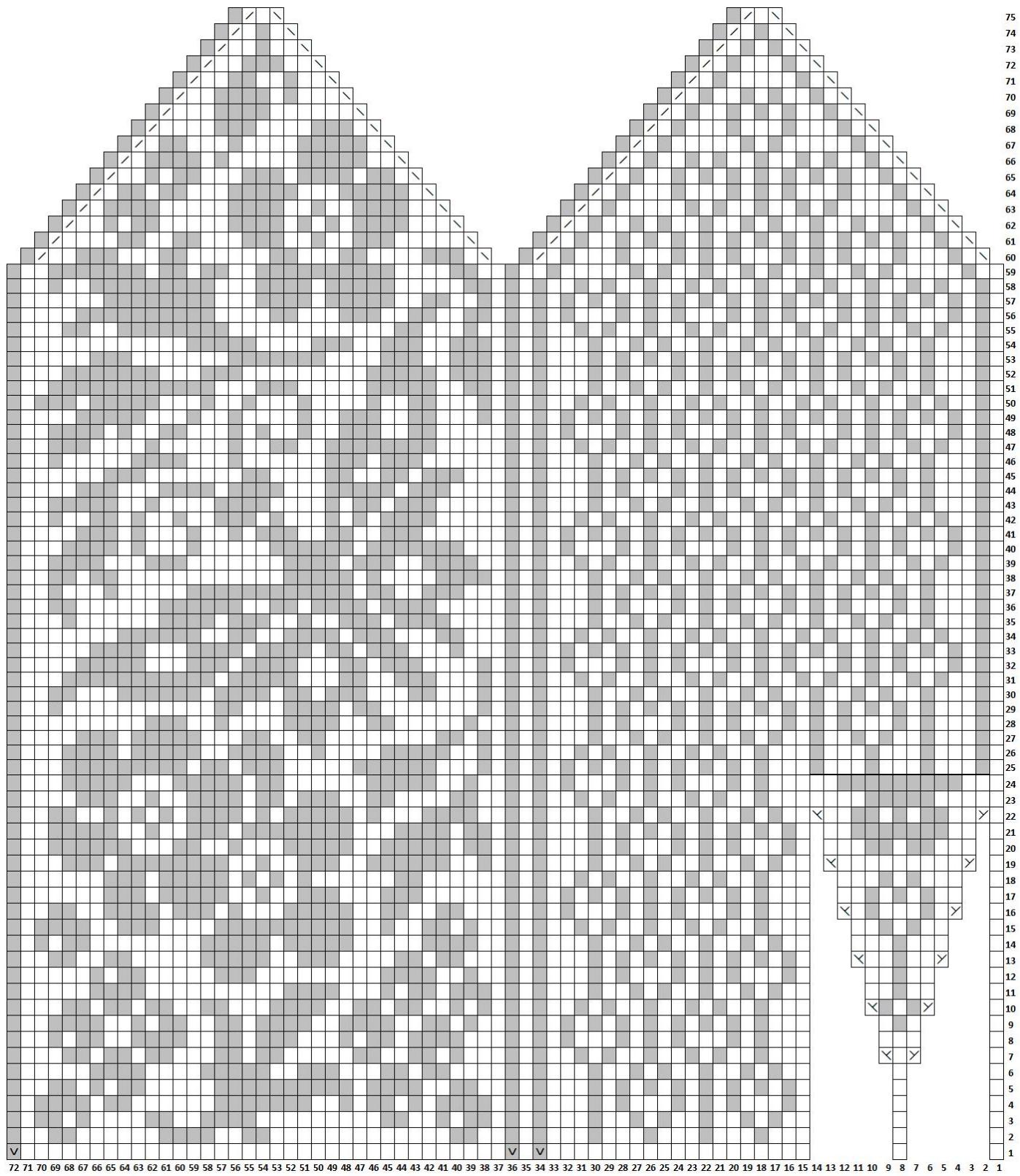
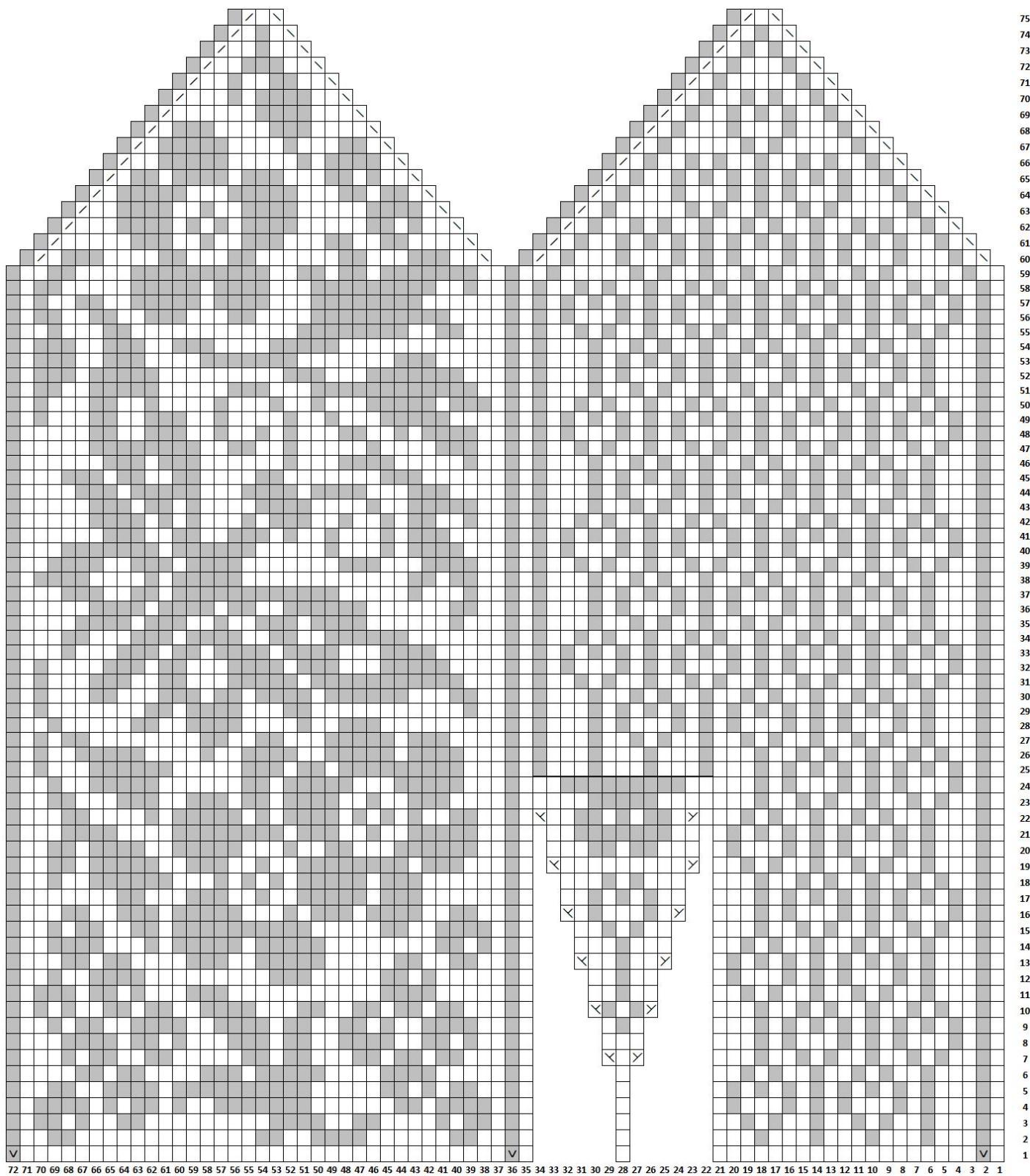


Chart B2 (left mitten)



Herttuatar

Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

The Herttuatar mittens were designed to match the Valtiatar socks. The mittens are knitted top down, thus enabling free placement of the thumb opening without disturbing the stranded colourwork pattern in the tip. Herttuatar is Finnish and translates as 'duchess' in English.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Main colour (MC): Regia 4-fädig (75% wool, 25% nylon; 420 m / 100 g), 35 grams of white

Contrast colour (CC): Opal 4 fach (75% wool, 25% nylon; 420 m / 100 g), 25 grams of green

Any other fingering weight yarns can be used. The delicate figures of the stranded colourwork show best in solid or semisolid colours and distinct contrast.

GAUGE

36 sts and 36 rows in stranded colourwork with larger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

2.0 mm / US1 and 2.5 mm / US1.5 (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long.

Mittens can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.

OTHER SUPPLIES

a piece of scrap yarn for working thumb openings



SIZE

There is only one size available. With the recommended gauge, the mittens fit hand circumference of approximately 19 cm / 7½ inches. The width of the mitten can be changed only by changing the gauge. The length of the mitten is easy to adjust as per pattern.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully.

There are longish CC floats on both sides of the mitten tip (chart A and B, rows 3-14). It's strongly recommended to use the ladderback jacquard technique to carry and tie CC at the end of needle 1 and needle 2. For that, work an extra yo with MC at the end of needle 2 on rnd 2 and at the end of needle 1 on rnd 3. On the following rnd, use the yo to create the ladderback stitch for carrying CC.

Please note that chart C/D (i.e. the thumb gusset for right and left mitten, respectively) replaces roughly half of chart B.

INSTRUCTIONS

With MC and smaller needles, cast on a total of 20 sts using Turkish or any other top-down cast-on method of your choice. *There are now 10 sts on each needle.*

Knit one rnd.

Work sts on needle 1 according to chart A and sts on needle 2 according to chart B. On row 3 switch to larger needles and attach CC on needle 2. Work chart A and B, rows 1-39 once and then repeat rows 16-39.

Try on your work frequently to define the right position for the thumb opening. When you reach the thumb crotch, work as follows:

Right hand mitten: Work sts on needle 1 according to appropriate row of chart A. Work sts 1-19 on needle 2 according to appropriate row of chart B. Work sts 20-21 according to sts 20-21 of chart C, row 1. Take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 13 sts with the scrap yarn. Slip the scrap yarn stitches back to left hand needle and work according to sts 22-36 of chart C, row 1 to the end of needle 2. On following rnds knit sts 1-19 on needle 2 according to appropriate rows of chart B and sts 20-36 according to chart C, which creates the thumb gusset. Continue working the sts on needle 1 according to appropriate rows of chart A. After finishing chart C you can repeat row 21 of chart C as long as you reach a nice point of finishing chart A (I'd prefer ending with row 16, 26, 27 or 39 of chart A).

Left hand mitten: Work sts on needle 1 according to appropriate row of chart A. Work sts 1-3 on needle 2 according to sts 1-3 of chart D, row 1. Take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 13 sts with the scrap yarn. Slip the scrap yarn stitches back to left hand needle and work according to sts 4-18 of chart D, row 1. Work sts 19-36 according to appropriate row of chart B. On following rnds knit sts 1-18 on needle 2 according to appropriate rows of chart D, which creates the thumb gusset, and sts 19-36 according to appropriate rows of chart B. Continue working the sts on needle 1 according to appropriate rows of chart A. After finishing chart D repeat row 21 of chart D to the same length as in the right mitten.

Wrist band

Work according to chart E (right hand mitten) or chart F (left hand mitten). Charts E and F are repeated 5 times in each rnd. *Should you prefer a shorter wrist band, you can omit either rnds 5-11 or rnds 11-17 of chart E/F. Work rnds 1-4 and 18-26 with smaller needles if preferred.* Bind off.

Thumb

Please note that there are two length options for the thumb: chart G1 for a shorter thumb and chart G2 for a longer thumb.

