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DIRECTIONS FOR KNITTING

Gentlemen's Hunting Mittens and Driving Gloves, Ladies'
House Mittens and Chest Protector.

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GENTLEMAN'S HUNTING MITTEN.

Required.—4 needles No. 14, according to Chambers's registered Bell gauge. Rather more than 2 oz. of double Berlin or Fleecy Wool. A loose knitter should use smaller needles.

Cast on 56 stitches, 20 on the 1st, 16 on the 2nd and 20 on the 3rd needle.

Knit 2, seam 2 alternately for 26 rounds. This forms the ribbing round the wrist.

Knit two rounds plain.

FOR CENTRE OF MITTEN.

1st. round.—Knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

2nd. and 3rd. rounds.—Plain knitting.

Repeat these 3 rounds *twice* more.

10th. round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. *Raising one* in knitting these receipts is done in two ways. The *first* time in the round (in this mitten before the 3rd stitch), put your needle through the loop below the 3rd stitch (in reality the stitch of the last round), and draw the wool through it, then knit or purl the next stitch as directed. The *second* time you raise it is done *after* you have knitted or seamed a stitch by, before you let the loop down, putting your needle in at the back of the same loop and drawing the wool through. By raising thus you increase on each side in a gradual gusset-shaped slant. Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

Knit two rounds plain. *Observe, these two rounds of plain knitting are to be repeated between each increasing round.*

13th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 *twice*, this means repeat the seam 1 knit 1 alternately *so many* times between the raisings. Raise 1. Rest of round knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

16th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Knit 1, seam 1 *three* times, raise 1.

Rest of round knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

19th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 *four* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1, alternately.

22nd round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Knit 1, seam 1 *five* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

25th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 *six* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

28th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Knit 1, seam 1 *seven* times, raise 1.

Rest of round knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

31st round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 *eight* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

34th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Knit 1, seam 1, *nine* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

37th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 *ten* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

40th round.—Knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. Knit 1, seam 1 *eleven* times, raise 1.

Rest of round, knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

You ought to have 42 stitches on the thumb needle, 16 on the second, and 20 on the third.

41st round.—Knit 3. Thread a worsted needle with wool and slip on the wool the next 22 stitches, knotting the ends together to prevent the loops dropping. These stitches you afterwards take up for the thumb. Knit plain to the end of round.

42nd round.—Plain knitting. There should be 20 stitches on the 1st, 16 on 2nd and 20 on 3rd needle.

43rd round.—Knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

44th & 45th rounds.—Plain knitting.

Repeat these 3 last rounds *twice* more.

Knit 2, seam 2 alternately for 8 rounds to correspond with the ribbing at the wrist. Cast off loosely.

THE THUMB.

Arrange the stitches for the thumb as follows,—slip 8 stitches on 1st needle, 8 on the 2nd, 6 on the third to which add 2 more by taking the wool, and where there is the opening knitting up two stitches, making in all 24 stitches.

1st & 2nd rounds.—Knit plain.

3rd round.—Knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

Repeat these 3 rounds *twice* more.

10th & 11th rounds.—Knit plain.

12th rounds.—Knit 2, seam 2 alternately.

Repeat 12th round *five* times more. Cast off.

LEFT HAND MITTEN.

It is hardly needful to make a difference between a right or left hand mitten in knitting, but it can easily be done by forming the thumb at the end of the 3rd instead of at the beginning of the 1st needle. I give as an example the 10th round which is worked thus—10th round. Knit 1, seam 1 alternately until within 4 stitches of the end of the 3rd needle when raise 1, knit 1, seam 1, raise 1. End with knit 1, seam 1.

The raisings must always be repeated (with so many patterns between as directed), at the end of the 3rd needle. When you have raised the extra 22 stitches for the thumb, slip them on a piece of wool. Be particular in the increasing rounds to end the 3rd needle after the last raising with knit 1, seam 1.

IN SINGLE BERLIN OR FINGERING WOOL.

With same sized needles for a gentleman cast on 64 stitches.

A LADY'S SIZE.

Cast on 56 or 60 stitches. Increase up to 34th round. Knit the 35th round like the 41st, only slipping off 18 instead of 22 stitches on the piece of wool for the thumb. When you take up the thumb knit up 2 more stitches at the opening to give you in all 20 stitches.

