

I participate in live action role play and I found that I needed padding across the back of my hands. While I did consider basic fingerless gloves I needed a good grip on my sword. I had a pair of fingerless gloves that I loved the pattern on and they added a nice cushion to the back of the hand. The main idea behind this design is [Fireworks Fingerless Mitts](#) by Megan Bayonet. I am simply modifying it to work for my needs.

Need:

Yarn – 23 yards DK weight yarn, (I used Plymouth Dreambaby DK).

Needles: US #2 / 2.75mm DPNs

Gauge: 8 Stitches x 14 Rows in 1 Inch

Special Abbreviations:

K1CO: Pick up one stitch from cast on row and place on left needle. Knit this stitch and next stitch together. You may need to skip a stitch or two in the cast on row to make the hem turn up evenly.

Sl3wyif: Move yarn to front of work, as though to purl. Slip 3 stitches purlwise. Move yarn to back of work as though for a knit stitch. Will leave a line of yarn in front of the slipped stitches.

Gather: Insert right needle under the slipped yarn and knit next stitch. Slip the knitted stitch under the yarn, it's caught behind the center of the 3 stitches.

Cast on 52 stitches (16 on needle 1, 16 on needle 2, 20 on needle 3) The pattern is a 4 stitch repeat so adjust as needed.

Cuff:

Round 1 – 3: Knit all stitches

Round 4: (K2tog, yo), repeat around

Round 5-7: Knit all stitches

Round 8: (K1CO, K), repeat around

Round 9, 17, 25, 33: (Sl3yif, k) repeat around

Round 10, 18, 26, 34: Knit around

Round 11, 19, 27, 35: K, (gather, K3) to last 3 stitches, gather, K2

Round 12, 20, 28, 36: Knit around

Round 13, 21, 29, 37: K2, (Sl3wyif, k) to last 2 stitches. Move yarn to front, slip 2 stitches.

Round 14, 22, 30, 38: Sl1wyif, Knit the rest of the stitches

Round 15, 23, 31, 39: (K3, gather) repeat around

Round 16, 24, 32, 40: Knit around

Transition to Hand:

Round 41: (Sl3wyif, K) x6, knit around

Round 42: Knit around

Round 43: K, (Gather, K3)x6, knit around

Round 44: Knit around

Round 45: K2, (Sl3wyif, K) x5, K2tog, place rest of stitches on a stitch holder or waste yarn.

Round 46: (and all even rows): turn work and P23

Round 47: Working only on the 23 stitches of the hand (K3, gather) x5, K3

Round 49, 57, 65, 73: (Sl3wyif, K) x5, Sl3wyif

Round 51, 59, 67, 75: K1, (Gather, K3) x5, Gather, K1

Round 53, 61, 69, 77: K2, (Sl3wyif, K) x5, K1

Round 55, 63, 71, 79: K3, (Gather, K3) x5, K2

Round 81: Knit across

Edge Finishing:

Pick up and knit 17 stitches on the left side of the hand. Pick up and knit 1 stitch in the space between the hand and the cuff. Knit the stitches off the stitch holder. Pick up and knit 1 stitch in the space between the hand and the cuff. Pick up and knit 17 stitches on the right side of the hand.

Bind Off:

K2, bind one off, K1, work 2" of i-cord over those two stitches. Using a spare needle, slip 1 stitch of the i-cord, 1 live stitch from the edging, 1 stitch of the i-cord, and 1 live stitch from the edging, and then transfer these 4 stitches back to the left hand needle. K2tog twice and pass the first stitch over the second stitch (I-cord Bind off).

K1, bind one stitch off, repeat twice. K1, work 2" of i-cord over those two stitches. I-cord bind off.

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K1, bind one stitch off, repeat twice. K1, work 2" of i-cord over those two stitches. I-cord bind off. Bind off remaining stitches.

Weave in ends and block as needed.

