Spring mittens

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Materials

- ❖ 2,5 mm DPNS

- ❖ MC (blue in chart) fingering weight yarn

- ❖ CC1 (white in chart) fingering weight yarn

- ❖ CC2 (yellow in chart) fingering weight yarn

MC = MAIN COLOR
CC = CONTRASTING COLOR
CO = CAST ON
STS = STITCHES
K = KNIT
P = PURL

Before getting started

Please give the pattern a full read through before staring your project. At the very least, the two boxes containing tips on how to best knit this pattern are a must-read.

The gauge used to make an 11 cm wide and 25 cm tall mitten was 31 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm. This size would approximately correspond a womens size M mitten. For a smaller or bigger mitten, go up or down half a needle size.

Note that the thumb can be knit in two sizes, but the chart only indicates the smaller size. The finished dimensions of the two different thumbs are 4 by 7 cm for the smaller and 4.5 by 8 cm for the larger. Choose whichever suits you better. Further details are found in the Setting up the thumb chapter.

Happy knitting!

Instructions

CO 64 sts in CC1. Distribute over 4 DPNS and join in the round, knit one round. Knit k2p2 rib for four rounds. Change to MC, knit round 1 of chart and increase where indicated → 66 sts total. Keep knitting according to chart. On row 31 a piece of scrap yarn is used to reserve stitches for the thumb, indicated by a red line in the chart.

> ## IMPORTANT TIPS FOR A BETTER KNITTING EXPERIENCE
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> On some rows CC1 (white) is only used for the edges of the mitten (see row 6 and 11 in chart). Instead of carrying the CC1 yarn along the inside of the mitten I recommend simply slipping the CC1 side sts purlwise when working on these rows.
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> I also recommend using a sticky/clingy yarn to get away with some of the longer floats created by the pattern. You will have to carry yarn in the back in some places, but I managed to knit these mittens with floats as long as 7 sts not causing any problems, as I used a sticky yarn.

Setting up the thumb and finishing

The thumb can be knit in one of two sizes. The finished dimensions of the smaller size are 4 by 7 cm, and the larger is 4.5 by 8 cm. The chart indicates placement for the smaller size, but it is easily converted into the larger size by extending the thumb line with one stitch per side, making 11 sts wide in total. To make space for the thumb [S (L)], knit 9 (11) sts using the scrap yarn, put scrap yarn sts back on left needle and knit them again according to row 31 of the mitten body chart.

Keep working the mitten body chart and once completed, cut yarn, thread CC1 yarn through remaining 10 sts and tighten to finish off the mitten. Weave in ends.
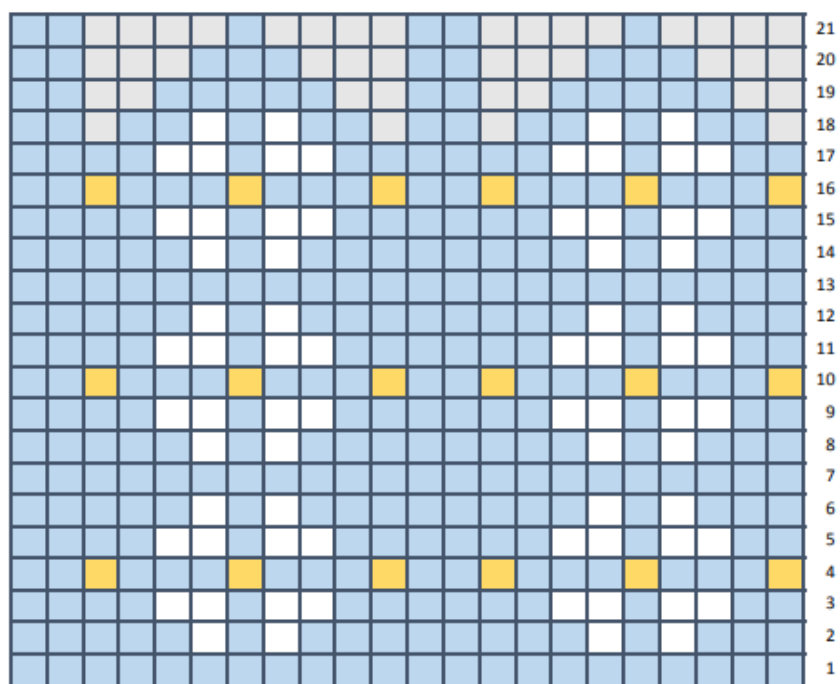
Thumb

Remove the scrap yarn on row 31 and pick up the 18 (22) freed sts (9 (11) top, 9 (11) bottom). Start knitting thumb chart and pick up 2 sts in each gap between the top and bottom sts. This makes a total of 22 (26) sts. Keep working thumb chart until finshed. Thread MC yarn through remaining 6 sts and tighten. Weave in ends. Block the mitten.
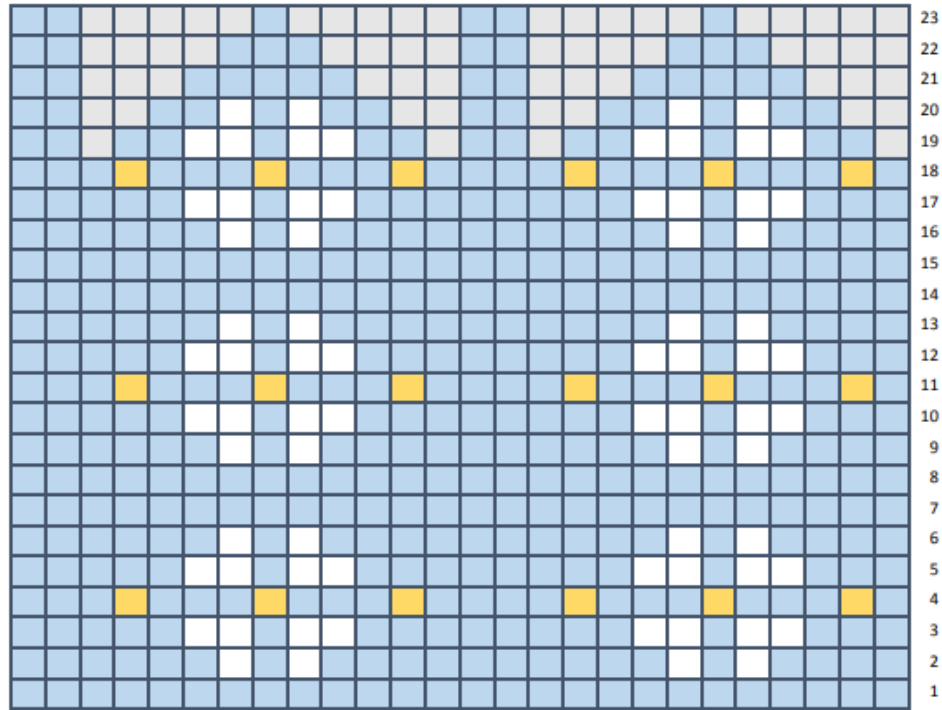
Charts

Left leaning decreases are done with slip-slip-knit (ssk), right leaning with knit-two-together (k2tog).

⬜ (blue)	=	Main color
⬜ (white)	=	CC1
🟨 (yellow)	=	CC2
⬜ (grey)	=	No stitch
o	=	Increase

Thumb Small

Thumb Large

Mitten body