Pick up 13 sts both beneath and above the scrap yarn stitches for the thumb. Undo the scrap yarn and pick up 3 more stitches on each side of the thumb opening (i.e. a total of 32 sts for the thumb). Check chart G1/G2 and distribute the stitches so that you can nicely align the thumb pattern with the thumb gusset pattern. *Try to align chart G1/G2, sts 1 and 15 with the CC side lines of the thumb gusset (sts 21 and 35 of chart C; sts 3 and 17 of chart D).* Work thumbs according to chart G1 for a shorter thumb or chart G2 for a longer thumb. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Finishing

Soak the mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens in a towel. Let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

CC – contrast colour
k – knit
kfb – knit front and back loop
k2tog – knit 2 sts together
k3tog – knit 3 sts together
MC – main colour
p – purl
rnd(s) – round(s)
ssk – slip, slip, knit
sssk – slip, slip, slip, knit
st(s) – stitch(es)

Chart key



chart B (palm, needle 2)

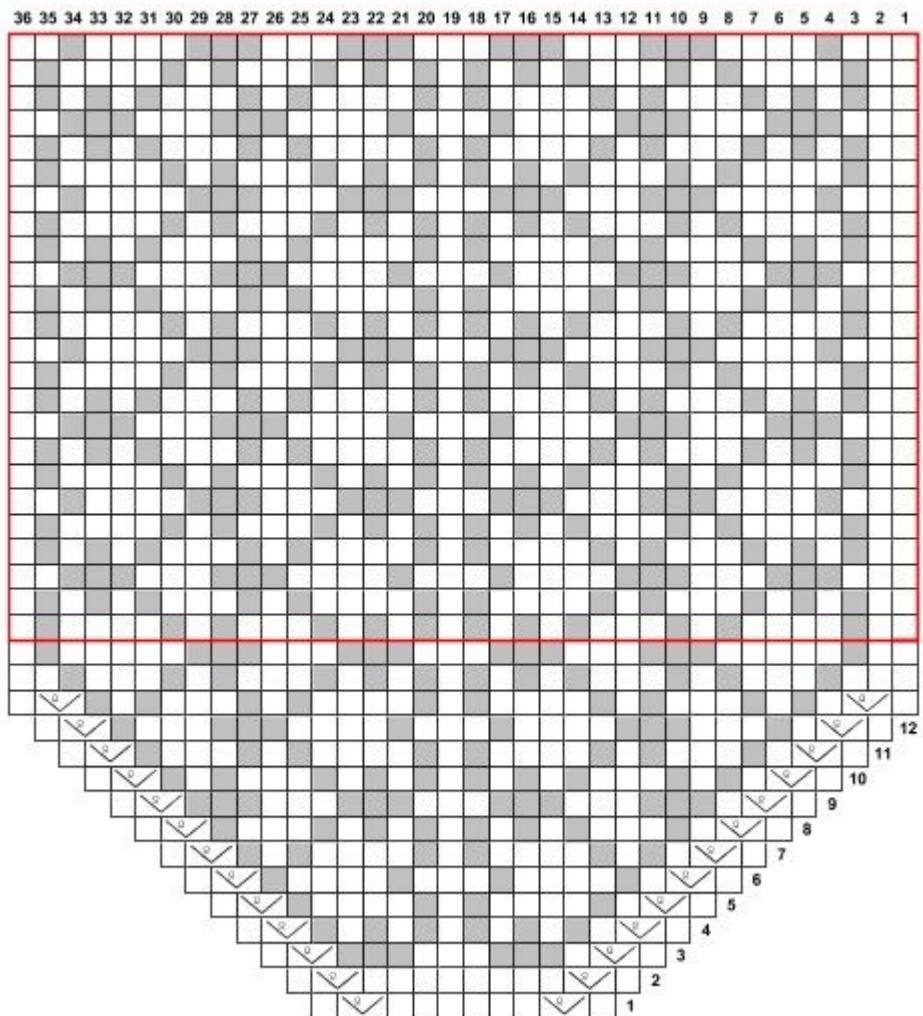


chart A (hand back, needle 1)

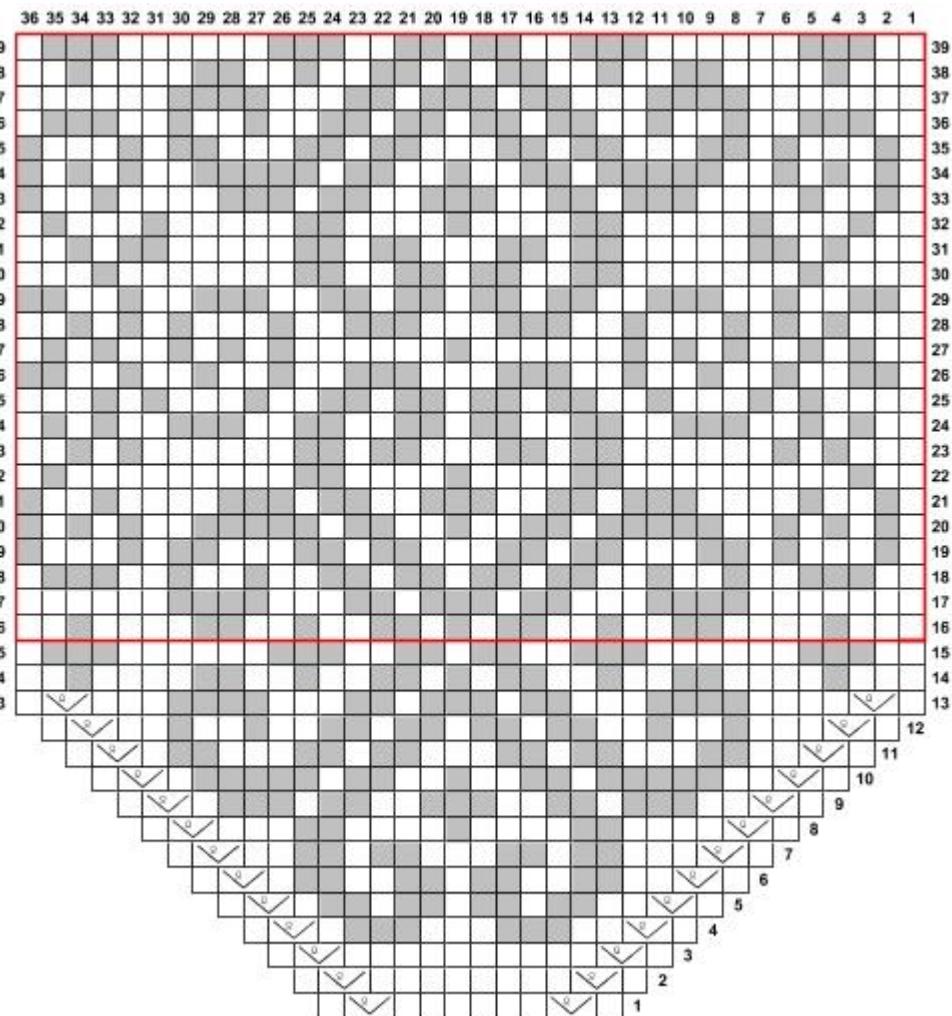


chart C (thumb gusset, right mitten)

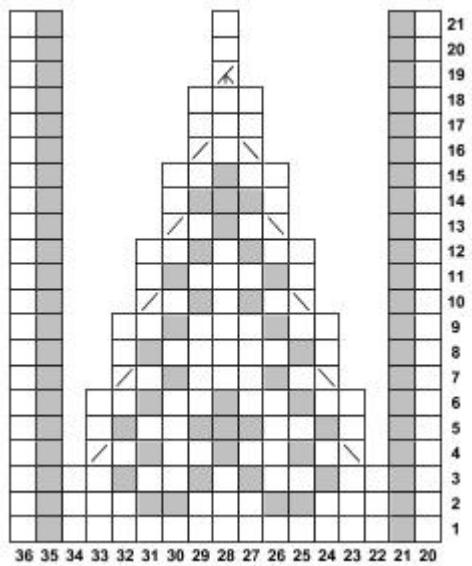


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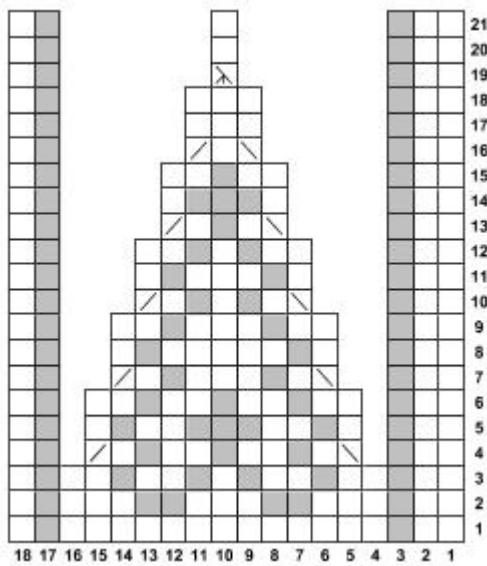


chart E (wrist band, right mitten)

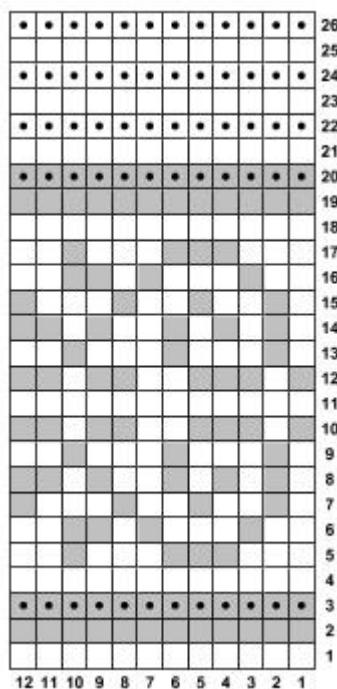


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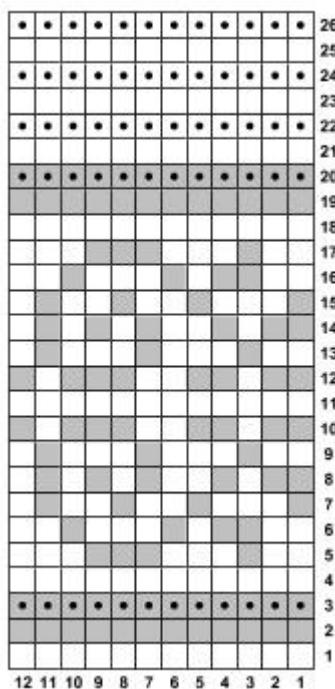


chart G1 (thumb, shorter version)

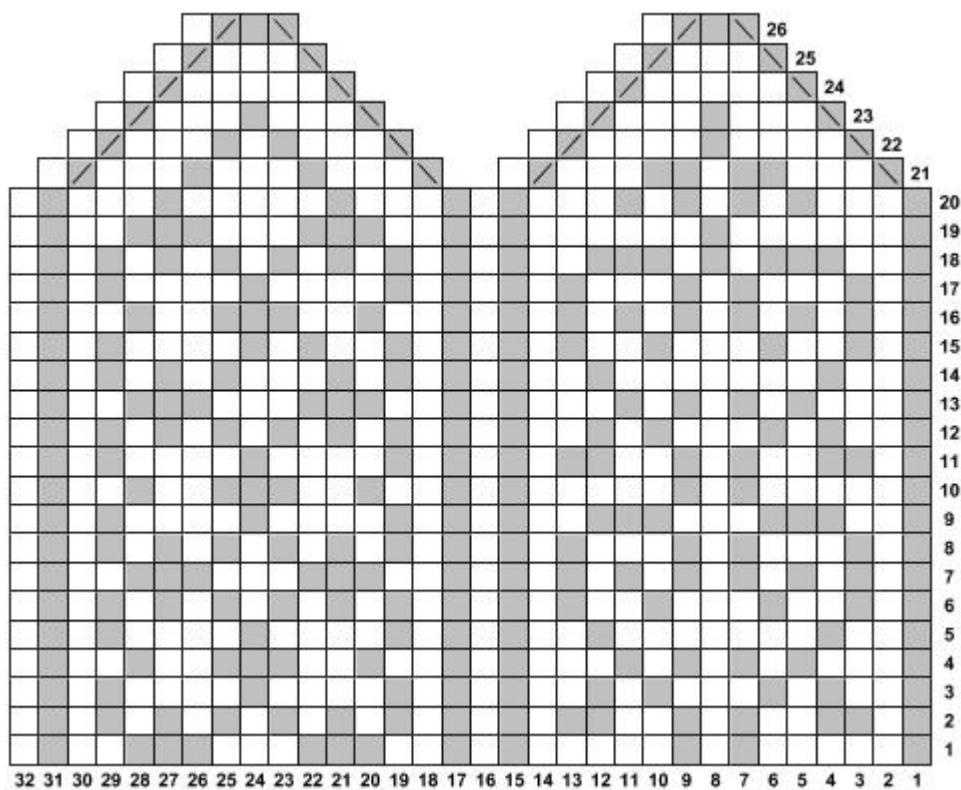
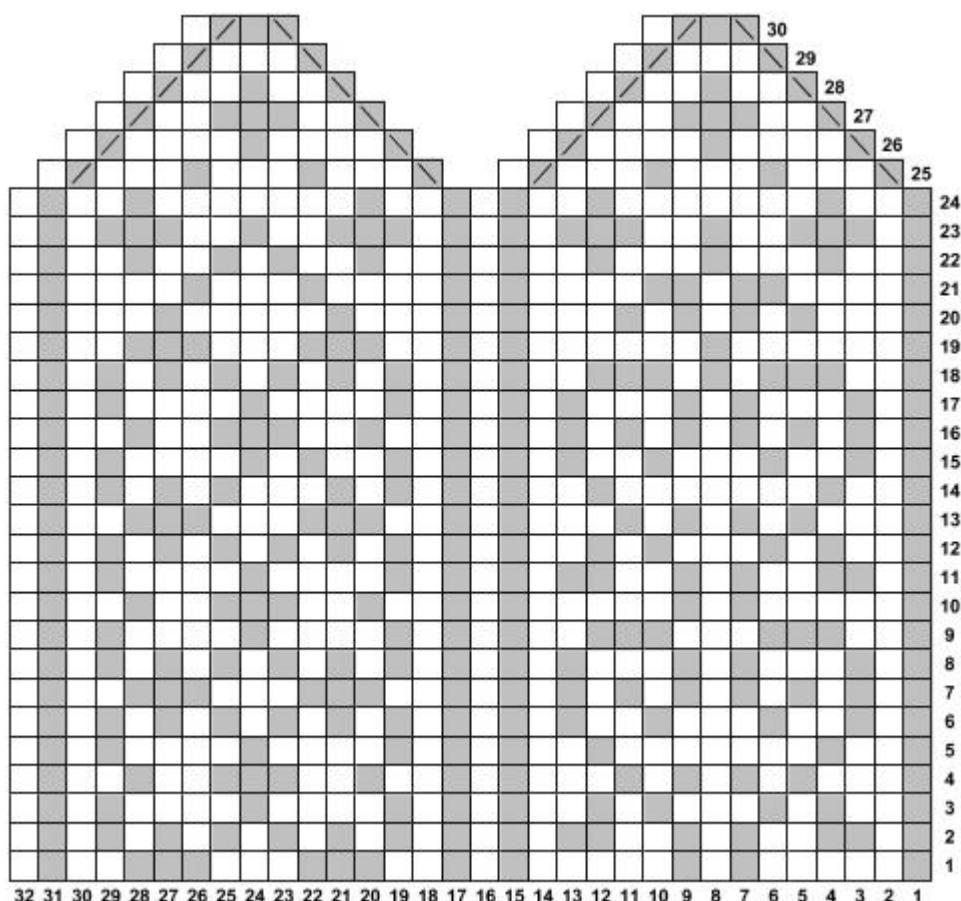


chart G2 (thumb, longer version)



