

## Mitts Pattern

### Crosswaite Colorwork Fingerless Mitts

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Suitable for adventurous beginner knitters. No experience with color knitting is required; experience working in the round on DPNs or magic loop is helpful.

#### SIZE & FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

SIZE	TEEN	WOMEN'S S	WOMEN'S M	WOMEN'S L
<b>Circumference</b>	5.75" (14.6 cm)	6.75" (17.1 cm)	8" (20.3 cm)	9" (22.9 cm)
<b>Length</b>	7.25" (18.4 cm)	7.25" (18.4 cm)	8.5" (21.6 cm)	8.5" (21.6 cm)

**Note:** Choose the size closest to the actual circumference of your palm.

#### MATERIALS

- 2 skeins Cloudborn Superwash Merino Worsted Twist (100% superwash merino wool; 220yds per 100gm skein) – 1 each in Main Color and Contrast Color; sample uses color Plum Heather for Main Color and Ocean for Contrast Color
- US 7 (4.5 mm) needles for small circumference in the round: DPNs OR long circular for magic loop method

#### GAUGE

28 sts/30 rounds over 4" (10 cm) in stranded colorwork, after blocking

#### TECHNIQUES & ABBREVIATIONS

**CC:** Contrast Color

**DPN(s):** Double pointed needle(s)

**K2tog:** Knit 2 sts together. 1 st decreased.

**MC:** Main Color

**M1L:** Insert left needle, from front to back, under the horizontal strand which lies between the stitch just knit, and the following stitch; then knit into the back of this loop. 1 stitch increased.

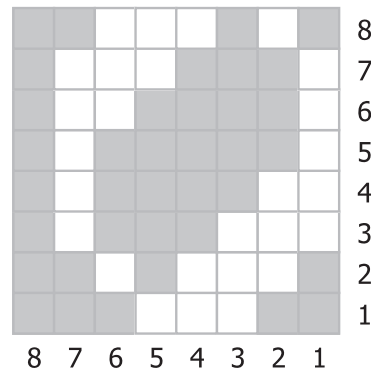
**M1R:** Insert left needle, from back to front, under the horizontal strand which lies between the stitch just knit, and the following stitch; then knit into the front of this loop. 1 stitch increased.

**SSK:** Slip the next 2 sts, one-by-one, as if to knit; insert the tip of the left needle into the fronts of these two stitches, from left to right, and knit them together. 1 st decreased.

#### SPECIAL STITCHES

##### Color Pattern

Worked over 8 stitches and 8 rounds.



Key  
 Main Color  
 Contrast Color

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### INSTRUCTIONS

#### Lower Edge

Using MC and the Long Tail method, cast on 40 (48, 56, 64) stitches, pulling the stitches snug as you go. (This is one situation in which you don't want your edge to be too stretchy).

Distribute sts across needles as you prefer, and join for working in the round. (It's helpful if you can have a multiple of 8 stitches on each needle.) Mark beginning of round.

Join CC.

Round 1: (K1 MC, k1 CC) around.

Round 2: (K1 MC, p1 CC) around.

Repeat Round 2 four more times.

#### Lower Hand

Next round: Working from chart, work Color Pattern 5 (6, 7, 8) times around.

Work as set until you have completed 1 (1, 2, 1) full repeats of the pattern, and then work 6 (5, 1, 5) more rounds.

#### Thumb Gusset

Next round, set up markers and start gusset: Working in color pattern as set, work until 1 st rem; M1R MC, place marker, k1 CC, place marker, M1L MC. 42 (50, 58, 66) sts.

**Note:** From here, you'll work the hand stitches in pattern as set, and work the thumb gusset stitches - between the first marker and the end of the round - in a vertical stripe pattern. That is, if it's a Main Color stitch, work in Main Color; if it's a Contrast Color stitch, work in the Contrast Color. Stitches added should continue in pattern.

Work 2 (2, 2, 1) rounds even, working gusset stitches in colors as set.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R MC, k1 CC, M1L MC, slip marker, k1 MC. 44 (52, 60, 68) sts.

Work 2 rounds even.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R CC, work in pattern as set to next marker, M1L CC, slip marker, k1 MC. 46 (54, 62, 70) sts.

Work 3 (2, 2, 2) rounds even.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R MC, work in pattern as set to next marker, M1L MC, slip marker, k1 MC. 48 (56, 64, 72) sts.

Work 3 (3, 2, 2) rounds even.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R CC, work in pattern as set to next marker, M1L CC, slip marker, k1 MC. 50 (58, 66, 74) sts.

Work 3 (3, 2, 2) rounds even.

Size XS only: Gusset is complete. Proceed to Upper Hand.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R MC, work in pattern as set to next marker, M1L MC, slip marker, k1 MC. - (60, 68, 76) sts.

Work - (3, 2, 2) rounds even.

Size S only: Gusset is complete. Proceed to Upper Hand.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R CC, work in pattern as set to next marker, M1L CC, slip marker, k1 MC. - (-, 70, 78) sts.

Work - (-, 2, 2) rounds even.

Size M only: Gusset is complete. Proceed to Upper Hand.

Next round, increase: Work in pattern as set to first marker, slip marker, M1R MC, work in pattern as set to next marker, M1L MC, slip marker, k1 MC. - (-, -, 80) sts.

Work - (-, -, 2) rounds even.

#### Upper Hand

Next round, divide for thumb: Work in pattern as set to 1 st before first marker. Slip next 11 (13, 15, 17) sts to scrap yarn or stitch holder, removing both markers. Using MC and backwards loop (e-wrap) method, cast one st onto right-hand needle. 40 (48, 56, 64) sts.

Continue in pattern as set until you have completed 5 (5, 6, 6) full repeats of the color pattern from lower edge, and work Round 1 once more.

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### Upper Edge

Round 1: (K1 MC, k1 CC) around.

Round 2: (K1 MC, p1 CC) around.

Repeat Round 2 four more times.

Cut CC.

Knit one round.

Bind off, pulling tight as you go. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail and pull through final stitch to secure.

### Thumb

Return 11 (13, 15, 17) held thumb sts to needle. If you're on DPNs, put 5 (6, 7, 8) on one needle, and 6 (7, 8, 9) on a second. With RS facing, rejoin MC at crook of thumb and pick up and knit 5 sts in the gap. 16 (18, 20, 22) sts.

Join CC.

**Note:** Work only the instructions for your size per below.

For the Second and Fourth sizes ONLY: Slip the first stitch of the round – the first of the held gusset stitches to the needle holding the picked up stitches. This aligns your stitches for the ribbing.

First and Second Sizes only, Round 1: (K1 MC, k1 CC) around.

Third and Fourth Sizes only, Round 1: (K1 MC, k1 CC) to last 6 sts, ssk MC, k1 CC, k2tog MC, k1 CC.- (-, 18, 20) sts

Round 2: (K1 MC, p1 CC) around.

Repeat Round 2 four more times.

Cut CC.

Knit one round.

Bind off, pulling tight as you go. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail and pull through final stitch to secure.

### Finishing

Wash to block, stretching to fit by putting damp mitten on hand. Lay flat to dry. Weave in ends. If there are still bumps in the fabric when the mittens are dry, steam with a garment steamer or an iron held above the surface of the mitten.

