



wishmaker mitts

The design of these fingerless mitts was inspired by the dandelion's seed stage, commonly associated with wishmaking. A wide graphic panel on the back of each mitt wraps around to meet a narrower panel along the palm side of the mitt. This pattern is recommended for knitters who have experience with stranded colorwork, reading from charts, and knitting in the round. The mitts pictured above were created with Magpie Fibers Domestic Fingering in colorways Baby Got Black, Tidepool, and Alloy.

Materials

- Approximately 200 yards of Main Color in Magpie Fibers Domestic Fingering (Baby Got Black)
- Approximately 25 yards of Contrast Color 1 (border) in Magpie Fibers Domestic Fingering (Tidepool)
- Approximately 80 yards of Contrast Color 2 (foreground) Magpie Fibers Domestic Fingering (Alloy)
- US size 1 (2.25mm) DPNs or circular needle for Magic Loop method OR size required to get gauge
- Darning needle and waste yarn
- Optional stitch marker

Size and finished measurements: Women's size medium, approximately 9 inches (22.86 cm) long and 7.5 inches (19.05 cm) in circumference after blocking.

Gauge: 34 stitches and 38 rows = 4 inches (10.16cm) in stranded pattern, knit in the round, and blocked. Knitting to the correct gauge is important to achieve the finished measurements noted above. Adjusting gauge will alter the size of your mitts as well as yarn requirements.

Please read through the entire pattern before beginning your project.

On page 3, you will find links to video tutorials demonstrating alternative bind off techniques.

Abbreviations

MC - Main Color (Baby Got Black)

CC1 - Contrast Color 1 (Tidepool)

CC2 - Contrast Color 2 (Alloy)

K - Knit

P - Purl

Ktb - Knit through the back loop

M - Make one stitch. (Insert left needle under the bar between the stitches from front to back, lifting it onto the left needle. Knit this bar through the back loop.)

Instructions

Ribbing

Begin the first mitt by casting on 64 stitches in MC to your needles, using the long-tail cast on. Divide the stitches on your needles and join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. You may want to use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of each round.

Knit 6 rounds of (Ktb1, P1) ribbing in MC.

Stranded Chart

Proceed to the Right Mitt chart on page 4, reading each row from right to left. The rows are numbered on each side of the chart; this is simply to aid you in keeping track of each row as you knit. You will also notice that the back panel of the mitt is 35 stitches wide, while the palm panel is narrower, at 29 stitches wide.

While knitting the stranded portions of the mitts, remember to keep floats loose to prevent the fabric from puckering. It is recommended that you catch floats longer than five stitches, to prevent the finished mitts from catching on fingers and/or jewelry.

When you reach row 40 of the chart, you will begin increasing stitches for the thumb gusset. Two stitches are created in each increase row. These stitches are marked with an "M" on the chart, and the Chart Key indicates the color of each increase stitch.

When you reach row 65, you will slip the 18 thumb stitches (indicated in orange) to waste yarn, and resume following the chart.



Ribbing and Bind Off

When you have completed the stranded chart, knit 4 rounds of (Ktb1, P1) ribbing in MC.

Bind off as desired. The original mitts feature a basic knit bind off using medium tension - not too tight and not too loose! Alternatively, you may choose to use a stretchy bind off technique for greater elasticity (See "Video Tutorials" below for links to other bind-off techniques).

Weave in the ends.

Thumb

Pick up the 18 stitches from waste yarn, and then pick up 4 extra stitches on the inside of the thumb, to avoid creating a gap between the thumb and hand. For a roomier thumb, you may choose to pick up 6 extra stitches (3 on each side).

Knit 4 rounds of (Ktb1, P1) ribbing, and bind off as desired. Weave in all remaining ends.

Left Mitt

Repeat all instructions, following the Left Mitt chart on page 5.

Finishing

Wet blocking is recommended to even out the stranded stitches. Lay flat to dry.

Enjoy!