Lentoon Mittens

Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

Some of us have long fingers and others have short. The stranded colourwork mittens are often either too long or short and it's not easy to adjust the length without disturbing the pattern. Lentoon Mittens have been designed so that the length of both the mitten itself and the thumb are easily adjustable by changing the number of plain striped rounds. It's also easy to change the wrist pattern to ribbing for example.

Let your imagination fly and adjust Lentoon Mittens to fit your hands perfectly!

YARN AND YARDAGE

Handu Minimerino (75 % merino, 25 % nylon; 420 m / 100 g), approx. 40 grams of the main colour (MC; dark blue) and approx. 25 grams or the contrast colour (CC; light grey)

Any fingering weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

36 sts and 36 rows in stranded colourwork with larger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

At least 80 cm / 32 inch long circular needles 2.0 mm and 2.5 mm / US0 and US1.5 (or suitable to obtain gauge)

a spare needle for the provisional cast on

The mittens can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.



OTHER SUPPLIES

supplies for the provisional cast on

supplies for picking up the thumb stitches

SIZE

With the gauge given, the mittens should fit snuggly on small/medium hands (palm circumference of approx. 19 cm / 7.5 inches).

The width of the mitten can be adjusted by changing the gauge. The length of the mitten and thumb can be adjusted by changing the number of striped rounds. These adjustable sections have been highlighted with red boxes in the charts.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The hand back is worked on needle 1 and the palm is worked on needle 2. **Please note** that the sts are redistributed after finishing the wrist band.

INSTRUCTIONS

Wrist band

With the main colour (MC) and smaller needles, CO 60 sts in total, using the provisional cast on method of your choice. Distribute sts evenly onto needle 1 and 2. *There are 30 sts on each needle.* Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

rnds 1-7: Knit.

rnd 8: *K1, k2tog, yo*, repeat * - * to the end of the round.

rnds 9-16 (i.e., 8 rnds in total): Knit.

Undo the provisional CO (if necessary) and pick up 60 sts along the provisional CO edge onto a spare circular needle. Fold the work along rnd 8, leaving stockinette facing out and the provisional CO edge inside the folded cuff. Knit each stitch on the outside needle together with the corresponding stitch on the inside needle, thus attaching the fold.

Work one rnd in stockinette stitch with MC.

Switch to larger needles if desired and work chart A, rows 1-17. *Each chart row is repeated 6 times in each round.*

After finishing chart A, row 17, to the end of the round, work two rnds in stockinette stitch with MC.

Should you prefer a shorter wrist band or you dislike the flower motif, you can omit chart A completely and move on to charts B1 and C1 (left mitten) or B2 and C2 (right mitten) right after finishing the folded hem. In that case, work the appropriate chart B and C, rows 1-4 once, and then, repeat rows 2-4 until the wrist band is of desired length.

Hand and tip

Redistribute stitches as follows: the first 36 sts of the round onto needle 1 and the last 24 sts of the round onto needle 2.

Work the sts on **needle 1** (i.e., hand back) according to chart B1 (left mitten) or B2 (right mitten) and the sts on **needle 2** (i.e., palm) according to chart C1 (left mitten) or C2 (right mitten).

On row 23 of the charts, work as follows for the left and right mitten:

left mitten: Work the sts on **needle 1** according to chart B1, row 23. **On needle 2**, work the first 19 sts according to chart C1, sts 37-55. Then, take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 15 sts (i.e, the thumb gusset sts) with the scrap yarn. Slip the 15 sts back onto the left hand needle and finish the round by working chart C1, sts 56-72.

right mitten: Work the sts on **needle 1** according to chart B2, row 23. **On needle 2**, work the first stitch according to chart C2, st 37. Then, take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 15 sts (i.e, the thumb gusset sts) with the scrap yarn. Slip the 15 sts back onto the left hand needle and finish the round by working chart C2, sts 38-72.

Work according to charts B1 and C1 (left mitten) or B2 and C2 (right mitten), rows **24-47**. *At this point you can open the thumb opening (see chapter 'Thumb' for instructions) so that you can try the work in progress on to decide the right length for the mitten.*

Then, work chart B1 and C1 or B2 and C2, rows 48-52 or any number of striped rounds that you need to achieve the length of your choice (usually to the point when the little finger is covered). Finally, work the tip decreases according to chart B1 and C1 or B2 and C2, rows 53-72. After finishing the charts, cut the yarns and pull the yarns through the remaining stitches twice.

Thumb

Pick up 15 sts below the scrap yarn sts and 16 sts above the scrap yarn sts. Undo the scrap yarn and pick up one more stitch on each side of the thumb opening (*i.e., 33 sts in total picked for the thumb*). Distribute stitches so that the first stitch of the thumb gusset (*i.e., st 56 on chart C1 and st 38 on chart C2*) is the first stitch of the round.

Start working the thumb on the gusset side. Work the thumb according to chart D. ***Please note that on row 1 of chart D, st 16 is a ssk decrease. The aim of this decrease is to align the palm striping with the thumb striping.*** After the decrease, there are 32 sts in total in the thumb.

Should you prefer a shorter or longer thumb, you can decrease or increase the number of striped rounds during chart D, rows 8-15.

After finishing chart D, cut the yarns and pull the yarns through the remaining stitches twice.

FINISHING

Soak the mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens inside a towel. Stretch to desired measures and let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in the ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

CC – contrast colour
CO – cast on
k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 sts together
MC – main colour
M1L – make 1 knit st leaning left
M1R – make 1 st leaning right
rnd(s) – round(s)
ssk – slip, slip, knit
st(s) – stitch(es)



TECHNICAL TIPS

provisional cast on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKERReecbqk>
provisional cast on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdvlztP1Y_o
provisional cast on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoyW8rasE0w>
M1L: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdzAsvI9_sc
M1R: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz40VVSwL5A>

Chart A (wrist band)

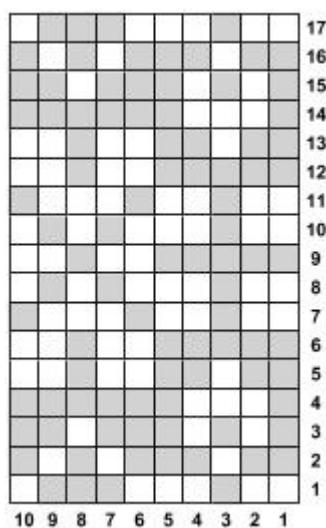


Chart key

- MC
- CC
- ssk
- k2tog
- M1L
- M1R
- adjustable section
- thumb sts

Chart D (thumb)

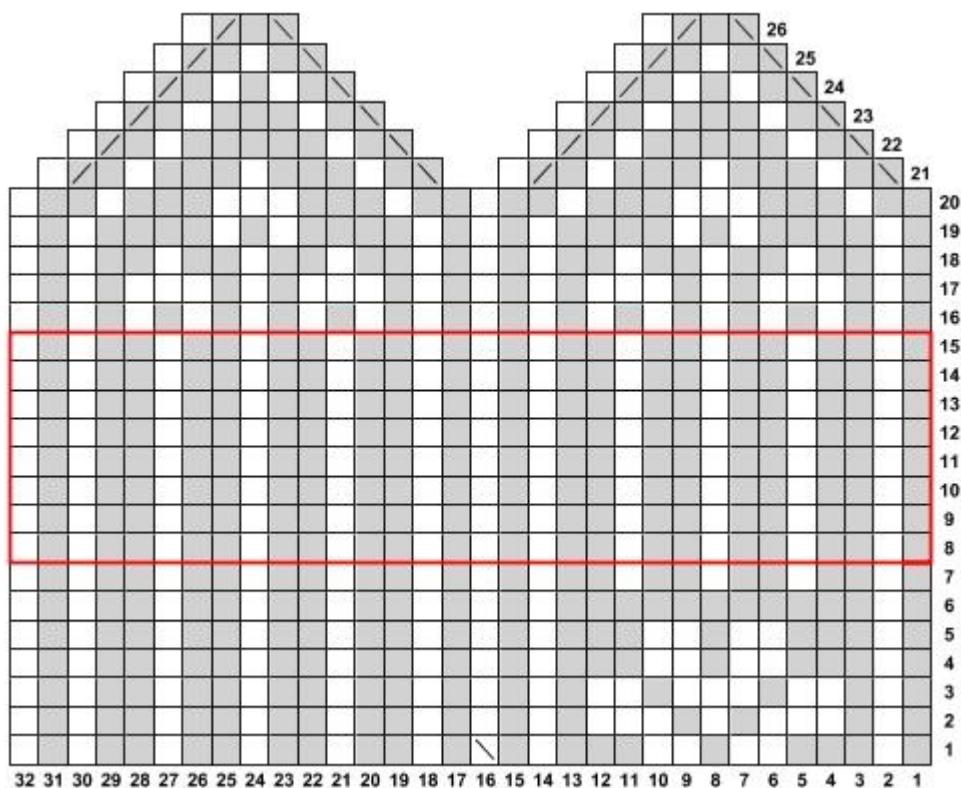


Chart B1 (hand back, left mitten)

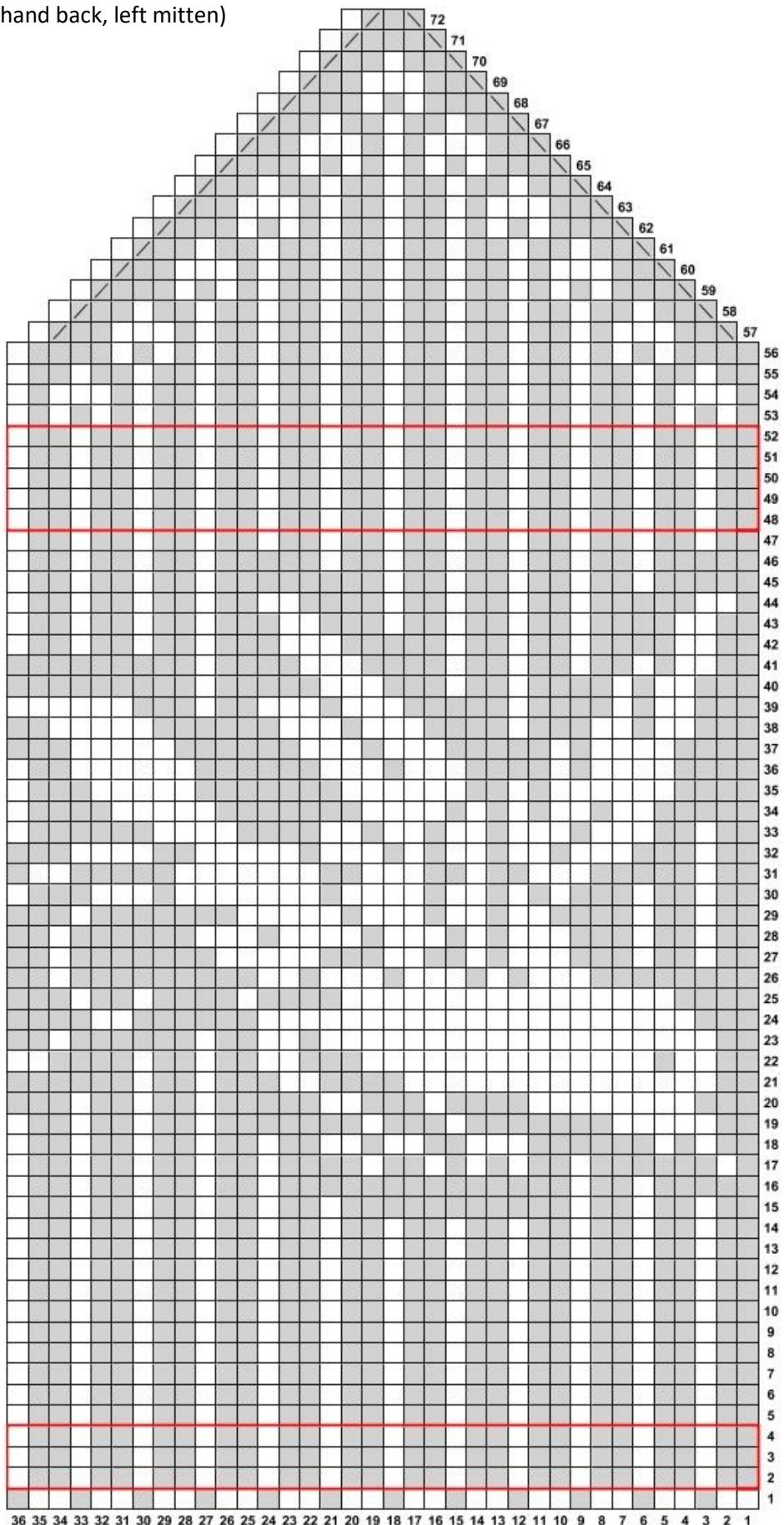


Chart C1 (palm, left mitten)

