



Spotty Mittens

WCY-103



3-5 x 10g JC Rennie Miniballs or 50m of 4ply in 5 different colours

2.75mm and 3mm circular or DPNs

30 sts/4" on 3mm needles over stranded pattern.

To fit 3-5 or 5-7 years

Left Mitten

Cast on 40 (48) sts with 2.75mm needles. Join in the round and work K2 P2 rib for 18 rounds.

Change to 3mm needles and K1 round with cuff colour.

For second size only increase 2 sts across this round (40, 50 sts).

Join in first background pattern colour and start work from chart (read every row right to left). The chart is repeated 8 (10) times across each round.

Work 3 repeats of chart. (18 rounds).

Next round (first round of chart), *K10 (K15), K8 onto waste yarn, slip these 8 sts back onto the left hand needle and knit again with the working yarn, K22 (K27).* Carry on as set by chart for another 3 pattern repeats.

Work 1 round

Dec round: K1, SSK, K14 (K19), K2tog, K2, SSK, K14 (K19) K2tog, K1

Next round: Knit

Dec round: K1, SSK, K12 (K17), K2tog, K2, SSK, K12

(K17) K2tog, K1

Repeat Decrease round 3 (4) times until you have 20 (26) sts left on the needle.

Graft stitches together or join with 3 needle bind off.

Pick up 8 sts above and below waste yarn and unpick the waste yarn. Join in thumb colour, pick up and knit 1 st, K8, Pick up and knit 1 (2) sts, K8, (second size only: Pick up and knit 1 st). 18 (20) sts.

Work 10 (12) rounds.

K1 (K2), K2tog around. (12 (15) sts)

Knit

K0 (K1), K2tog around (6 (10) sts)

Knit

Second size only, K2tog around, 5 sts.

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and draw up.

Right Mitten, work as for left except for thumb round: *K2, K8 onto waste yarn, slip these 8 sts back onto the left hand needle and knit again with the working yarn, K30 (K40).*

Weave in ends, wash twice with detergent, block.

Note on colours

Use one colour for the cuff, you can make it longer than the 18 rounds if desired and still have enough in one miniball. For the two colour pattern you can keep both colours going throughout the body of the mitten, for the two single colour rounds in each repeat just leave the other colour waiting at the start of the round. If you are change colours throughout the mitten then you don't have to break a colour if it is used in the next repeat, otherwise you should. It makes life easier if you know how to weave in ends as you go.

Finishing

This yarn still has some of the natural lanolin in it and also some spinning oils that are helpful when machine knitting. It can be knit directly from the balls and then the finished item is washed twice. To do this just soak the item in hot water with some washing up liquid or wool wash for 10-20 mins, rinse out then repeat the process to achieve a softer handle. There is no need to dry the item between rinses. Avoid too much agitation or extreme changes in water temperature as this will cause the wool to start felting. After the second rinse just roll it in a towel and squeeze out the excess, then pin out or leave flat to dry. Ovals cut from cardboard and put inside the mittens stretch them a little as they dry.

Tips on working fair isle projects

Fair Isle uses stranded colourwork, where two strands of different coloured yarns – the contrast and the background – are carried along at the same time and

stitches are taken from each one according to the pattern. The yarn not used for a stitch is carried at the back of the work (the float). The two strands can be held both in the same hand, or one in each. This may seem awkward at first but you quickly get the hang of it. The best way to learn is either for someone to show you, or to put 'fair isle knitting' into YouTube. All charts are worked from bottom to top and right to left on every row when worked in the round. If you are working the chart flat then work wrong side rows from left to right.

Abbreviations

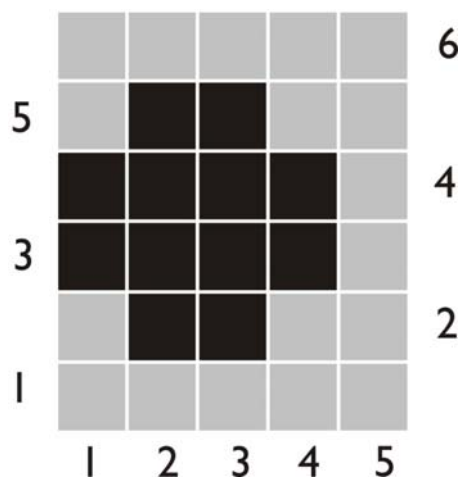
K – Knit

P – Purl

Sts – Stitches

SSK – Slip stitch knitwise, slip stitch knitwise, then knit these two slipped stitches together by inserting the left hand needle back into them.

K2tog – Knit two together



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