Video Tutorials

Invisible Ribbed Bind Off by KNITFreedom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23uJSGokBDA>

Extra Stretchy, No Flare Bind Off by Lorraine L.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWS77BKk5NQ>

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Right Mitt

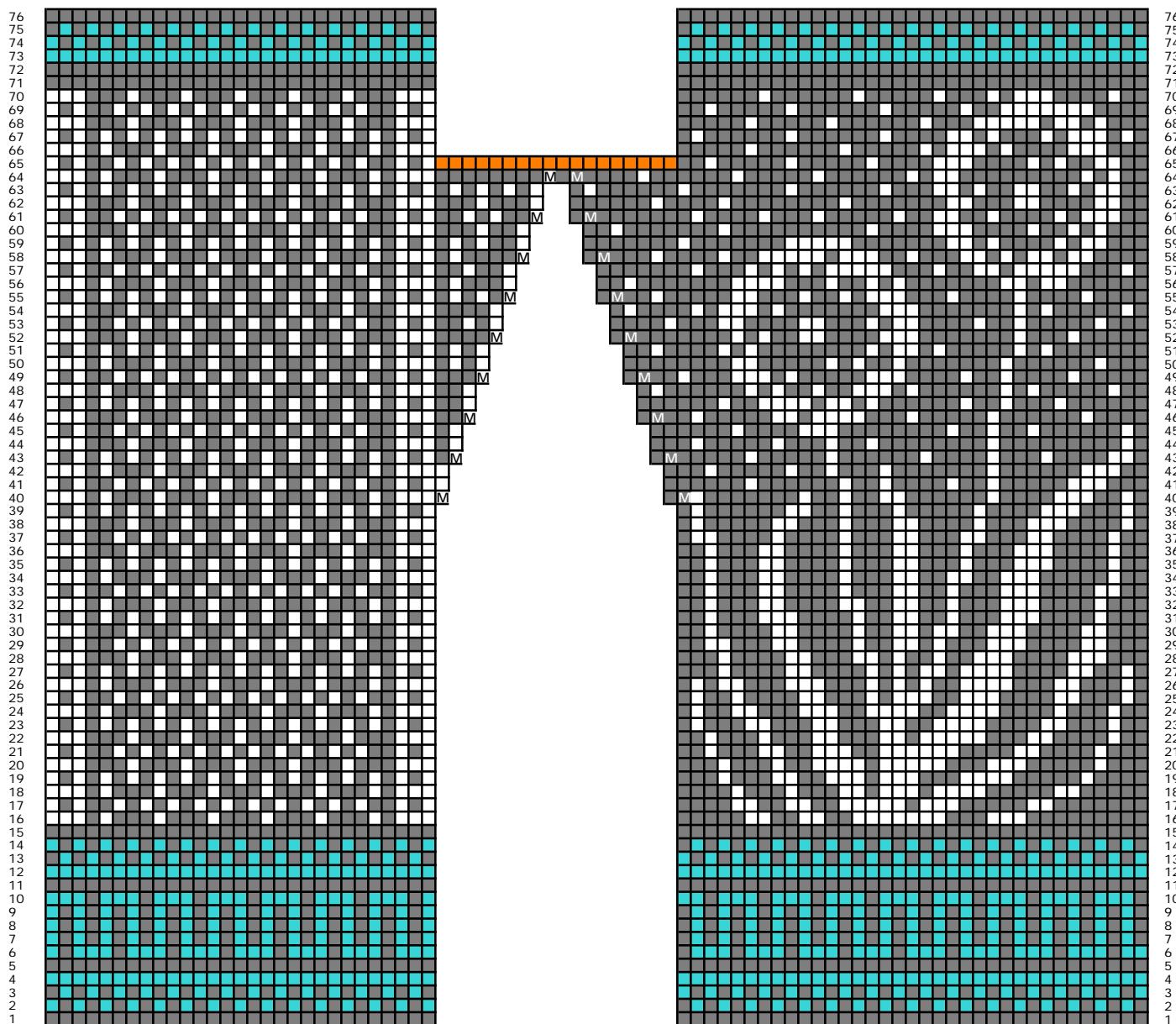


Chart Key

- Knit MC
- Knit CC1
- Knit CC2
- M1 in MC
- M1 in CC2
- Slip stitch to waste yarn