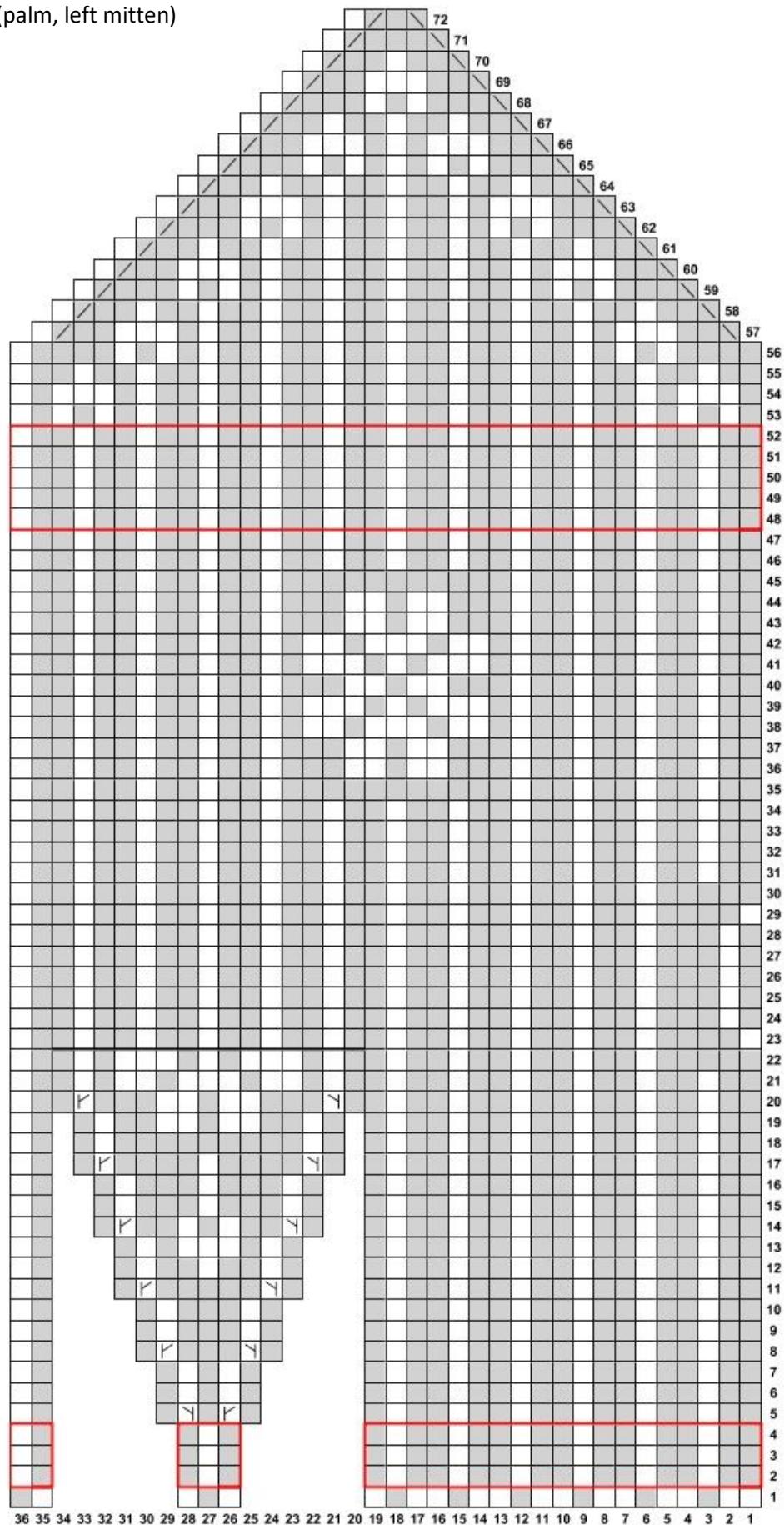


Chart B2 (hand back, right mitten)

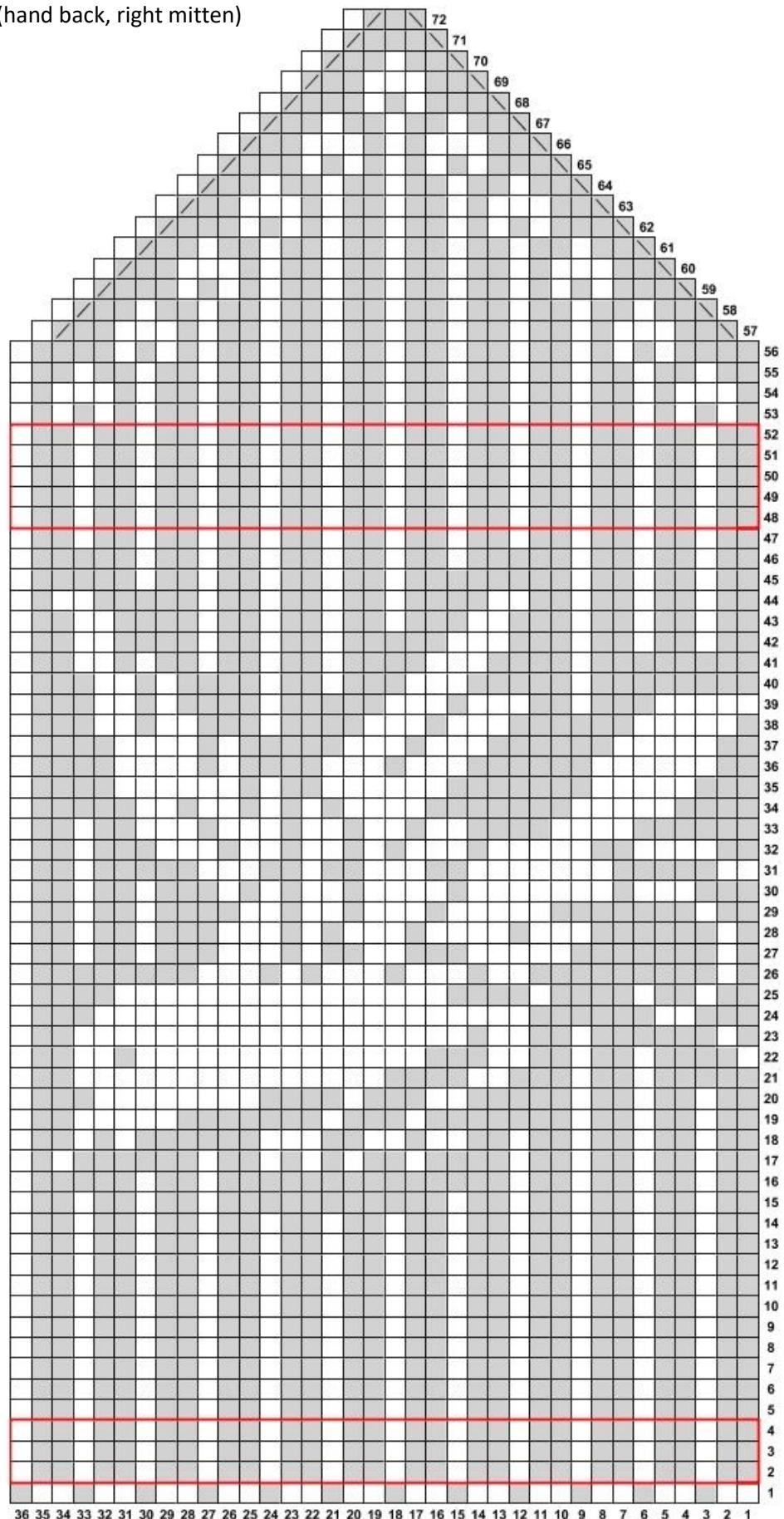
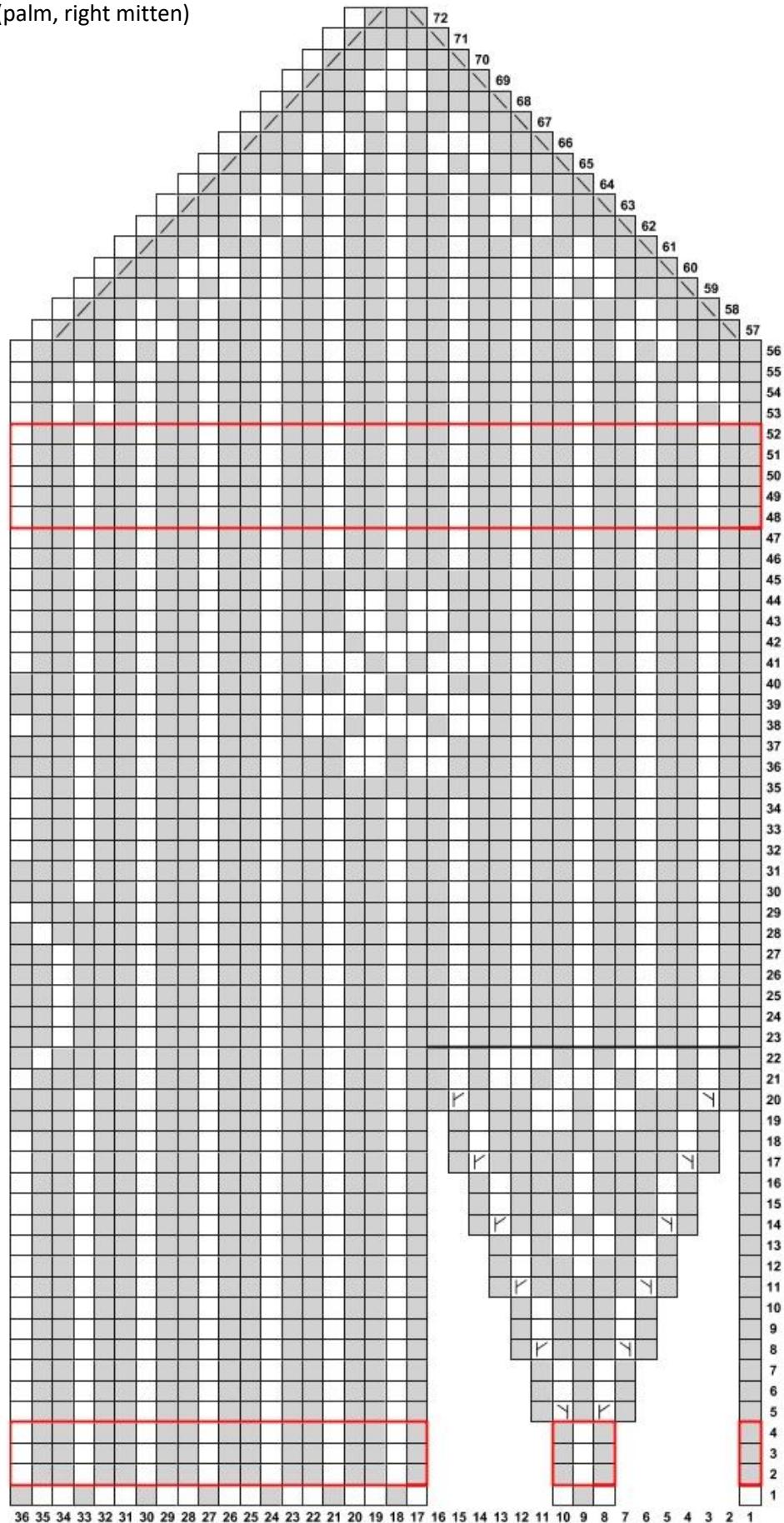


Chart C2 (palm, right mitten)



Lentoon Fingerless Mittens

Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

We all have preferences of our own with fingerless mittens. Lentoon Fingerless Mittens have been designed so that the length of both the finger part and the thumb can be easily adjusted. It's also easy to change the wrist band to ribbing for example. Left and right mitten are worked as mirror images of each other.