GENTLEMAN'S DRIVING GLOVE.

Scotch Fingering Wool is the most serviceable for Gloves, but single Berlin can be used, 2½ oz. required. 4 needles No. 14, and 4 No. 16 for knitting the finger tips.

Knitted in Audalusian Wool or the Imperial Spun Silk this Glove will be a lady's size.

With needles No 14 cast on 64 stitches, 20 on 1st, 24 on 2nd and 20 on 3rd needle.

This Glove is knitted exactly like the Hunting Mitten up to the 38th round, beginning with the 26 rounds of ribbing for the wrist, if the glove is liked to come a good way up the wrist, knit 30 or 32 rounds of ribbing. After the raising in 37th round, you should have 40 stitches on the thumb needle.

38th round.—Knit 3. Take off 20 stitches for the thumb as directed in 41st round of Mitten. Knit plain rest of round.

39th round.—Plain knitting.

40th round.—Knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

41st & 42nd rounds.—Plain knitting.

Repeat these 3 last rounds *three* times more.

52nd round.—Knit 1, seam 1 alternately *four* times, knit 1, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *four* times, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *four* times, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *seven* times, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *four* times, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *four* times, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *four* times, raise 1. Seam 1, knit 1 alternately *four* times, seam 1.

You should have 70 stitches on your needles. The first three times in this round, raise as recommended in Mitten receipt for *first* time, the 3 last times as for *second* time.

53rd & 54th round.—Plain knitting.

55th round.—Knit this like the 52nd round, only instead of raising knit plain the extra stitches raised in 52nd round.

56th round.—Plain knitting.

57th round.—Knit 10. Thread a wool needle with wool and slip the wool through all the stitches on your needles but the last 10 on the 3rd needle. Place the last 4 of the 10 *already* knitted stitches on a 2nd needle, and knit on it the first 2 stitches of the 10 left on the last needle. With a 3rd needle knit the remaining 8 stitches. In this way you round the first Finger. There will be 6 stitches on 2 needles, 8 on the 3rd.

58th round.—Knit 1, seam 1 alternately.

59th & 60th rounds.—Knit plain.

Repeat these 3 last rounds until the finger is within half an inch of the length you wish, it is best to measure by a kid glove.

TIP OF FINGER.

For this use the finer needles. Knit plain 5 rounds.

6th round.—Knit 2 together, knit 2 alternately. Knit 2 rounds plain.

9th round.—Knit 2 together, knit 2 alternately, end with knit 1. In these narrowing rounds at tips of fingers you will not always have the same number of stitches to knit plain at the end.

Last round.—Knit plain loosely, break off a sufficient length of wool, slip the wool through the loops and turning the finger inside out draw up and fasten off.

SECOND FINGER.

Slip the next 9 stitches on *each* side opposite each other off the wool on 2 needles and knit them thus—

1st round.—On 1st needle knit 6 stitches, 2nd needle the next 3 and then 5 stitches off the other needle; with a third needle knit the remaining 4 stitches, and where the 1st finger is rounded knit up 4 more stitches so as to prevent any hole being left. You will have 22 stitches on your needles.

2nd, round.—Seam 1, knit 1, alternately.

3rd and 4th rounds.—Knit plain.

Repeat these 3 last rounds until your finger is long enough, then knit the finger tip as directed for 1st finger.

THIRD FINGER.

Same as 2nd.

FOURTH FINGER.

This is knitted like the others, only you will have fewer stitches on your needles. Take up 4 stitches at the opening, making 18 in all.

THUMB.

Arrange the stitches for the thumb thus :—Slip 8 loops on 1st. needle, 6 on 2nd, 6 on 3rd, to which add by taking the wool and knitting up 2 stitches where there is the opening, making 22 stitches in all. Knit and narrow off exactly like the fingers. Be particular to bring your pattern correct, the seamed loops above the previous seamed ones.

LEFT-HAND GLOVE.

To make this, follow directions for Left-Hand Mitten, forming the thumb at the end of the 3rd, instead of the beginning of the 1st. needle.

LADY'S KNITTED CHEST PROTECTOR.

The directions here given are for plain knitting and seaming, but any fancy pattern may be knitted in the centre.

Required 2 bone needles. a trifle more than half an inch in circumference, or less for a loose knitter. 5 ounces of Alloa or Fleecy Wool. The first stitch in each row always to be slipped, though the pattern reads knit 5—slip 1, knit 4, is understood.

