

Poppy mittens size L/XL



These mittens are inspired by the beautiful poppies that lights up the landscape during summer. There are still a while before the poppies bloom, but we can rejoice over them on a pair of mittens. The mittens have rows of buds, flowers, and the fun capsules. Right at the tip, we made an extra little bud. The pattern on the back using the same colours in a dense grid pattern, it looks almost like an old tapestry.

Although the pattern has many colours, it is generally only two colours in the rounds. The poppies on the cuff and thumb, there are three colours in the round, but we've knit with two colours, and embroidered brown stitches afterwards.

Size: The pattern is in size S/M and M/L, equivalent to 22,5/9" and 25/9,8" at its widest, and 26/10" and 31/12" long.

Gauge: 32 stitches in stranded colourwork using 2,5 mm/US 1.5 measures 10 cm/4".

Needles: 2,5 mm/US 1.5 double pointed needles

Yarn: We have used Sisu from Sandnes garn (80 % Wool, 20 % Nylon, 175 m/1191 yds) but you can use any Fingering (14 wpi) yarn. In addition we used 4 ply Opal yarn from www.garnkista.no because we loved the colour so much (but you have to buy 100 gr, so it is expensive)

	Colour suggestions:	
	Handcoloured 4 ply Opal yarn, Dark Apricot or Sisu Red 4219	1 skein
	Sisu Medium Brown 3161	1 skein
	Sisu Olive Green 9544	1 skein
	Sisu Light Melange Beige 3021	1 skein

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The mittens

Using Medium Brown and 2,5 mm/US 1.5 double pointed needles, cast on 60 stitches and knit in the round according to chart. You start with a [Latvian Braid](#) You knit a Latvian braid as follows: Braid consists of 3 rounds , worked as follows (colour 1 = red, colour 2 = medium brown):

Round 1: * knit 1 with colour 1, knit 1 with colour 2 *, repeat from *-* the entire round.

Round 2: Place both strands in the front of piece (towards you). Then move colour 1 strand to the back, purl 1 and move the strand to the front again. Pull colour 2 strand underneath colour 1 strand and then move colour 2 to the back, purl 1 and move the strand to the front again. Continue like this with purl alternately with colour 1 and colour 2 but always place the strand underneath the strand from the last st worked.

Round 3: Work as 2nd round but now place strand always over strand from the last stitch worked.

In size L/XL you increase 8 stitches in the first green round after the cuff, to 68 stitches, as shown in chart..

Continue working the chart, at the same time as you increase a total of 12 stitches for the thumb gusset as shown in chart. The neatest way to increase a stitch is by picking up the thread between the stitch just worked the and next stitch on the needle. Knit this strand through the back loop.

At the blue line in the chart, place the 15 stitches on a holder, cast on 15 stitches and then continue with the mitten pattern.

Shape top as indicated on the chart. Cut yarn, and draw end through remaining stitches, tighten and fasten off.

Thumb

Place the held 15 stitches onto double pointed needles an pick up and knit 15 stitches along back off thumbhole. You will have 30 stitches in total for the thumb. Knit around and shape top as indicated. Cut yarn, and draw end through remaining stitches, tighten and fasten off.







Knit the second mitten the same way, reversing position of thumb on palm.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Dampen or wash carefully, shape and leave them to dry flat, or if you prefer, iron with steam gently.

