



Lace Mitts

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I designed these after seeing a pair of wristwarmers in the book *Nordic Knitting* by Susan Pagoldh (ISBN 0-934026-68-8). The pattern is a simple 12 st repeat that can be easily adjusted to fit by changing needle size or gauge, or adding a pattern repeat to enlarge. Mine fit my hands, a woman's small.

Materials: Rowan Yorkshire Tweed 4ply or other fingering weight wool
 I used 4 colors (#284 Feral, #266 highlander, #265 shrew, #264 barley)
Needles: 2mm/0 US set of 4 or 5 needles
Gauge: approximately 8.5-9 sts per inch, unstretched

Instructions:

Cast on 60 stitches with a long-tail cast-on. Arrange stitches onto 3 or 4 needles and join. I cast onto two needles held together to insure stretch in the finished mitts, and started knitting with the darkest color. Begin chart below.

The chart is a 12 stitch, 2 row pattern. I repeated each color for eight rows.

I knit three color repeats of 8 rows each before beginning my thumb opening (about 2"). When you're ready to place the thumb opening, center it within one of the chart repeats. I bound off 11 sts (leaving off the last purl stitch in the chart) on a plain row, and then on the following row cast on the missing number of stitches with a backward loop cast-on. You can also use a waste yarn method for creating a space to open later for the thumb.

Continue stripes of colors in lace pattern, ending at about 8-9" or desired length. Add 8 rows of K2, P2 ribbing for a straight edge, or end with a plain row of the lace pattern for scalloped edge. Bind off very loosely.

Thumb: pick up stitches (I used 24 all around) and continue lace pattern, matching up stitches with the body of the mitt, until thumb is desired length. Bind off.

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chart key:

P = purl
blank = knit
**** = ssk
/ = K2tog
0 = yarnover