Let your imagination fly and adjust Lentoon Fingerless Mittens to fit your hands perfectly!

YARN AND YARDAGE

Handu Minimerino (75 % merino, 25 % nylon; 420 m / 100 g), approx. 30 grams of the main colour (MC; light grey) and approx. 20 grams or the contrast colour (CC; dark blue)

Any fingering weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

36 sts and 36 rows in stranded colourwork with larger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

At least 80 cm / 32 inch long circular needles 2.0 mm and 2.5 mm / US0 and US1.5 (or suitable to obtain gauge)

The fingerless mittens can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.



OTHER SUPPLIES

pieces of scrap yarn for the thumb openings
supplies for picking up the thumb sts

SIZE

With the gauge given the fingerless mittens should fit snugly on small/medium hands (palm circumference of approx. 19 cm / 7.5 inches). The width of the mitten can be adjusted by changing the gauge. The length of the finger part and the thumb can be adjusted by changing the number of striped rounds. These adjustable sections have been highlighted with red frames in the charts.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The hand back is worked on needle 1 and the palm is worked on needle 2. **Please note** that the sts are redistributed after finishing the wrist band.

INSTRUCTIONS

Wrist band

With the main colour (MC) and smaller needles, CO 60 sts in total. Distribute sts evenly onto needle 1 and 2. *There are 30 sts on each needle.* Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

rnd 1: Knit.

rnd 2: Purl.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 three times in total (i.e., a total of 6 rnds and 3 purl ridges).

Work two rounds in stockinette stitch.

Switch to larger needles if desired and work chart A, rows 1-17. *Each chart row is repeated 6 times in each round.*

After finishing chart A, row 17, to the end of the round, work two rnds in stockinette stitch with MC.

Should you prefer a shorter wrist band or you dislike the flower motif, you can omit chart A completely and move on to charts B1 and C1 (left mitten) or B2 and C2 (right mitten) right after the garter stitch edge and the following two stockinette stitch rounds. In that case, work the appropriate chart B and C, rows 1-4, once and then repeat rows 2-4 until the wrist band is of desired length.

Chart A (wrist band)

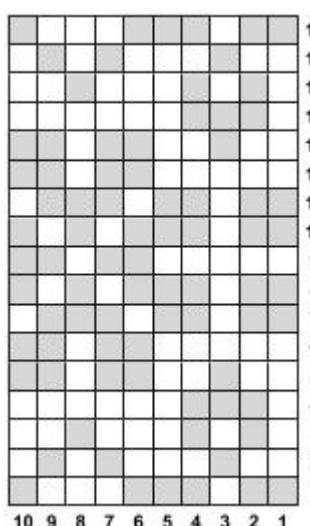


Chart key

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Hand

Redistribute stitches as follows: the first 36 sts of the round onto needle 1 and the last 24 sts of the round onto needle 2.

Work the sts on **needle 1** (i.e., hand back) according to chart B1 (left mitten) or B2 (right mitten) and the sts on **needle 2** (i.e., palm) according to chart C1 (left mitten) or C2 (right mitten).

On row 23 of the charts, work as follows for the left and right mitten:

left mitten: Work the sts on **needle 1** according to chart B1, row 23. **On needle 2**, work the first 19 sts according to chart C1, sts 37-55. Then, take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 15 sts (i.e., the thumb gusset sts) with the scrap yarn. Slip the 15 sts back onto the left hand needle and finish the round by working chart C1, sts 56-72.

right mitten: Work the sts on **needle 1** according to chart B2, row 23. **On needle 2**, work the first stitch according to chart C2, st 37. Then, take a piece of scrap yarn and knit the next 15 sts (i.e., the thumb gusset sts) with the scrap yarn. Slip the 15 sts back onto the left hand needle and finish the round by working chart C2, sts 38-72.

Work according to charts B1 and C1 (left mitten) or B2 and C2 (right mitten), rows **24-37**. *At this point you can open the thumb opening (see chapter 'Thumb' for instructions) so that you can try the work in progress on to decide the right length for the mitten.*

Then, work chart B1 and C1 or B2 and C2, rows **38-39** or any number of striped rounds that you need to achieve the length of your choice. Finally, work chart B1 and C1 or B2 and C2, row **40**. Cut CC and switch to smaller needles.

Hand (continued from the previous page)

Work one rnd in stockinette stitch with MC. Work the next round as follows: *k7, k2tog*, repeat * - * to the end of the round (*a total of 64 sts remain*).

Work the garter stitch edge in the round as follows:

rnd 1: Purl.

rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 twice (i.e., 4 rnds and 2 purl ridges in total). Finally, repeat only rnd 1 once. BO and cut the yarn.

Thumb

Pick up 15 sts below the scrap yarn sts and 16 sts above the scrap yarn sts. Undo the scrap yarn and pick up one more stitch on each side of the thumb opening (i.e., 33 sts in total picked for the thumb). Distribute stitches so that the first stitch of the thumb gusset (i.e., st 56 on chart C1 and st 38 on chart C2) is the first stitch of the round.

Start working the thumb on the gusset side. Work the thumb according to chart D. ***Please note*** that on row 1 of chart D, st 16 is a ssk decrease. The aim of this decrease is to align the palm striping with the thumb striping. After the decrease, there are 32 sts in total in the thumb.

Should you prefer a shorter or longer thumb, you can decrease or increase the number of striped rounds during chart D, rows 8-9. After finishing chart D, row 10, cut CC and switch to smaller needles.

Work one rnd in stockinette stitch with MC. Work the next round as follows: *k6, k2tog*, repeat * - * to the end of the round (*a total of 28 sts remain*). Purl one round, knit one round and purl one round. Finally, BO and cut the yarn.

FINISHING

Soak the fingerless mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens inside a towel. Stretch to desired measures and let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in the ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

BO – bind off

CC – contrast colour

CO – cast on

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 sts together

MC – main colour

M1L – make 1 knit st leaning left

M1R – make 1 st leaning right

rnd(s) – round(s)

ssk – slip, slip, knit

st(s) – stitch(es)



Chart B1 (hand back, left mitten)

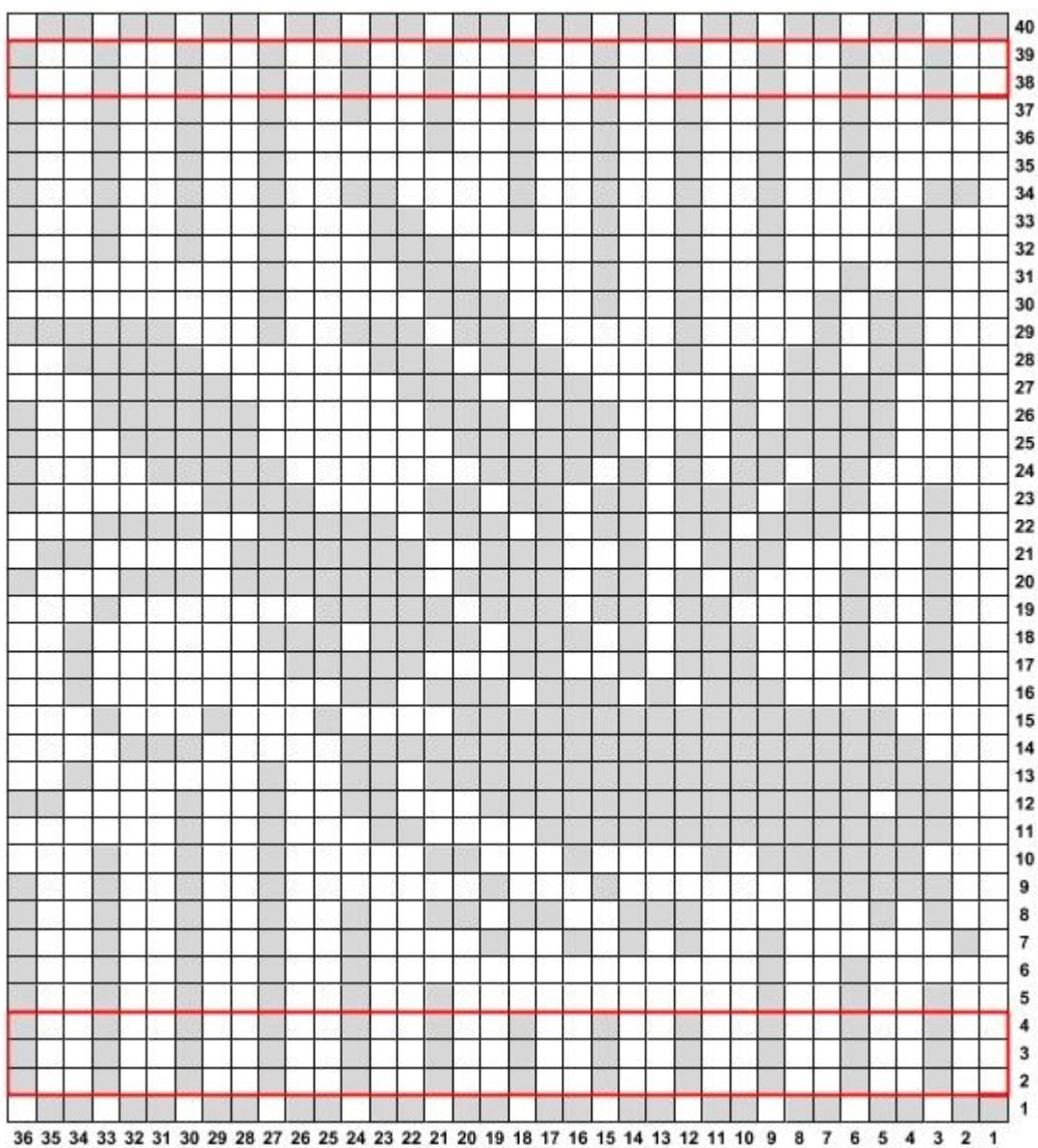


Chart key

- MC
- CC
- ssk
- M1L
- M1R
- adjustable section
- thumb sts

Chart C1 (palm, left mitten)

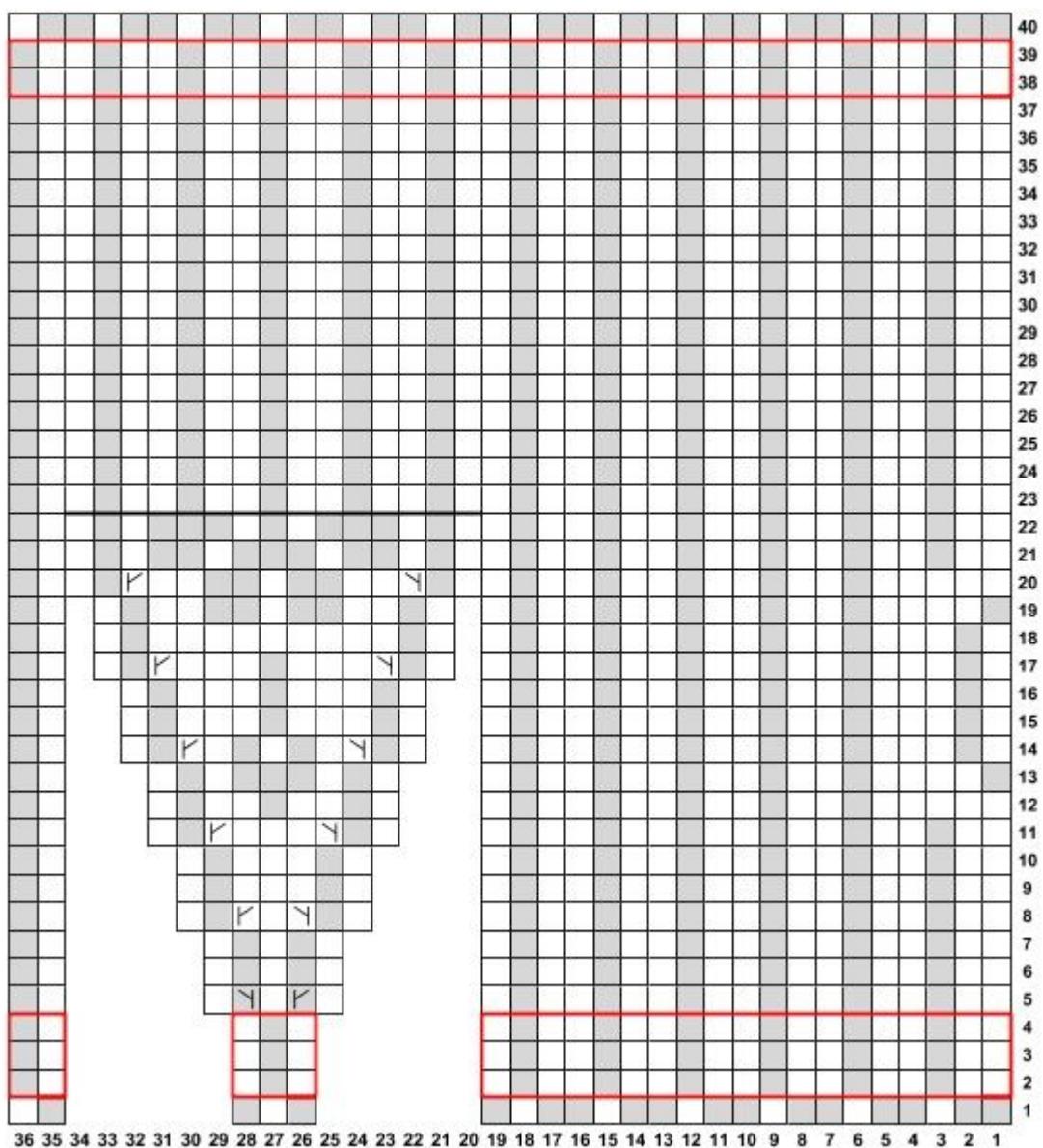


Chart D (thumb)

