

# Fingerless Gloves

Shaped for left & right hands



Two sizes: small - medium and large

Adjustments possible

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Using 4-ply 75%wool, 25% nylon sock wool & 4 x 2.5mm double-pointed needles

To fit wrist 6½" (7¼"), hand circumference (between thumb and knuckles) 7⅝" (8½") which is around a size small/medium (medium/large) man's glove size; for a larger hand, use figures in brackets

Abbreviations:

N = needle(s); sts = stitches; K = knit; P = purl; inc = increase

Kfb inc = increase 1 st by knitting into the front & back of next stitch

### BOTH HANDS

Cast on 48 (51) sts and arrange onto 3 needles so that there is a multiple of 3 on each (this makes K2, P1 rib easier, e.g. 15 on 1<sup>st</sup> needle, 18 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 15 on 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Work 21 (21) rounds in K2, P1 rib (or until wrist section is long enough)

### LEFT HAND

Increase for thumb:

**1<sup>st</sup> round:** K

**2<sup>nd</sup> round:** 1<sup>st</sup> N: K; 2<sup>nd</sup>: K; 3<sup>rd</sup> N: K to last 5 sts, (K into front and back of next st (Kfb inc)) twice, K3

**3<sup>rd</sup> round:** K

**4<sup>th</sup> round** (with 17 sts on 3<sup>rd</sup> N now): 1<sup>st</sup> N: K; 2<sup>nd</sup> N: K; 3<sup>rd</sup> N: K10, Kfb inc, **K2**, Kfb inc, K3

**Rep last 2 rounds** increasing the number of stitches worked between increases by 2 sts each time, until the round ending "...3<sup>rd</sup> N; K10, Kfb inc, **K20**, Kfb inc, K3" is completed

**Next round:** K

**Next round:** 1<sup>st</sup> N: K; 2<sup>nd</sup> N: K; 3<sup>rd</sup> N: K11, put next 23 sts onto holder for thumb, cast on 5 (6) sts (to fill in the space), K3 to complete round (52 (56) sts)

The figures in the box below are for the fingers and can be adjusted (within reason) for skinnier or fatter fingers. **NB** the number of stitches in this pattern is sufficient for fairly large fingers (e.g. manual worker + arthritis). For finishing with K1, P1 rib (as here) you need an even number of stitches.

Fingers:

1<sup>st</sup> finger: 14 sts + 6 cast on (16 + 4 cast on) = 20 sts

2<sup>nd</sup> (middle) finger: 12 sts + 5 cast on + 5 picked up (14 + 4 + 4) = 22 sts

3<sup>rd</sup> (ring) finger: 14 sts + 4 cast on + 4 picked up (14 + 4 + 4) = 22 sts

4<sup>th</sup> (little) finger: 12 sts + 4 picked up (12 + 4) = 16 sts

## K12 (14) rounds

**Working the fingers** (the same for each hand; see also **TIPS** box, below):

**1<sup>st</sup> finger:** 1st N: K7 (8), put next 19 (20) sts onto 1<sup>st</sup> stitch holder; put next 19 (20) sts onto 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch holder (7 (8) sts remain on 3<sup>rd</sup> N), cast on 6 (4) sts, K 7 (8) sts on 3<sup>rd</sup> N and rearrange sts (keeping the beginning of the round at the start of a needle) so that there are 6 sts on each of 2 needles and 8 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (this makes the rib easier)

K 8 (9) rounds

K1, P1 rib for 3 rounds, then cast off – loosely – in rib

**2<sup>nd</sup> (middle) finger:** rejoin wool to base of 1<sup>st</sup> st, slide next 6 (7) sts from 1<sup>st</sup> holder onto needle and K them, cast on 5 (4) sts, slide next 6 (7) sts from 2<sup>nd</sup> holder onto another needle and K them; using 3<sup>rd</sup> N, pick up and K 5 (4) sts from the base of the 1<sup>st</sup> finger cast on sts. Rearrange the sts (keeping the beginning of the round at the start of a needle) so that there are 8 sts on each of 2 needles and 6 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (this makes the rib easier)