Cast on 44 stitches.

Knit 9 rows.

10th row.—Knit 5*, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 2 repeat from* end with make 1, knit 2 together, knit 5.

11th row.—Knit 5, seam 34, knit 5.

12th row.—Plain knitting.

13th row.—Knit 5, seam 34, knit 5.

14th row.—Knit 5, raise 1, knit until within 5 of end, raise 1, knit 5.

15th row.—Knit 5, seam all but last 5, which are to be knitted.

Repeat the last 4 rows until you have 80 stitches on your needle after the last increasing.

TO FORM THE SQUARE FOR THE NECK.

1st row.—Plain knitting.

2nd row.—Knit 5, seam 25, knit 20, seam 25, knit 5.

3rd row.—Knit 5, raise 1, knit until within 5 of end, raise 1, knit 5.

4th row.—Knit 5, seam 26, knit 20, seam 26, knit 5.

5th row.—Plain knitting.

6th row.—Knit 5, seam 26, knit 20, seam 26, knit 5.

7th row.—Knit 5, raise 1, knit until within 5 of end, raise 1, knit 5.

8th row.—Knit 5, seam 27, knit 20, seam 27, knit 5.

9th row.—Plain knitting.

10th row.—Knit 5 seam 27, knit 20, seam 27, knit 5.

11th row.—Knit 39, pull the 38th over the 39th stitch, knit 1, pull over, continue thus until you have cast off 10 loops, knit plain to end of row. You will now have 37 stitches on each side of the cast off loops. You can either leave the 2nd side on the needle, or, if more convenient, put the stitches on to a third needle or piece of wool.

1st side.

1st row.—Knit 5 seam 27, knit 5.

2nd row.—Plain knitting.

Repeat these 2 rows *eight* times more.

19th row.—Knit 5, seam 27, knit 5, and from the last of these. in the German way of casting on, knit on 13 more stitches, which will make 50 loops in all on your needle.

FOR THE FRONT.

1st row.—Plain knitting. The 1st stitch in this row, but in this 1st row *only*, must be knitted.

2nd row.—Knit 5, seam 27, knit 18.

Repeat these 2 rows *four* times more.

11th row.—Plain knitting.

12th row.—Knit 5, seam 38, knit 7.

Repeat these 2 rows *seven* times more.

27th row.—Plain knitting.

28th row.—Knit 5, narrow by seaming 2 together, seam all until within 7 of end, which 7 are to be knitted.

Repeat these 2 rows *five* times more. You will then have 44 stitches on your needle.

39th row.—Plain knitting.

40th row.—Knit 5, seam 2 together, seam all but last 7, which are to be knitted.

41st row.—Plain knitting.

42nd row.—Knit 5, seam all but last 7, which are to be knitted.

Repeat these 4 rows *four* times. You will then have 40 stitches on your needle.

Next row plain knitting.

Knit 5, seam all but last 7, which are to be knitted.

Repeat the last *two* rows until you have knitted the front the same length as the back, all but the border, then knit 10 rows plain, to correspond with the border at the back. Cast off.

2ND SIDE

Knitted exactly the same as the 1st, only mind you begin the knitting at the neck

If liked, when you knit the border at this side (that is, the 7 stitches at the side down the front), you may, at intervals, make a hole, which is useful if you put buttons down the front, by knitting 3, make 1, knit 2 together, knit 2, instead of knitting 7 plain

Ribbon is required to run into the holes at the back and tie round the waist.

LADYS HOUSE MITTEN.

This mitten can be knitted in Merino, Eider or Andalusian Wool. Also in Spun Silk ; but the silk must be about the same thickness as Merino Wool, or your mitten will be a small size. An oz. of either wool or silk is sufficient for a pair of mittens. In this receipt directions are given for a mitten with black centre and striped bordering, which works out prettily.

4 Needles, No. 16. Colors required:—Magenta, White, and Black. Cast on 68 stitches with magenta wool : 20 on the first needle, 24 on the second, and 24 on the third.

1st round —Plain knitting. 12 rounds, knit 2, seam 2 alternately. 14th round.—With white wool ; plain knitting. 15th round.—Knit 2, seam 2 alternately.

Repeat these 2 rounds *nine* times, changing the colors, each time to make the following stripe thus : after white, magenta, black, white, magenta, white, black, magenta, white.