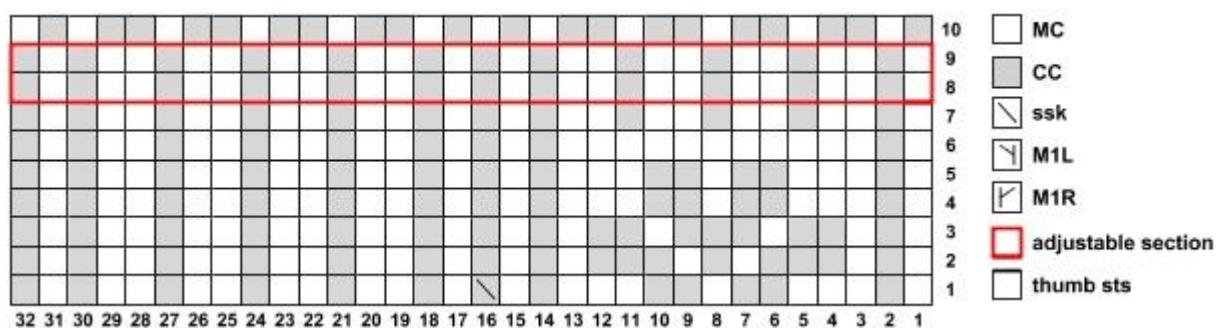


Chart key

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□	thumb sts

Chart B2 (hand back, right mitten)

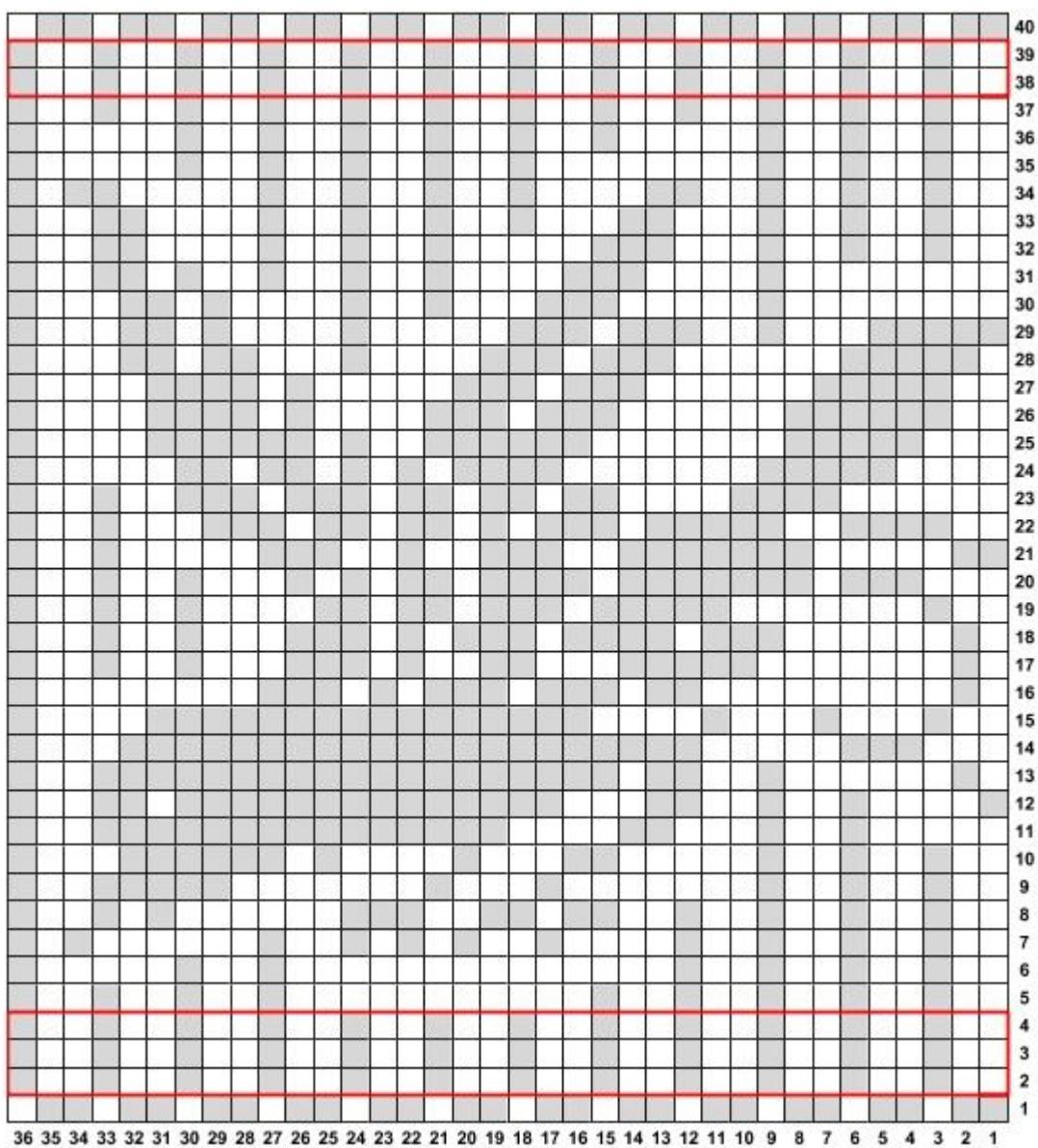


Chart key

- MC
- CC
- ssk
- M1L
- M1R
- adjustable section
- thumb sts

Chart C2 (palm, right mitten)

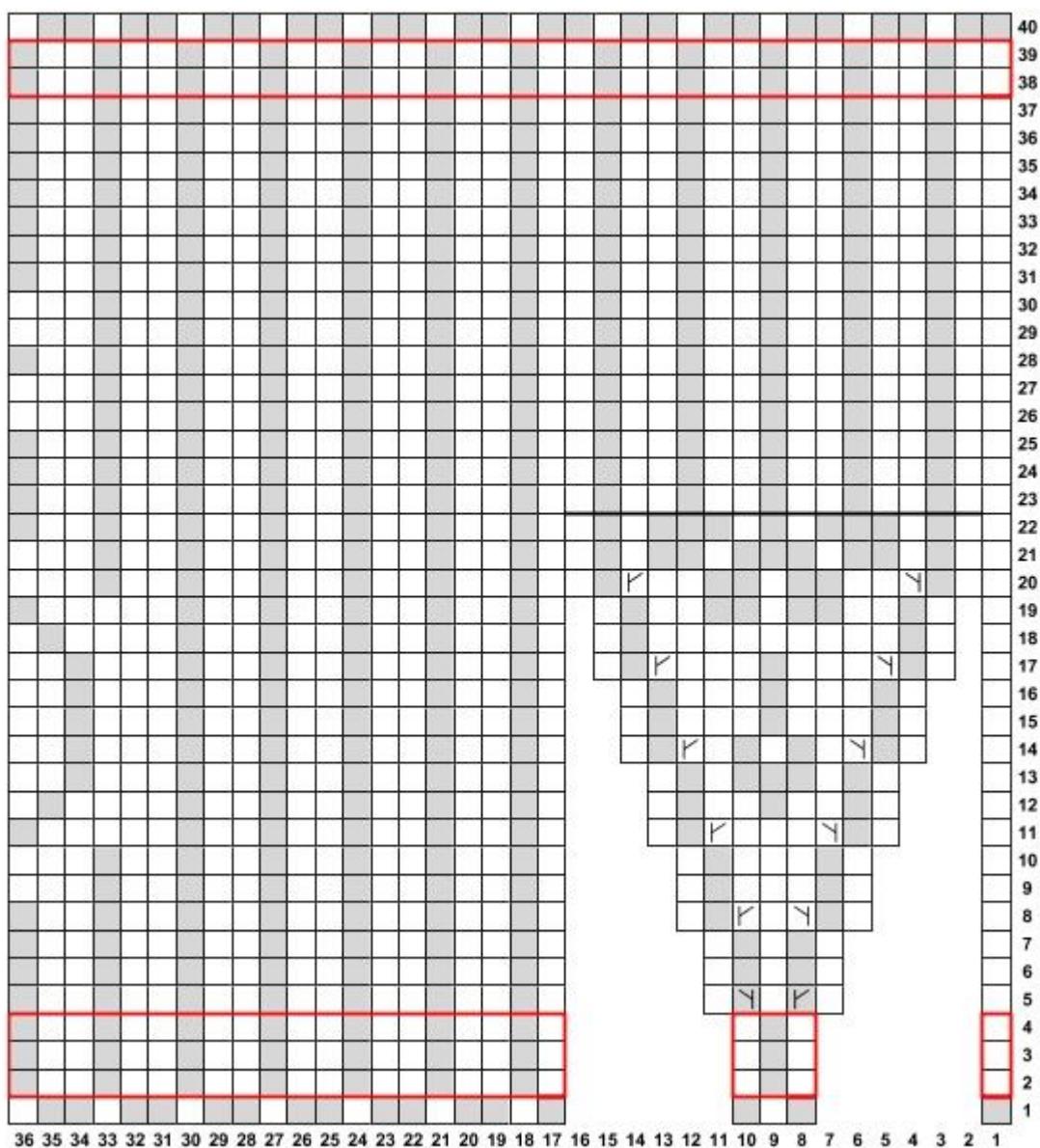


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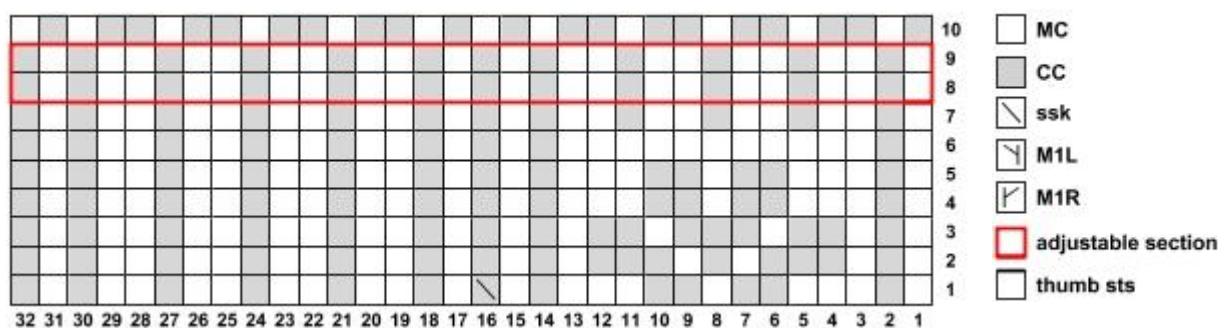


Chart key

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Riimu Mittens

Pattern and photo: Tiina Kuu

The Riimu Mittens were designed for my teen son who needed thick and warm mittens. As I couldn't find a unisex pattern that my son would have accepted, I decided to design one myself. The pattern repeat of these mittens is only six rows in height, so the length of the mitten is easy to adjust. There are also three different thumb charts to make the adjustments of the thumb length easier.



YARN AND YARDAGE

Main colour (MC): TeeTee Salla (75 % wool, 25 % nylon; 200 m / 100 g), 50 grams of light grey (bigger mittens) **OR** Natura Lauri (75 % wool, 25 % nylon; 200 m / 100 g), 50 grams of white (smaller mittens)

Contrast colour (CC): TeeTee Salla (75 % wool, 25 % nylon; 200 m / 100 g), 50 grams of dark grey

Any worsted or DK weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

24 sts and 24 rows in stranded colourwork with larger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

SIZE

With the recommended gauge, the mittens fit a hand circumference of approximately 20 cm / 8 inches with a little positive ease. The width of the mitten can be changed by changing the gauge. The 6-row pattern repeat allows to adjust the length of the mitten.

NEEDLES

3.5 mm / US4 and 4.0 mm / US6 (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long.