K10 (11) rounds

K1, P1 rib for 3 rounds, then cast off loosely in rib

**3<sup>rd</sup> (ring) finger:** rejoin wool to base of 1<sup>st</sup> st, slide next 7 (7) sts from 1<sup>st</sup> holder onto needle and K them, cast on 4 (4) sts, slide next 7 (7) sts from 2<sup>nd</sup> holder onto another needle and K them; using 3<sup>rd</sup> N, pick up and K 4 (4) sts from the base of the 2<sup>nd</sup> finger cast on sts. Rearrange the sts (keeping the beginning of the round at the start of a needle) so that there are 8 sts on each of 2 needles and 6 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (this makes the rib easier)

K7 (8) rounds

K1, P1 rib for 3 rounds then cast off loosely in rib

**4<sup>th</sup> (little) finger:** rejoin wool as before, K last 6 sts on 1<sup>st</sup> holder, then K last 6 sts from 2<sup>nd</sup> holder, pick up & K 4 sts from the base of the 3<sup>rd</sup> finger (as before)

K5 (6) rounds, then K1, P1 rib for 3 rounds and cast off loosely in rib

### TIPS

1. When putting the finger sts onto the holders, have the opening ends of the holders towards the 1<sup>st</sup> finger. This makes it much easier to transfer sts for the next finger.
2. For the thumb, rearranging sts so that there are 8 on each of 3 needles is easier if you have an extra needle, thus:

K8 from 1<sup>st</sup> N onto next N; using a second N, K rem. sts from 1<sup>st</sup> N + however many sts are needed to make 8; using a third N, K rem. sts from 2<sup>nd</sup> N and all sts from 3<sup>rd</sup> N. You should now have 8 sts on each of 3 needles!

**THUMBS** (the thumbs are also almost the same for both hands – where this is not the case, it has been highlighted)

Divide the thumb sts between two needles & rejoin wool to the base of the 1<sup>st</sup> st. K to end of 2<sup>nd</sup> needle, then using a 3<sup>rd</sup> needle, pick up and K 5 (7) sts from the cast on sts at the base of the thumb

**1<sup>st</sup> round:** 1<sup>st</sup> N: K; 2<sup>nd</sup> N: K; 3<sup>rd</sup> N: K2tog, K1 (K2tog) once (twice). For **left hand larger size only:** (K2tog) twice, K1, K2tog

**2<sup>nd</sup> round:** K, then K the 1<sup>st</sup> st on the 1<sup>st</sup> needle and slip it onto the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> N and slip the last st on the 2<sup>nd</sup> N onto the other end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> N

**3<sup>rd</sup> round:** 1<sup>st</sup> N: K; 2<sup>nd</sup> N: K; 3<sup>rd</sup> N: smaller size only: K2tog, K1, K2tog; larger size only: (K2tog) 3 times. (24 sts) Rearrange the sts so that there are 8 sts on each N (see **TIPS** box, above)

**4<sup>th</sup> round:** K

**5<sup>th</sup> round** (larger size only): K

K1, P1 rib for 4 rounds, then cast off loosely in rib

## RIGHT HAND

As left hand until thumb increases begin. They are worked on the 1st N instead of the 3rd N as follows:

**1st round:** 1st N: K3, (Kfb inc) twice, K to end of round

**Next round:** K

**Next round:** K3, Kfb inc, **K2**, Kfb inc, K to end of round

Rep last 2 rounds, increasing the number of stitches worked between increases by 2 sts each time, until the round beginning: "K3, Kfb inc, **K20**, Kfb inc..." has been completed

**Next round:** K

**Next round:** K4, slip next 23 sts onto st holder, cast on 5 (6) sts (to fill in the space), K to end of round (52 (56) sts)

**K 12 (14) rounds** and continue with **fingers** as for left hand

To finish: sew (darn/weave) in ends of wool making sure not to make the cast off rib edges too tight. The wool from where it was rejoined can be used to fill any small holes resulting at the bases of the fingers, before being sewn (darned/woven) in.