Left Mitt

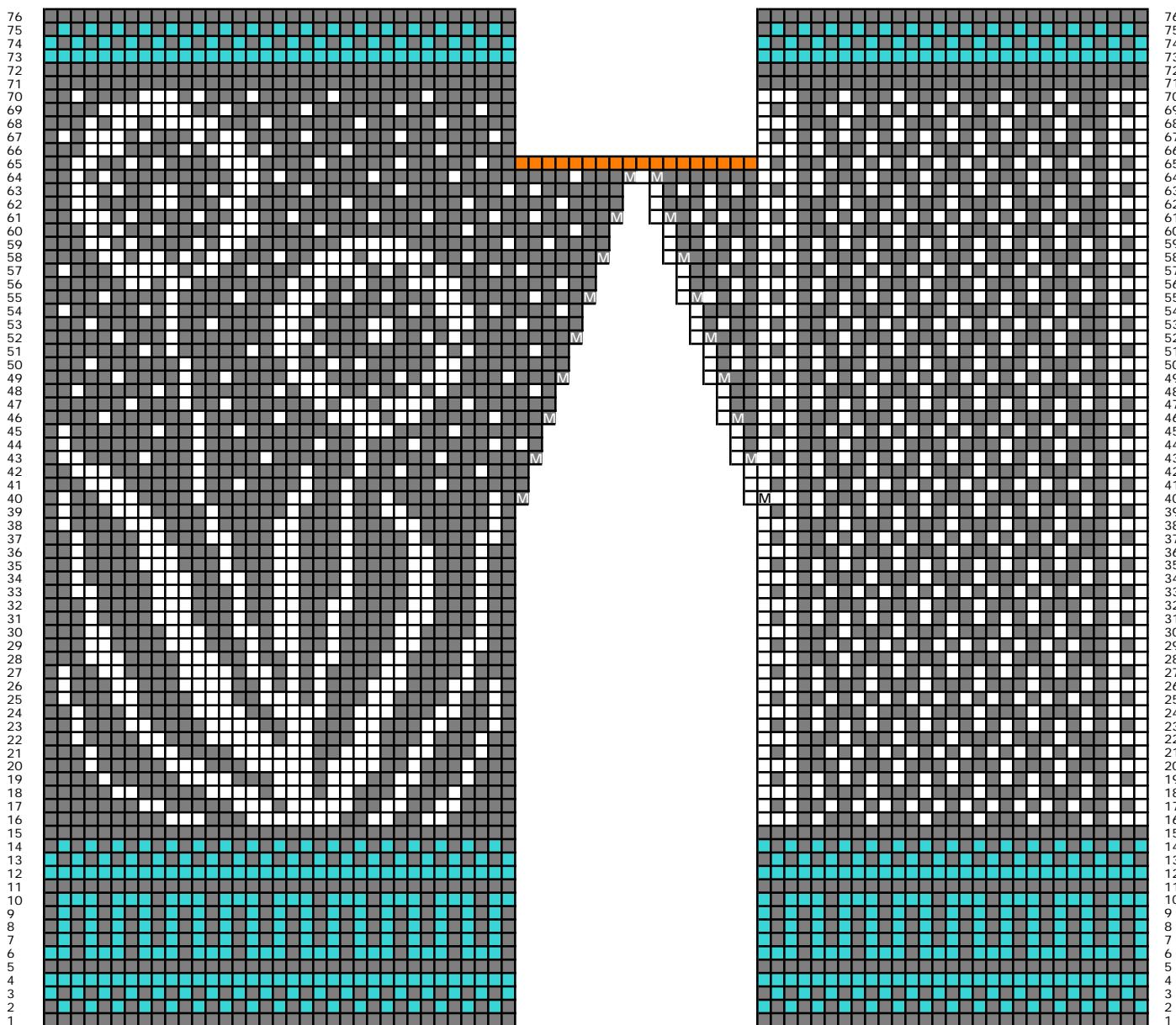


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