The mittens can be knitted with dpns or two shorter circulars, but the instructions have been written for magic loop.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The palm is knitted on needle 1 and the hand back is knitted on needle 2. The BOR is at the beginning of needle 1. Use a stitch marker to indicate the BOR if desired.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

With **CC** and smaller needles, cast on 44 sts. Distribute stitches across needle 1 and needle 2 as follows: 18 sts onto needle 1 and 26 sts onto needle 2. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

rnds 1-4: With **CC**, work *k2, p2* ribbing to the end of the rnd.

rnd 5: Attach **MC** and knit with **MC** to the end of the rnd.

rnds 6-8 (i.e., 3 rnds): With **CC**, work *k2, p2* ribbing to the end of the rnd.

rnd 9: With **MC**, knit to the end of the rnd.

Repeat rnds **6-9** a total of 4 times or to desired length. Then, work rnds **1-4** once and finally, knit one rnd with **CC**.

Hand and tip

Switch to larger needles if desired. Work the right mitten according to chart A and the left mitten according to chart B.

On chart A/B, row 15, place a piece of scrap yarn for thumb opening as follows: Work chart A, sts 1-2 (right mitten) or chart B, sts 1-14 (left mitten) for row 15. Knit the next 11 sts (*i.e., the thumb gusset sts*) with a piece of scrap yarn. Slip the 11 sts back to LHN and finish row 15. Continue working according to chart A/B until you have finished row 36.

Undo the scrap yarn for the thumb opening and pick up 11 sts both beneath and above the opening, and one extra stitch on each side of the opening (*i.e., altogether 24 sts for the thumb*). Place the sts on spare needles, stitch holders or safety pins. Try the mitten on. Should you need some extra length for the mitten prior to the tip, repeat chart A/B, rows 31-36 once (or more times if needed).

Finish the mitten by working chart A/B, rows 37-49. Cut yarns and pull through the remaining sts twice. Fasten tight.

Thumb

Distribute the thumb stitches as follows: the 11 thumb gusset stitches and one stitch picked from the left side of the opening onto needle 1, and the 11 sts picked above the thumb opening and one stitch picked from the right side of the opening onto needle 2. *The BOR is at the beginning of needle 1.*

Work the thumb according to chart C1 (shortest thumb), chart C2 (mid-length thumb) or chart C3 (longest thumb). Should you need significantly longer thumbs, you can first work chart rows 1-11, then repeat rows 6-11 and finally work the tip of the thumb according to any of the three charts, starting on row 12. After finishing chart C1/C2/C3, cut yarns and pull through the remaining sts twice. Fasten tight.

Finishing

Soak the mittens in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mittens in a towel. Let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR – beginning of round
CC – contrast colour
k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 sts together
M1L – make 1 st left
M1R – make 1 st right
p - purl
rnd(s) – round(s)
ssk – slip, slip, knit
st(s) – stitch(es)

Chart key

MC	
CC	
	M1L
	M1R
	ssk
	k2tog
	pattern repeat

Chart C1 (short thumb)

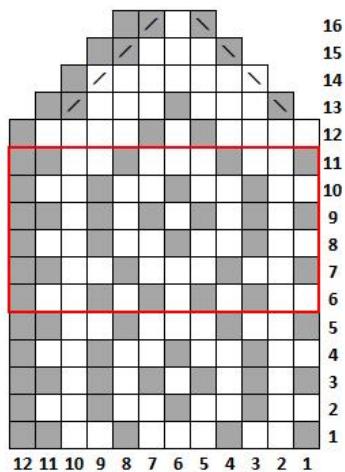


Chart C2 (mid-length thumb)

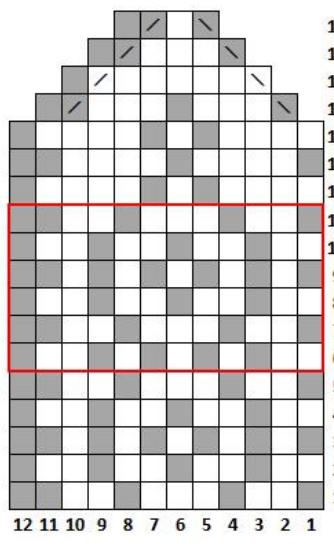


Chart C3 (long thumb)

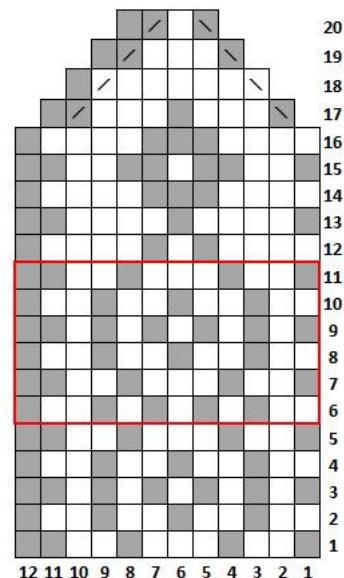


Chart A (right mitten)

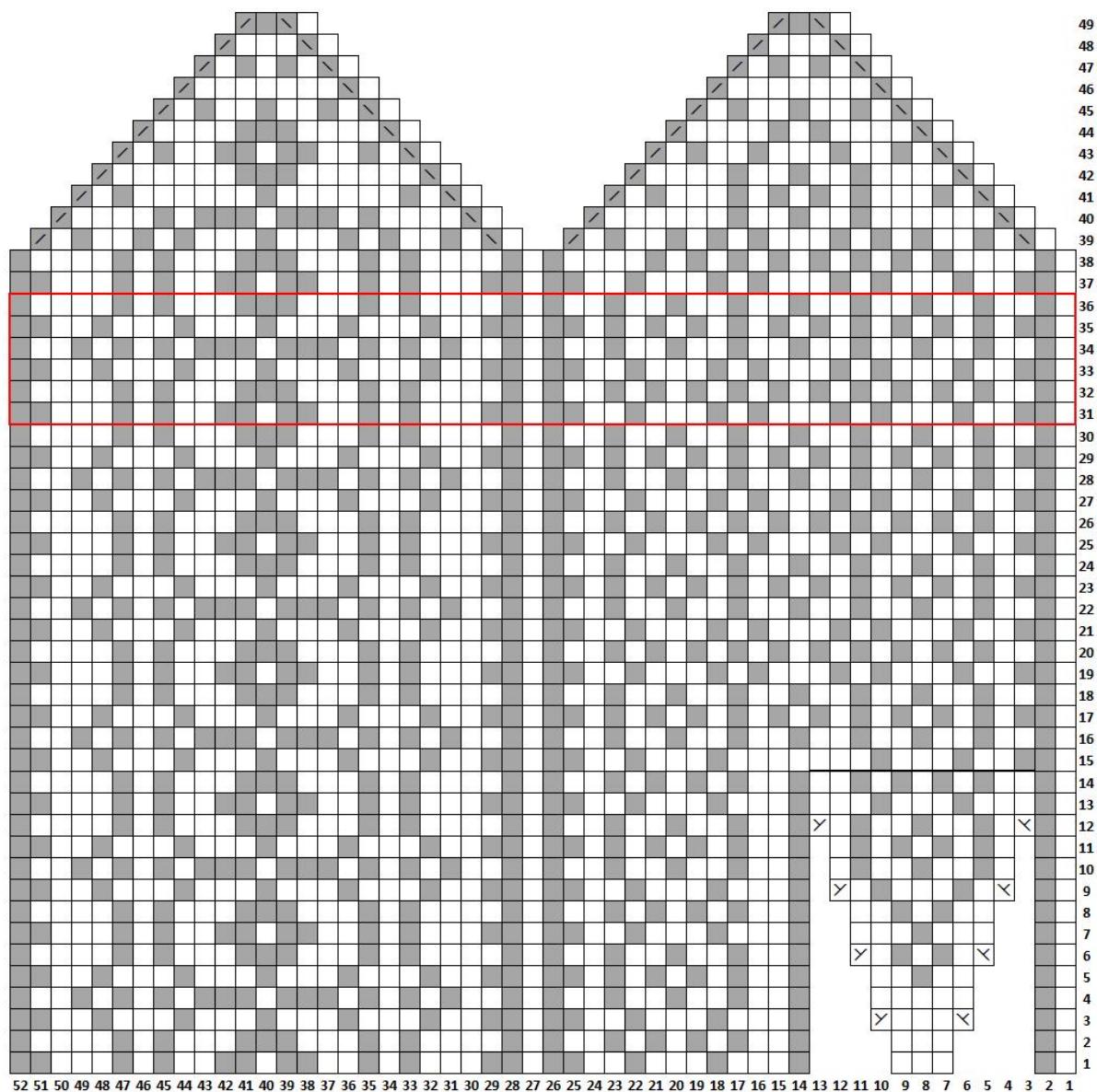
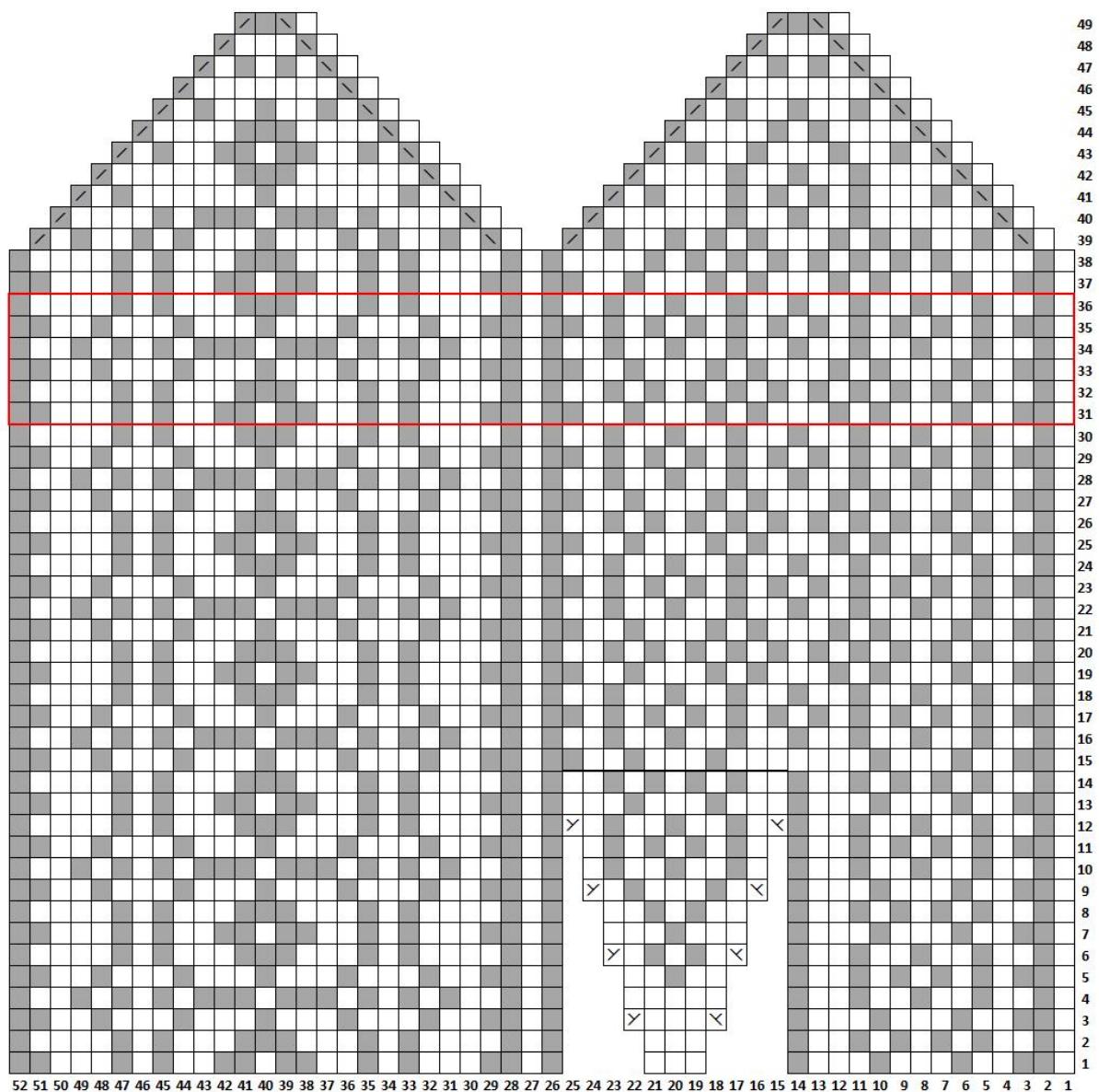


Chart B (left mitten)



Kujeillen

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The Kujeillen fingerless mitts were originally designed for an LYS called *Lankakauppa Kuje*. Right and left mitts are worked as mirror images of each other.

This is a revised and extended version of the original pattern first published in 2013.



YARN AND YARDAGE

Keesi Ultrasock (75 % merino, 25 % nylon; 420 m / 100 g), 30-40 grams of orange (Orange Jam colourway)

Any fingering weight yarn can be used. Solid or semisolid colours are recommended to best show the delicate cable pattern.

