

Wings Mitts

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These fingerless gloves feature a beautiful lace panel reminiscent of delicate wings in flight. The undulating lace pattern will make the most of yarns with long color changes, such as Noro Cashmere Island, but it will look just as attractive in a solid color yarn.

The mitts are knitted flat on straight needles and then seamed in order to simplify the lace panel knitting. The original pair was knitted with a simple buttonhole thumb opening and instructions for that as well as an optional thumb gusset are included. The ribbed pattern is very stretchy and will accommodate most hands; however, it can also be easily scaled up by adding a few more stitches in 2x2 rib.

Finished Size: One Size

Yarn: Any DK or light worsted weight yarn; approximately 180 yards

Gauge: 24 sts / 32 rows = 4" in 2x2 rib stitch, slightly stretched

Needles: Size 5 / 5.0 mm straight needles; size 5 / 4.5 mm double point needles for thumb gussets (optional)

Notions: Stitch markers, yarn needle, stitch holder (optional)

Mitts

Cast on 57 sts and follow the charts for each hand. Please note that only one vertical repeat of the pattern is charted, but to complete the project each chart must be repeated for a total of five times. For ease of knitting place a stitch marker before the first and after the last stitch of the lace panel.

The thumb opening stitches are highlighted in the charts and need to be formed only on the rows designated with an asterisk (rows 37 & 38). When working the thumb opening be careful to keep the stitches from getting too tight. Put the marked 6 stitches on a stitch holder to work the thumb gusset later, or you may simply cast off the stitches if you choose to leave the mitts without a thumb gusset. In the following row cast these 6 stitches back on and continue in the 2x2 rib. Complete the charts five times (total of 50 rows). Cast off loosely enough for the edge to remain stretchy and comfortable during wear.

Optional Thumb Gusset

Place the 6 live stitches from the stitch holder on one of the dpns, then pick up 10 additional stitches around the thumb hole and divide these over two more needles for total of 16 stitches. Starting with the live stitches and following the established 2x2 rib pattern knit 7 rows or desired length and cast off.

Finishing

Seam the pieces using a mattress stitch carefully matching rows to maintain the 2x2 rib pattern; weave in all loose ends. Light blocking may enhance the lace pattern, but it is not required as the lace opens up during wear.



