

### Basic Rules of Fair Isle Knitting:

(1) Only two colors are used per round; one for the patterning and the other for the background. Colors are changed frequently with no more than seven consecutive stitches of one color.

(2) The patterning consists primarily of diagonal lines; vertical lines are kept to a minimum. Diagonal lines distribute the point of tension created between color changes from one round to the next.

(3) Patterns are symmetrical and are worked over an odd number of rounds.

In the earliest Fair Isle knitting, diagonal OXO patterning was most common. The X is thought to represent the cross of St. Andrew.



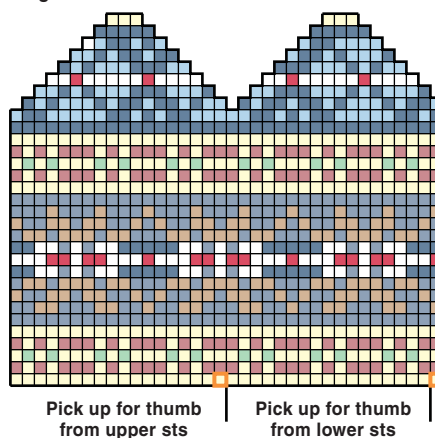
### Fair Isle Mittens

**Finished Size:** 8 1/2" (21.5 cm) around by 7 3/4" (19.5 cm) long, excluding cuff.

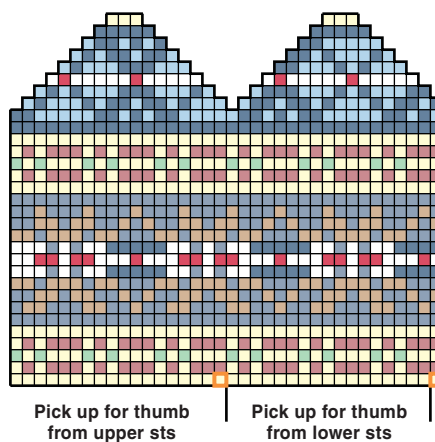
**Materials:** 2 oz (56.5 g) background color sport-weight wool; 1/2 oz (14 g) each of several secondary

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Right Thumb



Left Thumb



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