

MIRROR MITTS

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If you've just started spinning, and you have just managed to make your first tiny bit of yarn that resembles fingering weight, this pattern is perfect! Also, you could use those left overs you have from other fingering weight projects. These mitts require only 2 x 50 meters of yarn!

They are worked in the round, using a circular needle for the magic loop method, or DPNs. Use whatever method you prefer – it's a great project to practice your magic loop skills.

Yarn: about 50 meters each of 2 colors of fingering weight yarns (appr 300m/100g); this amounts to appr 15 grams of each color. One color is called C1, the other C2.

Needles: 2,5 mm circulars to work magic loop, or DPN's. Use your favorite method!

Gauge: 6 sts & 10 rows = 1"/2,5 cm

Size: one-size, appr Medium (19 cm around the hand at the widest point). You can try these on as you go, instructions are provided for making them larger/smaller. Just remember to write down which mods you made, so you can repeat it for s other mitt!

directions:

*If you want a bigger or smaller size, you will need to adjust the number of stitches you cast on. Here you would need to make a gauge swatch to find out how much to adjust with!
The 40 sts measure about about 16 cm/ 6 ½" in stockinette stitch.*

Using your favorite stretchy cast on method, CO **40 sts** with C1 and join in the round. I used a provisional cast on for a 1x1 ribbing, working the first rows flat and then joining; but do use the method *you* prefer! Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Work in a 1x1 rib until piece measures appr 2cm.

Switch to stockinette stitch (knitting each round) and C2; follow the stripe chart. Lead the non-active yarn behind the work by twisting it around the working yarn each time you reach the beginning of round, being careful not to pull it too tight.



On the indicated row on the chart (right after the stripe where there are 5 rows of C1), increase with 2 sts:
k1, m1r, (pm – sm on subsequent rounds), k to 1 st before end, (pm – sm on subsequent rounds), m1l, k1. Knit one round.

Repeat these two rounds **9 more times**, increasing immediately before the first and immediately after the second marker like stated. Remember to follow the chart for stripes as well!

Try it on; you should keep up the increases every second row until the work is just above the place where the thumb joins the hand.

*If you have modified the amount of increases above, your numbers will be different!
You might want to increase the amount of sts to bind off, if you made a bigger version. Try it on and see what fits best!*

You have now **22 sts** in the area between the two increase markers.

On the next round, work until **7 sts** before end, removing markers. BO these 7 sts loosely, remove marker, BO next **7 sts**. K to end, and join in the round again, placing the marker between the two halves.

Continue in stockinette stitch, following the stripes chart. At the end of the next round, k the last stitch, then transfer it back to the left needle, and knit it together with the first stitch of the next round – this is to make the join a bit more sturdy :)

K 4 more rounds, then switch to C2 and work 4 rounds of 1x1 ribbing. Break yarn, and BO loosely using C1. Weave in ends.

Repeat the instructions for the second mitt, this time switching your yarns so your C1 becomes C2 and vice versa. Here you go – two matching mitts!



Abbreviations:

