

White Witch Mitts

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★ FINISHED SIZE:

7¾" hand circumference, to fit women's medium.



YARN:

Blue Sky Alpacas Sport Weight (100% alpaca; 110 yd [101 m]/50 g): #533 navy blue (MC), 2 skeins; #508 natural medium gray (A), #507 natural light gray (B), and #526 blue sky (C), 1 skein each.



NEEDLES:

Size 3 (3.25 mm): set of 4 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.



NOTIONS:

Marker (m); waste yarn; tapestry needle.



GAUGE:

14½ sts and 16 rnds = 2" in patt.



SKILL LEVEL:

Intermediate 



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MITTEN

CUFF: With MC, CO 56 sts. Distribute sts as foll: 29 sts on Needle 1, 14 sts on Needle 2, and 13 sts on Needle 3. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd. **Next rnd:** *K2 with MC, p2 with A; rep from * around. Rep last rnd 4 more times. Cont in rib and change CC as foll: 5 rnds with B, 5 rnds with C, 5 rnds with B, 5 rnds with A. With MC, knit 1 rnd. **Beg Fair Isle patt:** Work Rows 1–16 of Mitten chart.

Rnd 17: Right mitten only: Work in patt across 29 sts of Needle 1, k1 with MC, k9 with waste yarn, place these 9 sts back onto left needle and work to end in patt;

Left mitten only: Work to last 10 sts of rnd, k9 with waste yarn, place these 9 sts back onto left needle and work to end in patt.

Both mittens: Work Rows 18–54 of Mitten chart—30 sts rem. Place sts from Needle 3 onto Needle 2. Break yarn, leaving a long tail. With tapestry needle and MC, use Kitchener st (see below) to graft 15 sts of Needle 1 to 15 sts of Needle

2. **Thumb:** Carefully remove waste yarn at thumb, placing 9 lower sts onto 1 needle and 9 upper sts onto rem 2 needles. **Next rnd:** Needle 1: With MC, pick up and knit 1 st at edge of thumb, work marked thumb sts of Row 18 of Mitten chart across 9 sts, pick up and knit 1 st with MC; Needles 2 and 3: With MC, pick up and knit 1 st at edge of thumb, work marked thumb sts of Row 18 of Mitten chart across 9 sts, pick up and knit 1 st with MC at corner, pm and join for working in the rnd—22 sts for thumb. Working on these 22 sts, cont in patt as established through chart Row 35. **Next rnd:** Needle 1: *K1 with MC, ssk with B, work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog with B, k1 with MC; rep from * for sts on Needles 2 and 3—4 sts dec'd. Cont in patt and dec 4 sts every rnd in this manner 2 more times, using B in place of C on Row 38—10 sts rem. **Next rnd:** With MC, *k1, sl 2 as if to k2tog, k1, p2sso, k1; rep from * once more—6 sts rem. Break yarn, thread tail of MC through rem sts, and fasten off. Weave in loose ends. Block lightly. ■

LAURA RINTALA, managing editor, originally comes from the Midwest, where the winters are bitterly cold. Couple that with her below-average circulation, and you'll understand her fondness for really warm mittens and wool socks.

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Ssk Decrease

Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Kitchener Stitch

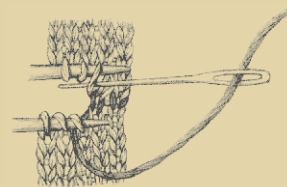
Step 1: Bring threaded needle through front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.

Step 2: Bring threaded needle through back stitch as if to knit and leave stitch on needle.











Step 3: Bring threaded needle through first front stitch as if to knit and slip this stitch off needle. Bring threaded needle through next front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.

Step 4: Bring threaded needle through first back stitch as if to purl (as illustrated), slip this stitch off, bring needle through next back stitch as if to knit, leave this stitch on needle.

