

Lala's Mittens

A luxury mitten pattern by Gina House



<u>Materials</u>:

- -1 skein Karabella Boise (or other dk weight luxury yarn), 163 yards.
- -Size US 6 (set of 4) dpns, 2 (24") circs or 1 (40") circ for Magic Loop
- -Notions: Scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape, row counter, waste yarn

Gauge:

Gauge: 6.5 stitches and 8 rows per inch in stockinette on size 6 needle or appropriate needle to get correct gauge.

Finished size: approx. 9.5" (10") long (cuff to tip), approx. 6.5" (7") circumference (around widest part).

PLEASE take the time to make a gauge swatch for this pattern.

Síze:

Woman's small/medium (medium/large)

These mittens are meant to be form fitting and not bulky on your hands. These mittens are knitted "softly" (not tightly) and stretch beautifully when worn, creating a nice "halo" the more they're used.

<u>Abbreviations:</u>

k -knit

p -purl

m1L-make one left (pu a stitch from front to back, knit through the back loop) m1R-make one right (pu a stitch from back to front, knit through the front of loop) k2tog -knit two stitches together

pu- pick up

sl -slip a stich purlwise, always with yarn in BACK for this mitten pattern.

circ -circular needle

co -cast on

RHN-right hand needle LHN-left hand needle

inc-increase

dec-decrease

pm-place marker

sm- slip marker

"La La" Mitten Pattern:

(This pattern is done over the complete top half of mitten, which is also exactly half of the stitches cast on.)

Row 1: k6(7), p3, k1, p2, k1, p3, k6(7)

Row 2&3: k6(7), p3, sl 1, p2, sl 1, p3, k6(7)

Row 4: k6(7), p1, sl next 2 p stitches, drop next off of needle to front, sl same 2 back onto the LHN, pu the dropped stitch, knit it, p4, drop next stitch off the needle to front, p2, pu dropped stitch, knit it and p1, k6(7).

Row 5: k6(7), p1, k1, p6, k1, p1, k6(7)

Row 6&7: repeat row 5

Row 8&9: k6(7), p1, sl 1, p6, sl 1, p1, k6(7)

Row 10: k6(7), p1, drop next stitch off needle to front, p2, pu dropped stitch and knit, p2, sl next 2 p stitches, drop next off of needle to front, slip same 2 p stitches back to LHN, pu dropped stitch and knit it, p3, k6(7).

Row 11, 12 &13: repeat rows 1, 2 and 3.

Row 14: k6(7), p3, drop next stitch to front, sl 2 p stitches, drop next to front, hold 2 p stiches on RHN, pu first dropped stitch onto LHN, sl 2 p stitches back to LHN, pu the 2nd dropped stitch and return to LHN....then k1, p2, k1 over those worked stitches. End with p3, k6(7).

Directions:

CO 44(48) stitches loosely using your favorite method with size 6 needle style of your choice. Being careful not to twist, join round and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round. Arrange stitches equally among needles.

*(k1, p1)...*repeat around for 1x1 ribbing until cuff measures 2 3/4" (3").

Increases for Thumb Gusset on RIGHT hand:

Next round: Increase one stitch by: k6(7), p10, k6(7), k1, increase 1, knit to end. [45(49) stitches)

Knit one **"regular"** round: k6(7), p10, k6(7), knit to end.

K6(7), p10, k6(7), k1, pm, m1L, k1, m1R, pm, knit to end. Knit 1(2) more **"regular"** round (s).

Increase Round: Follow "La La" mitten pattern to marker, sm, m1L, knit to marker, m1R, sm, k to end.

Do **Increase Round** every 3 rounds, 5 more times. (ie...knit two "regular" rounds, do an increase round. etc.)

*Keep careful track of these rounds, as well as following the top of the hand mitten pattern rows. *

Thumb gusset stitches: 15 total.

Put gusset stitches on a length of waste yarn, tie ends and set aside.

Cast on (with your fav method) 2 stitches over the gap. K2tog (using one of the co stitches you just made with a stitch from the other side of the gap), knit to end. [45(49) stitches]



Body of Mitten:

Work until mitten is 1.5" less than total length of hand or until top of little finger...approximately 5 (5.5) inches, not counting cuff.

(You will end up completing **2 full repeats** of the mitten pattern plus another repeat up to row 10 for the small/med size. For the larger size, try to also end on row 10 or whatever looks best to you.)

On the next round: k6(7), p10, k6(7), k.....around to end....while decreasing 1 stitch evenly. [44 (48) total stitches]

Knit 1(2) more **"regular"** rounds.

Knit 1 round in stockinette.

Decreases for Top of Mitten:

Round 1: *k9(10), k2tog....*repeat around

Round 2: Knit

Decrease, using these 2 rounds, in same manner (subtracting the amount of knit by 1 each round) until 28(28) stitches remain.

Decrease EVERY ROUND until only 8(8) stitches remain.

Cut yarn and thread remaining tail through tapestry needle. Pull through remaining stitches and bring yarn to inside. Fasten and weave in ends.

Thumb:

Place gusset stitches on your chosen needles. Pick up 5 stitches over the gap. [20 total] Join and K1, pm, k13, k2tog (3x). [16 stitches total]

Work in stockinette stitch until thumb is 1 1/2 " (2) inches long.

Decreases for Top of Thumb:

Round 1: (k2tog, k4)2x, k2tog, k2

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: (k2tog, k3)2x, k2tog, k1

Round 4: knit

Round 5: (k2tog, k2)2x, k2tog

Round 6: knit

Round 7: (k2tog, k1)2x, k1

Round 8: k2, k2tog, k1 [4 stitches]

Cut yarn and thread remaining tail through tapestry needle. Pull through remaining stitches and bring yarn (and "pointy tip" of thumb) to the inside Fasten and weave in end.

Increases for Thumb Gusset on LEFT hand:

Next round: Increase one stitch by: k6, p10, k6, k1, increase 1, knit to end. [45(49) stitches) Knit one **"regular"** round: k6(7), p10, k6(7), knit to end.

K6(7), p10, k6(7), k43(47), pm, m1R, k1, m1L, pm, knit 1. Knit 1 more **"regular"** round.

Increase Round: Follow mitten pattern to marker, sm, m1R, knit to marker, m1L, sm, k to end.

Do **Increase Round** every 3 rounds, 5 more times. Thumb gusset stitches: 15 total. Put gusset stitches on a length of waste yarn, tie ends and set aside.

Cast on (with your fav method) 2 stitches over the gap. K2tog (using one of the co stitches you just made with one from other side of the gap), knit to end. [45(49) stitches]

Follow rest of instructions for the right mitten from Body to top of thumb.

Weave in any other ends on mittens. Block lightly, if desired. Wear these luxurious mittens all winter long!!!

Congratulations, you're done! (Please email me finished pics for my Sleepy Eyes Gallery!) I hope you've enjoyed this pattern and if you have any comments, questions or find any errors (hopefully not!), please contact me here:

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