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TRULY WOOL RICH 4 PLY

SNOWDEER MITTENS

Measurements

Size	Mitten Circumference		Hand Length	
S	7"	18 cm	6"	15 cm
M	7½"	19 cm	6½"	16.5 cm
L	8"	20 cm	7½"	19 cm
XL	8½"	21.5 cm	7¾"	19.5 cm

Materials

Cygnets Truly Wool Rich 4 ply in 402 Holly 1 ball - MC (Main Colour)

Cygnets Truly Wool Rich 4 ply in 2185 Geranium 1 ball - CC1 (Contrast Colour 1)

Cygnets Truly Wool Rich 4 ply in 2614 Cream 1 ball - CC2 (Contrast Colour 2)

A set of 3mm dpns / short circular **or size needed to achieve tension.**

A set of 2.75mm dpns for ribbed cuff

3 Stitch markers

Tape measure

Scissors

Tapestry needle to sew in ends.

Abbreviations

K – Knit	P – Purl	st(s) - stitch(es)
rep – repeat	beg – beginning	RH - Right hand
LH – Left hand	K2tog – Knit 2 together	K1tbl – Knit one through back loop

SSK - Slip one stitch, slip next stitch, knit these two stitches together
Left lifted increase - Insert LH needle into LH leg of st 2 rows below st on RH needle. Knit through back loop.
Right lifted increase - Insert RH needle into RH leg of st below the next st on LH needle. Lift onto LH needle and knit.

TENSION

32 sts and 36 rows to 10 cm (4 ins) measured over stranded colourwork pattern using 3 mm needles. If your tension is too tight use a larger needle, if too loose use a smaller needle.

PATTERN NOTES

When Cygnet asked me to design some Christmas mittens, I thought “how about reindeer for Christmas?” My brain instantly answered “I’d rather have **snow** than rain for Christmas!” so these became snowdeer instead! Surrounded by snowflakes, snowy pine trees, and traditional Nordic motifs they can be worked in two or more contrasting colours.

These stranded colourwork mittens are knit in the round from the cuff down with a thumb gusset created by lifted increases. They can be knitted on dpns, by magic loop, or on a short circular (in which case you will still need dpns for the thumbs and mitten top decreases).

All charts are read from right to left working from the bottom to the top. Please read the charts carefully.

For each size there are two charts, a right-hand one and a left-hand one. The written pattern instructions are for both hands in all sizes. Where the written instructions differ for each hand, the **right-hand instructions appear first and are in bold type** followed by the *left-hand instructions which are in brackets and italics*. For example:

Place a marker after working the **back of hand (RH)** (*palm (LH)*) chart.

To knit the right hand you place the marker after working the back of hand chart; to knit the left hand you place the marker after working the palm chart.

To adjust either the width or length of the thumb work as follows: On the first mitten leave the waste yarn (that held your thumb sts) in place when starting to knit the rest of the thumb. This way if you need to adjust it, it is easier to take back out to that point. I generally work 5-6 thumb rounds then try the mitten on so I can feel how it will knit up. If it feels too tight you can pick up extra stitches at the points where you are picking up stitches or, if it feels too loose, you can work extra K2tog decreases on the second row of the thumb until you are happy with the fit. The length of the thumb can easily be adjusted by knitting more/ less rounds before starting the decrease rounds.

If you make any changes to the pattern, it is a good idea to make a note of them so that you can make the same changes to the second mitten!

For colourwork clothing I recommend trapping your float at least every 5 stitches (to avoid catching items on the floats) and varying where in the pattern you trap them by at least 2 stitches on the following round. Staggering the position of the traps helps prevent the colour you are trapping from showing through to the front of your work.

PATTERN:

CUFF:

With smaller dpns and CC1 cast on 56 (60, 64, 68) sts using a stretchy cast on.
Join in the round being careful not to twist sts, and place marker for beg of round.
Rounds 1 – 10 (14, 16, 18): *K1tbl, P1; rep from * to end of round.

WRIST:

Change to larger needles and join MC.
Begin working the corresponding chart for your size and hand at row 1 changing colours as indicated on the chart.
Place marker after working the indicated stitch on the chart.
Work chart until the start of row 8 (9, 10, 11).

THUMB GUSSET:

Round 8 (9, 10, 11): Knit row 8 (9, 10, 11) of the **back of hand (RH)** (*palm*) (*LH*) chart, slip marker, work left lifted increase, k1 MC, work right lifted increase, place marker, work row 8 (9, 10, 11) of the **palm (RH)** (*back of hand*) (*LH*) chart.

Rounds 9 (10, 11, 12) - 24 (28, 32, 35): Continue as indicated on chart changing colours as indicated and carrying the colour not in use up to the next round.

Round 25 (29, 33, 36): Knit row 25 (29, 33, 36) of the **back of hand (RH)** (*palm*) (*LH*) chart, remove marker, slip next 13 (15, 17, 19) sts onto waste yarn. With MC and using the backwards loop method cast on 2 sts, slip marker, knit row 25 (29, 33, 36) of **palm (RH)** (*back of hand*) (*LH*) chart.

HAND:

Continue knitting chart as shown in the corresponding chart for your hand and size.

MITTEN TOP SHAPING:

If you are using a short circular, you will need to switch to dpns at some point during the mitten top decreases.
Rounds 51 (54, 62, 65) – 64 (68, 77, 80): Continue as indicated on the chart, cutting CC2 after round 62 (66, 74, 77).

THUMB:

Slip 13 (15, 17, 19) sts from waste yarn onto 3mm dpns.
Leaving a long tail rejoin MC and pick up 4 sts from inside corners and side of hand, k 12 (14, 16, 18) sts from dpns, k last st together with first picked up st - 16 (18, 20, 22) sts.
Distribute across 3 or 4 dpns and work as follows.

Rounds 2 - 19 (22, 26, 26): K all sts.

The thumb should be ¼" (½ cm) short of the final length required. I highly recommend trying your mitten on at this point! If you want to add more length this can be achieved by knitting additional rounds before starting the decreases.

Decrease round 1: *K2tog; repeat from * until end of round – 8 (9, 10, 11) sts.
Next round: Knit.

Sizes **Small** and **Large**:

Decrease round 2: *K2tog; repeat from * until end of round – 4 (5) sts.

Sizes **Medium** and **Extra Large**:

Decrease round 2: K1, *k2tog; repeat from * until end of round – 5 (6) sts.

All Sizes: Finishing

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches twice (this fills the loops of the sts to give a better finish). Sew in all ends and block for best results. Enjoy your new mittens!

Click on the link below for relevant size

Snow Deer Mitten Charts

[Small LH](#)

[Small RH](#)

[Medium LH](#)

[Medium RH](#)

[Large LH](#)

[Large RH](#)

[Xtra Large LH](#)

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