

# framework mitten



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## These mittens are perfect for embroidery!

The gentle twisted cables that frame the fronts are an ideal canvas to experiment with embroidering on your knits. The sample is knit by holding the wool held double with the mohair silk.

You can knit these mittens without embroidery, too! An ideal cozy mitt for cold weather, and a great idea to knit now to have at the ready for when the cold weather hits.

**Sizes:** 1 (2, 3)

**Finished circumference:** 7.25 (8.25, 9.25)" / 18.5, (21, 23.5) cm

**Total Length:** 8.5 (9.25, 10.25)" / 21.5 (23.5, 26) cm

### Materials:

- 2 stitch markers
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- 2.75mm (US 2) dpns or 9" / 22 cm circulars **or size to obtain gauge**
- Emily C Gillies Mohair Silk Lace yarn (1 skein), 70% kid mohair, 30% silk (20g, 180 yards / 165 m)
  - Note: 1 strand of wool and 1 strand of mohair are held together throughout.
- Emily C Gillies BFL Fingering yarn (1 skein), 2 ply non-superwash bluefaced Leicester wool (50g, 180 yards / 165 m)
- For embroidery (optional): water soluble embroidery stabilizer, embroidery floss

### Gauge:

6 sts and 10 rounds = 1" / 2.5 cm square in St st, 1 strand of fingering weight and 1 strand of mohair held together

### Abbreviations:

**K:** knit                    **P:** purl                    **K2tog:** knit 2 stitches together as one.

**Ssk:** slip 1 stitch as if to knit, slip another stitch as if knit. Then insert left hand needle into the front of both these two stitches and knit them together.

**Kfb:** knit into both the front and back of the same stitch (increases 1 stitch)

**M1R:** pick up the horizontal strand of yarn between the needles from back to front, place on left needle, knit loop you just picked up from the front to create a right-leaning increase.

**M1L:** pick up the horizontal strand of yarn from between the needles from front to back, place on left needle, knit loop you just picked up through the back to create a left-leaning increase.

**Right twist (2 sts):** slip first stitch onto a cable needle and hold in BACK of your knitting. Knit 1 stitch, then knit the stitch from the cable needle.

**Left twist (2 sts):** slip first stitch onto cable needle and hold in FRONT of your knitting. Knit 1 stitch, then knit stitch from the cable needle.



### Embroidery Section (Skip this section if you are making the mitts without embroidering)

The pre-printed design makes it easy to peel and stick the design right to your knitting! You may find, as I did, that holding the yarn double with the mohair meant that the stabilizer may feel like it's floating above the yarn, sticking more to the mohair than the wool.

No problem- use a bit of thread to baste the edges of the pre printed design to the mitten, then remove those basted stitches BEFORE washing your mitt to dissolve the stabilizer. You can remove the basted stitches afterwards as well, but it will be much harder to remove the basting thread after dissolving the stabilizer than before.

I recommend embroidering with cotton embroidery floss on your mitts.

## PATTERN

### Cuff

Using your preferred method, cast on 40 (46, 52) sts. Place stitch marker, join for working in the round.

Work k1, p1 ribbing for 2 (2, 2.25)" / 5 (5, 5.5) cm, or as desired for mitten cuff length.

Set up round: [kfb, k9 (k10, k12)] 4 times, k 0 (2, 0). 44 (50, 56) stitches on needle.

Establish cable frames: Work rounds 1-3 of Cable Frame Stitch Pattern.

### Cable Frame Stitch Pattern (4 round repeat):

Round 1: P1, left twist, p1, k14 (17, 20) stitches between cable panels, p1, right twist, p1, knit to end of round.

Rounds 2, 3 and 4: P1, k2, p1, k14 (17, 20), p1, k2, p1, knit to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1-4 for pattern.



#### Left Mitt Only:

Begin Thumb Gusset

Next round, begin thumb gusset increases (round 4 of Cable Frame patt): m1R, k1, m1L, place marker, work in patt to end. 2 sts increased, 3 sts between beginning of round and thumb marker.