NEEDLES

2.5 mm / US1.5 (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long.

Mitts can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular, but the instructions have been written for magic loop.

GAUGE

30 sts and 44 rows in stockinette = 10 cm / 4 inches

SIZE

There are instructions for sizes small (48 sts in the wrist and 52 sts in the hand), medium (52 sts in the wrist and 56 sts in the hand) and large (56 sts in the wrist and 60 sts in the hand), which are referred to in the instructions as S (M, L). If only one stitch count is given, it is applied to all sizes. With the gauge given, the mitts fit hand circumference of approximately 17 (18.5, 20) cm / 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ (7 $\frac{1}{8}$, 7 $\frac{3}{8}$) inches.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The palm is worked on needle 1 for the right mitt and on needle 2 for the left mitt. The back of the hand is worked on needle 2 for the right mitt and on needle 1 for the left mitt. The BOR is at the beginning of needle 1. Use a BOR marker if desired.

Please note that there are separate instructions for the right and left mitt. Technical tips at the end of the instructions describe how to work k7tog and k7togtbl the easier way.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LEFT MITT

Wrist

Cast on 48 (52, 56) sts. Distribute sts evenly onto needle 1 and needle 2. *There are now 24 (26, 28) sts on each needle.* Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. *Place a BOR marker if desired.*

Knit one rnd, purl one rnd, repeat * - * a total of 3 times (*i.e., a total of 6 rnds*), and finally, knit one rnd.

Next, work sts on needle 1 and needle 2 as follows:

needle 1 (*i.e., the back of the hand*): K12 (k14, k16), work chart A, k2.

needle 2 (*i.e., the palm*): Knit.

Work chart A, row 1 once, and then repeat rows 2-9 a total of 3 times or to desired wrist length.

Thumb gusset

Work sts on **needle 1** as established and work the thumb gusset on **needle 2** as follows:

set-up rnd: K20 (k22, k24), place m1, k2, place m2, k2.

rnd 1: Knit to m1, sm. M1L, knit to m2, M1R, sm, k2.

rnds 2-3: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1-3 on needle 2 until there are 14 (14, 16) sts between m1 and m2 and you have just finished rnd 3.

Hand

Work sts on **needle 1** as established.

On needle 2, knit to m1, rm. Slip the 14 (14, 16) thumb gusset sts on a stitch holder, safety pin or a piece of scrap yarn, rm. With the backwards loop cast-on, cast on 4 sts onto the right hand needle and finally, k2.

Continue working in the established pattern on needle 1 and knit sts on needle 2 until work measures approximately 2.5 cm / 1 inch shorter than the desired final length, finishing with row **9** of chart A.

Next, work sts on needle 1 as described but work chart A, rows 10-15. After finishing chart A, row 15, knit to the end of the rnd.

Finally, ***knit one rnd, purl one rnd***, repeat * - * a total of 3 times (*i.e., a total of 6 rnds*) and cast off.

Thumb

Pick up the 14 (14, 16) thumb gusset sts from the stitch holder / safety pin / scrap yarn. Pick up 7 sts along the upper edge of the thumb opening. *There are now a total of 21 (21, 23) sts.* Knit 14 rounds or to desired thumb length. Purl one rnd and cast off.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RIGHT MITT

Wrist

Cast on 48 (52, 56) sts. Distribute sts evenly onto needle 1 and needle 2. *There are now 24 (26, 28) sts on each needle.* Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. *Place a BOR marker if desired.*

Knit one rnd, purl one rnd, repeat * - * a total of 3 times (*i.e., a total of 6 rnds*), and finally, knit one rnd.

Next, work sts on needle 1 and needle 2 as follows:

needle 1 (*i.e., the palm*): Knit.

needle 2 (*i.e., the back of the hand*): K2, work chart B, k12 (k14, k16).

Work chart B, row 1 once, and then, repeat rows 2-9 a total of 3 times or to the same length as in the left mitt.

Thumb gusset

Work sts on **needle 2** as established and work the thumb gusset on **needle 1** as follows:

set-up rnd: K2, place m1, k2, place m2, k20 (k22, k24).

rnd 1: K2, sm. M1L, knit to m2, M1R, sm, k20 (k22, k24).

rnds 2-3: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1-3 on needle 1 until there are 14 (14, 16) sts between m1 and m2 and you have just finished rnd 3.

Hand

Continue working the sts on **needle 2** as established.

On needle 1, knit to m1, rm. Slip the 14 (14, 16) thumb gusset sts on a stitch holder, safety pin or a piece of scrap yarn, rm. With the backwards loop cast-on, cast on 4 sts onto the right hand needle and finally, k20 (k22, k24).

Continue working in the established pattern on needle 2 and knit sts on needle 1 until work measures approximately 2.5 cm / 1 inch shorter than the desired final length, finishing with row 9 of chart B.

Next, work sts on needle 2 as described but work chart B, rows 10-15.

Finally, ***knit one rnd, purl one rnd***, repeat * - * a total of 3 times (*i.e., a total of 6 rnds*) and cast off.

Thumb

Pick up the 14 (14, 16) thumb gusset sts from the stitch holder / safety pin / scrap yarn. Pick up 7 sts along the upper edge of the thumb opening. *There are now a total of 21 (21, 23) sts.* Knit 14 rounds or to desired thumb length. Purl one rnd and cast off.

FINISHING

Soak the mitts in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the mitts in a towel. Let dry flat or on mitten blockers. Weave in ends.

TECHNICAL TIPS

working k7tog: Knit the first stitch of the nupp set and slip the stitch back onto the left hand needle. Pass the unworked yarn overs and stitches of the nupp set over the knit stitch, one by one, starting with the closest yarn over to the knit stitch. Finally, slip the knit stitch back onto the right hand needle.

working k7tog tbl: Slip the first 6 stitches of the nupp set (i.e., 3 yarn overs and 3 stitches) onto the right hand needle. Knit the last stitch of the nupp set. Pass the 6 slipped stitches and yarn overs over the knit stitch, one by one, starting with the yarn over closest to the knit stitch.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR – beginning of round
dplns – double pointed needles
k – knit
ktbl – knit through the back loop
ktbl/ktbl CTL – sl1 onto cn and hold in front, ktbl and then, ktbl from cn
ktbl/ktbl CTR – sl1 onto cn and hold to back, ktbl and then, ktbl from cn
ktbl/p CTL – sl1 and hold in front, p1 and then, ktbl from cn
ktbl/p CTR – sl1 and hold to back, ktbl and then, p1 from cn
k7tog – knit 7 stitches together
k7tog tbl – knit 7 stitches together through the back loops
m1 (2) – stitch marker 1 (2)
M1L – make 1 left
M1R – make 1 right
p – purl
rm – remove marker
rnd(s) – round(s)
sm – slip marker
st(s) – stitch(es)
yo – yarn over



chart A (left mitt)

Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	15
Q	-	/	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	14
Q	-	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	13
Q	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	12
Q	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	Q	11
Q	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	Q	10
Q	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	Q	9
Q	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	Q	8
Q	-	/	-	-	-	-	Q	-	Q	7
Q	-	V	-	-	-	-	Q	-	Q	6
Q	-	Q	-	-	-	-	Q	-	Q	5
Q	-	X	-	-	X	-	Q	-	Q	4
Q	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	Q	3
Q	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	Q	2
Q	-	-	-	Q	Q	-	-	-	Q	1

chart B (right mitt)

Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	15
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	\	-	Q	14
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	Q	13
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	12
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	11
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	10
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	9
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	8
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	\	-	Q	7
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	Q	6
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	-	Q	5
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	4
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	3
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	Q	2
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	Q	-	Q	1

chart key

-	p
Q	ktbl
X	ktbl/ktbl CTL
Y	ktbl/ktbl CTR
X	ktbl/p CTL
Y	ktbl/p CTR
V	in one stitch work *k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1*
/	k7tog
\	k7tog tbl
□	pattern repeat

fingerless fredrika

Fredrika fingerless gloves have been designed to match Fredrika Socks. The cable pattern is positioned on both sides of the thumb gusset but you can work the palm in stockinette if you want. The instructions, however, have been given only to the fully cabled version.

Yarn

teetee Primavera (75% merino wool, 25 % silk; 50 g / 115 m), 50 g dark red (856)



Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

Needles

minimum of 80 circular needle, 3 mm (or suitable to obtain gauge) for magic looping
dpn's can be used as well; distribute the stitches according to your personal taste

Gauge

24 sts and 34 rows = 10 cm in stockinette

Size

average female; the size is easily adjustable by decreasing or increasing the number of stitches in the stockinette part of the glove

Notes

Cables are best worked without a cable needle (see instructions for example at <http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter07/FEATwin07TT.html>, section 'Cabling without a cable needle').

Most invisible thumb gusset increases are worked with Cat Bordhin LA-Link – LA-Rink -method (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYOYMJBGxrw>). You can use any other stitch increase method.

Note that in Charts 1 and 2 there are two set up rows marked as S1 and S2. They are worked only once. Thereafter only chart rows 1-16 are repeated.

Instructions

Cuff

CO 40 sts and distribute stitches as follows: 19 sts onto needle 1 and 21 sts onto needle 2. Join to begin working in the round. Work the first 13 sts on needle 1 according to Chart 1 starting with row S1. Work the next 15 sts as k1tbl, p1 ribbing for 8 rounds and in stockinette from round 9 on. Work the last 12 sts of the round according to Chart 2 starting with row S1. Work Charts 1 and 2 once before the thumb gusset.

Thumb gusset

Work the first 13 sts of the round according to Chart 1 (rows 1-16) but substitute the grey stitch with Chart 3 (= thumb gusset). In Chart 3 there's the grey border stitch of the Chart 1 from previous round to show the positioning of the thumb gusset. Work the rest of the round as established.

Palm / finger part

After finishing Chart 3 finish the round. Slip the thumb sts onto stitch holder, safety pin or waste yarn. CO 3 sts, which now replace the grey border stitch of Chart 1. Knit the new stitches from now on. There are now 42 sts in total.

Continue working as established until work measures approximately 2,5 cm less than the desired final length. Now continue working the established pattern but substitute the stockinette parts with k1tbl, p1 ribbing for 2,5 cm. On the last round do not work cable twists but work the sts of the cable pattern as they are: ktbl as ktbl and p as p. Cast off.

Thumb

Pick up 5 sts from the upper part of the thumb opening and slip the sts from the safety pin onto another end of your circular needle. Distribute the 18 sts evenly onto both needles. Work in stockinette for 6 rounds and k1tbl, p1 ribbing for 4 rounds. Cast off.

Finishing

Weave in ends and block if desired.



Pattern and photos: Tiina Kuu

Charts

Chart 1

•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝꝝ	ꝝꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ
•	ꝝ	•	•	•	ꝝꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ
•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝꝝ	ꝝꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ
•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•
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13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Chart 2

•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	16
•	ꝝ	•	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	15
•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	14
•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	13
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•	ꝝ	•	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	10
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•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	7
•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	6
•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	5
•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	4
•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	3
•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	•	2
•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	ꝝ	ꝝ	•	1
•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	S2
•	ꝝ	•	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	ꝝ	•	S1

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Chart 3

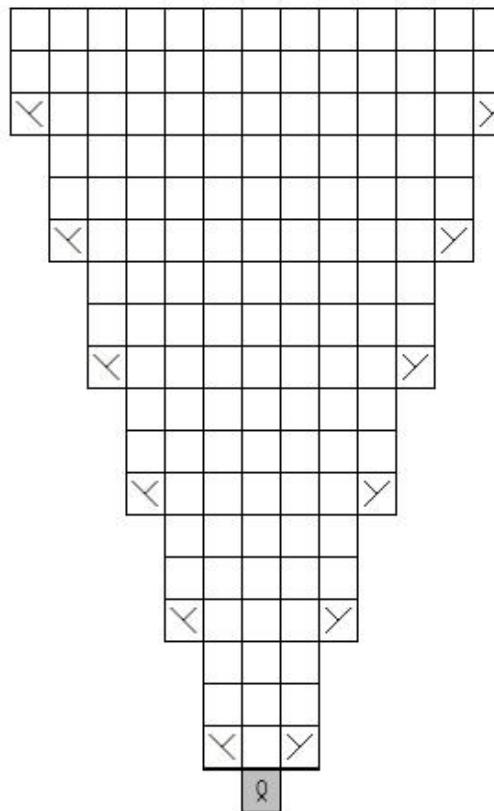


Chart key

	ktbl: knit through the back
	border stitch of Chart 1 (ktbl) the back loop
	p: purl
	M1L: make 1 stitch leaning left
	M1R: make 1 stitch leaning right
	cable twist right: work both sts as ktbl
	cable twist right: work the first stitch as ktbl and purl the second stitch
	cable twist left: work both sts as ktbl
	cable twist left: purl the first stitch and work the second stitch as ktbl