32nd round.—With magenta Plain knitting.

33rd, 34th, and 35th rounds.—With the same color. Knit 2, seam 2 alternately. This finishes the colored stripes.

FOR CENTRE OF MITTEN.

With black wool. 11 rounds.—Plain knitting.

12th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 2, raise 1 ; knit plain the remainder of the round. Raise as directed in Hunting Mitten.

2 Plain knitted rounds. *Observe these 2 rows are to be repeated between each increasing round.*

15th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 4, raise 1 ; knit plain the remainder of the round.

18th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 6, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

21st round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 8, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

24th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 10, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

27th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 12, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

30th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 14, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

33rd round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 16, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

36th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 18, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

39th round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 20, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

42nd round.—Knit 2, raise 1, knit 22, raise 1 ; plain knitting to end.

43rd round.—Plain knitting.

44th round.—Knit 3 ; take off 22 stitches for the thumb as directed in "Gentleman's Mitten;" plain knitting to end. Knit 6 rounds plain.

FOR COLORED STRIPES TO MATCH THE WRIST.

With magenta wool. 1st round.—Plain knitting. 2nd round.—Knit 2, seam 2 alternately.

Now take white wool, and repeat these two rounds with the same colors as at the wrist. You may end with *five* rounds of magenta.

THE THUMB.

With black wool. Put 8 stitches on the first needle, 8 on the second, and 6 on the third; add 2 more by taking the wool and knitting up 2 stitches where there is the opening. You ought to have 24 stitches on your needles.

Knit 4 rounds plain. Then knit stripes at the top of Mitten, beginning with magenta wool. Cast off.

MITTEN KNITTED ON TWO NEEDLES.

This Mitten looks well knitted in the new wool brought out by Messrs. Faudel, Phillips and Son, called "Laine de Vienne," and in Angora or Rabbit Wool. 3 Balls of grey wool and 1 of colored, will be required, and 2 needles No. 14.

Cast on 41 stitches. Observe the 1st stitch in each row must be slipped, excepting in the 1st row. 1st row.—Knit plain. 2nd row.—Purl 15, knit 26. 3rd and 4th rows—Knit plain. 5th row.—Knit 26, purl 15. 6th row.—Knit plain. Repeat these 6 rows until you think you have done not quite half the width you intend the mitten to be.

The mitten has to be sewn or knitted up when finished, and you must manage that the join comes inside the hand, not at the back of it.

To form the Thumb.—You must have your wool at the top of mitten, not at ribbed end, when you commence to do this. Slip the first 7 of the stitches on your needle on a piece of wool and secure them, but do not break off the ball of wool you are knitting with, as you will require it after the thumb gusset is knitted. Now take a fresh ball of wool, and put your needle at liberty through the last stitch (the 34th of last row) of your other needle, draw the wool through and place it on the needle, thus increasing a stitch. Increase 5 more stitches in this way, making in all 40 on your needle.

1st row.—Knit 7, do not slip the first stitch in *this* row. After knitting these 7, instead of going on in the row turn, and for 2nd row.—Slip 1st stitch, knit 6. 3rd row.—Slip 1st stitch, knit 7, turn. 4th row.—Knit back 8, slipping the first stitch. Next row.—Slip 1st stitch. Knit 8. Continue knitting and turning back, knitting one more stitch each row until you come to the 16th stitch on your needle, which is the last you take up for the thumb gusset, leaving the 15 that are ribbed untouched, and having 25 on the thumb gusset.

Your last row will bring you back to the top of thumb. Cast off the 6 stitches at top of thumb and break off your wool. Slip on the needle with rest of stitches, the 7 loops you placed on the piece of wool making in all 41 stitches.

Complete the mitten by knitting as in first 6 rows until you have made it wide enough when cast off.

In knitting the mitten be particular to keep your ribbing right at the wrist, and observe before casting off that the ribs will join correctly.

For colored border.—Take up as many stitches as there are along the top of mitten with colored wool. Knit plain or rib, that is knit 2, purl 2 alternately as many rows as you wish the border to be wide, then cast off. Take up the stitches along the top of thumb and knit to correspond with the border.

In sewing up the thumb and mitten you can turn the mitten so as to form a right or left hand, but you must observe this before you commence the colored border so as to commence the colored wool on different sides.

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