st/sts = stitch/stitches

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

inc = increase

k = knit

pm = place marker

sm = slip marker from left to right needle

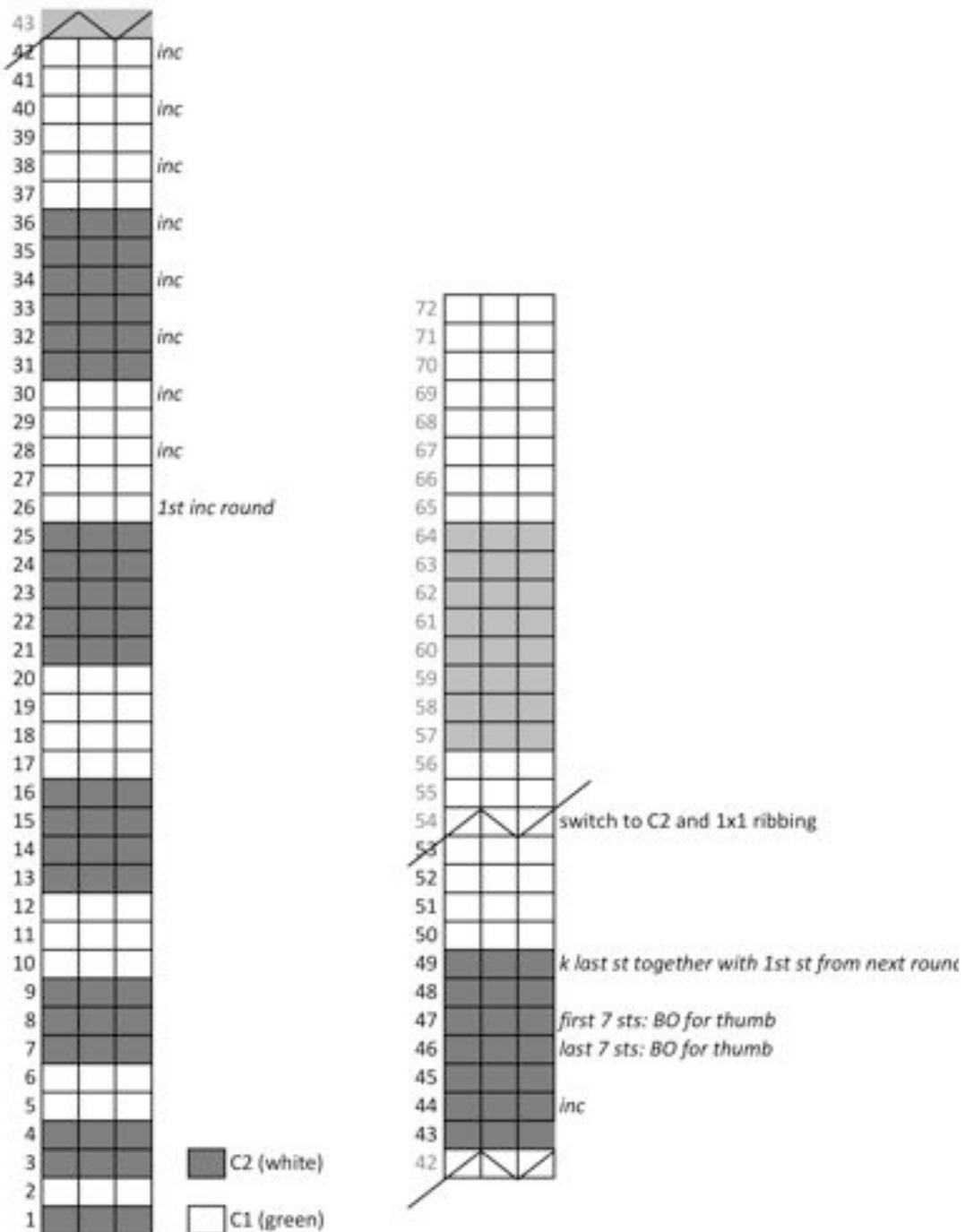
m1r = make 1 right; pass the left needle under the strand between the needles from the back to the front, knit through the front of the loop.

m1l = make 1 left; pass the left needle under the strand between the needles from the front to the back, knit through the back of the loop.

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*I have put a lot of love and energy into creating this pattern and making it easy for you to follow. Please respect my work – don't distribute this pattern or use it for commercial purposes! Instead, point others to where they can find it. I can be found on Ravelry as **dutte**, and you can read more about what I spend my time with on my blog, www.demu.dk. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to write to me at dvm@demu.dk!*

Chart :



Notes on the chart:

- Read the chart from right to left, bottom up.
- The color pattern and notes stated here are for the normal size mitt, and stops at the end of round 53. More rounds are charted in a lighter shade to show how the pattern continues.