Work 2 rounds straight in patt.

Next round: m1R, k to next marker, m1L, slip marker, patt to end. 2 stitches increased.

Rep last 3 rounds a further 6 (7, 8) times while working established Cable Frame patt. 17 (19, 21) stitches between thumb gusset markers, 61 (69, 77) sts total.

Next round, hold thumb sts: Remove beginning of round marker, slip next 17 (19, 21) thumb sts to waste yarn or holder, remove marker, cast on 1 st, place marker for new beginning of round, work in patt to end of round. 45 (51, 57) sts.

Next round: Work in patt to last 2 sts of round, ssk. 44 (50, 56) sts.

#### Right Mitt Only:

Begin Thumb Gusset

Next round (round 4 of Cable Frame patt): Work 22 (25, 28) sts in patt as established, place marker, m1R, k1, m1L, place marker, patt to end. 2 stitches increased, 3 sts between thumb markers.

Work 2 rounds straight in patt.

Next round: Work in patt to marker, slip marker, m1R, k to next marker, m1L, slip marker, patt to end. 2 stitches increased.

Rep last 3 rounds a further 6 (7, 8) times while working established Cable Frame patt. 17 (19, 21) stitches between thumb gusset markers, 61 (69, 77) sts total.

Next round, hold thumb sts: Work in patt to marker, remove marker, slip next 17 (19, 21) thumb sts to waste yarn or holder, slip marker, cast on 1 st, knit to end of round. 45 (51, 57) sts.

Next round: Work in patt to marker, slip marker, k2tog, knit to end of round. 44 (50, 56) sts.

## Both Mitts – Hand

### If working embroidery (optional)

Continue working straight in established patterns until hand measures 2" / 5 cm from thumb divide.

### **\*\* If not doing any embroidery, continue to next section (remainder of hand). \*\***

At this point, peel and stick your embroidery design to your mitten. You may find basting the outline of the design to the mitten with waste thread to help keep the stabilizer in place, as it will stick to the mohair before it sticks to the wool, and will feel like it's 'floating' a bit. Please see the embroidery section for more information. When you have completed the embroidery portion of your mitten, remove the basting stitches for the stabilizer and place mitten stitches back on your knitting needles.

### Remainder of hand:

Continue in established patterns until hand measures about 5.5 (6, 6.5)" / 14 (15, 17) cm from end of cuff or 1 (1.25, 1.5)" / 2.5 (3, 3.5) cm less than desired length.



### Top shaping:

Decrease round 1: Work 4 sts in pattern, ssk, k10 (13, 16), k2tog, place marker, work 4 sts in pattern, ssk, work to last 2 sts of round, k2tog. 4 stitches decreased.

Decrease round 2: Work 4 sts in pattern, ssk, knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, work 4 sts in pattern, ssk, work to last 2 sts of round, k2tog. 4 stitches decreased.

Work Decrease round 2 every round a further 5 (6, 7) times. 22 (24, 26) stitches.

Cut yarns, leaving a 6" / 15 cm tail. Thread onto a tapestry needle, then draw the needle through the remaining live stitches and pull tight to close.

### Thumbs (both):

Place 17 (19, 21) held sts back on needles.

Knit across these sts, pick up 1 stitch in the cast-on gap, place stitch marker, and begin working in the round. 18 (20, 22) sts.

Knit every round until thumb measures 2 (2.25, 2.5)" / 5 (5.5, 6.5) cm from pick up.

Next round: K2tog to end. 9 (10, 11) sts.

Cut yarns, leaving a 6" / 15 cm tail to thread through remaining live stitches, and pull tight to close.

### Finishing:

Weave in all yarn ends, and wet block mitts (this is the ideal stage to dissolve the water-soluble stabilizer if embroidering!).

Enjoy your cozy, beautiful mitts and prepare for compliments!