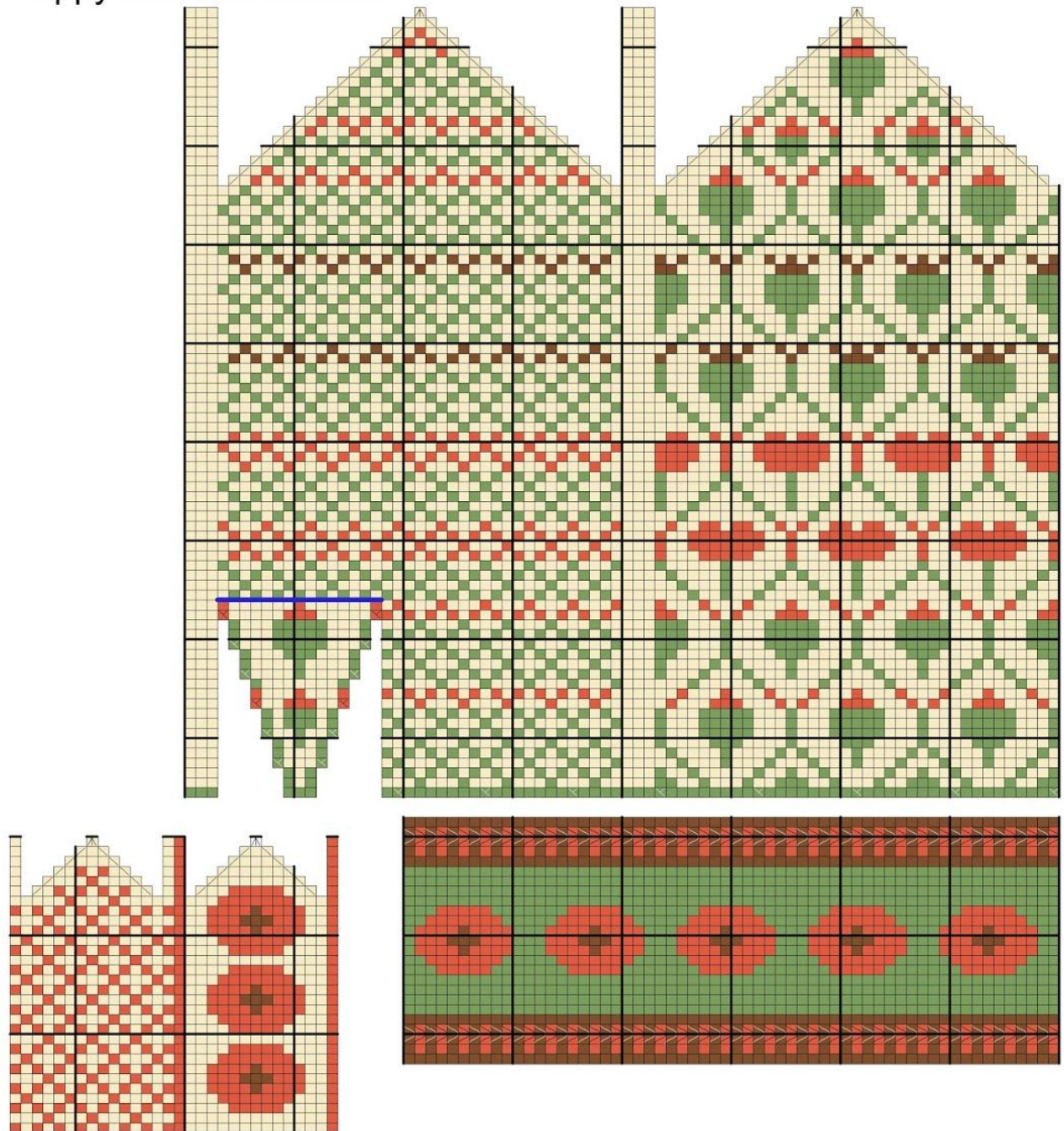


Symbols in charts

-  Slip one stitch, knit next stitch and pass slip stitch over knit stitch
-  Knit two stitches together
-  Slip one stitch, knit two stitches together, pass slip stitch over two stitches knit together
-  Make one stitch by inserting left needle from front to back under horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch on left needle. Knit this strand through the back loop
-  Latvian braid, second round, see text
-  Latvian braid, third round, see text

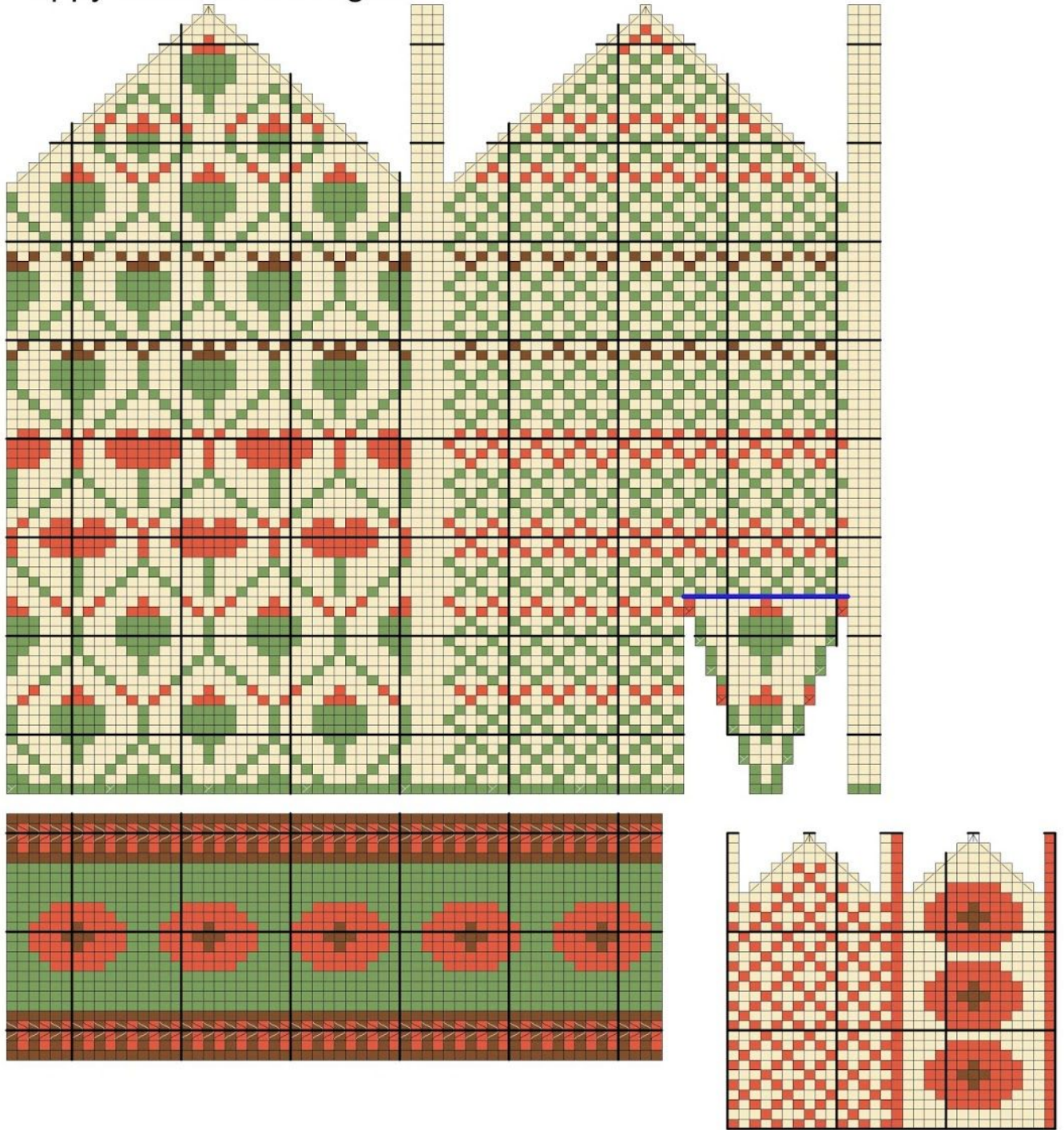
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