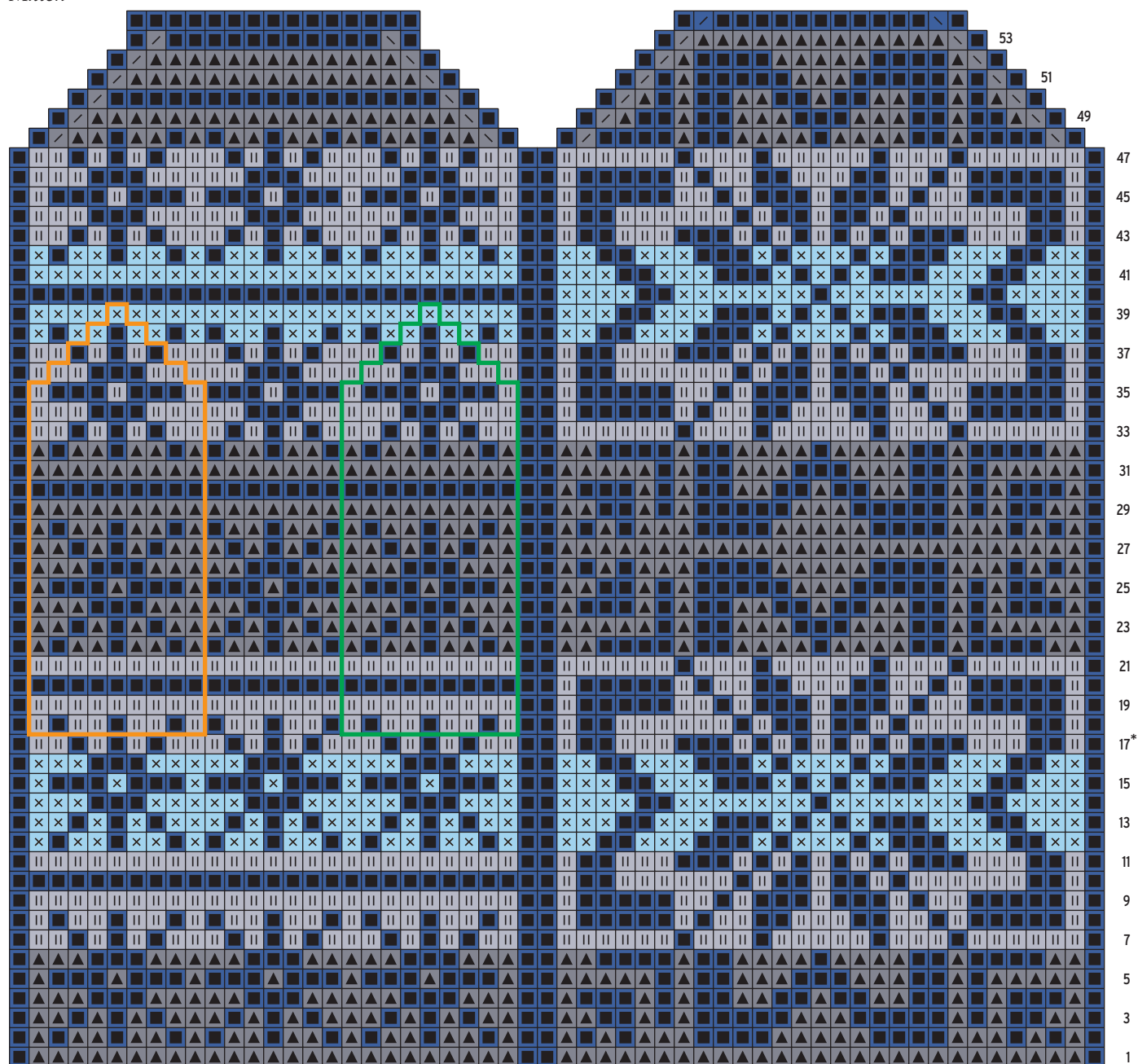
Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until no stitches remain on needles.





-  knit with MC
-  k2tog with MC
-  ssk with MC
-  knit with A
-  k2tog with A
-  ssk with A
-  knit with B
-  knit with C
-  left thumb placement
-  right thumb placement

Mitten



* Work as given in directions