

# Convertible Mittens

size wms large, with optional cables & beading

## materials:

- ⊖ approx 200 yds DK-weight yarn
- ⊖ 2.75mm (US 2) dpns and 3.75 (US 5) dpns
- ⊖ approx 60 6.0 seed beads
- ⊖ tapestry needle w/eye small enough to fit through beads, or floss threader
- ⊖ 2 - 3/8" buttons

gauge 24 sts/32 rows = 10 cm (4") with larger needles

## abbreviations:

<i>cn</i> : cable needle	<i>ndl</i> : needle
<i>k</i> : knit	<i>p</i> : purl
<i>k2tog</i> : knit 2 sts together as one	<i>rnd(s)</i> : round(s)
<i>m1</i> : make one stitch by lifting the bar between the just worked st and the next st and knitting into the back loop	<i>st(s)</i> : stitch(es)

yarn used in photo: Paton's Country Garden



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*If no beads/cables are desired, simply work in stockinette*

**beads:** If using beads, they must be threaded onto yarn before beginning. Thread half the bead onto the yarn and push them along as you go. Be sure to work the bead to the front of the st when knitting in place. Remember to knit beads loosely so they don't get lost in the cables.

## technique:

*cable repeat (right mitten hand) - 48 sts*

- 1: k 34, if using beads knit them into next 2 sts, knit remaining 12 sts on the rnd
- 2: k around, knitting into back of sts with beads.
- 3: k around
- 4: k 32, place next 2 sts on cn and hold to front. knit next 4 sts. knit sts from cn. knit remaining 10 sts on the rnd.

*cable repeat (right mitten flap) - 50 sts*

- 1: k 13, if using beads knit them into next 2 sts, k remaining 11 sts (26 back sts). work palm sts in ribbing or stockinette, according to pattern (24 palm sts)
- 2: k around, knitting into back of sts with beads.
- 3: k around
- 4: k 11, place next 2 sts on cn and hold to front. knit next 4 sts. knit sts from cn. knit remaining 9 sts. (26 back sts). work palm side in ribbing or stockinette, according to pattern (24 palm sts)

*cable repeat (left mitten hand) - 48 sts*

- 1: k10, if using beads knit them into next 2 sts, k remaining 36 sts on the rnd.
- 2: k around, knitting into back of sts with beads.
- 3: k around
- 4: k10, place next 2 sts on cn and hold to front. knit next 4 sts. knit sts from cn. knit remaining 32 sts on the rnd.

*cable repeat (left mitten flap) - 50 sts*

- 1: k11, if using beads knit them into next 2 sts, knit remaining 13 sts (26 sts). work palm side in ribbing or stockinette, according to pattern (24 sts)
- 2: k around, knitting into back of sts with beads.
- 3: k around
- 4: k9, place next 2 sts on cn and hold to front. knit next 4 sts. knit sts from cn. knit remaining 11 sts. (26 sts). work palm sts in ribbing or stockinette, according to pattern (24 sts)

## right mitten instructions:

- ⊖ using smaller ndls, long tail cast on 48 sts evenly over 4 ndls. join and work k2, p2 ribbing in the round for 3", or to desired length for cuff.
- ⊖ change to larger ndls and proceed with *cable repeat (right mitten hand)* technique for 2 1/4"
- ⊖ k around
- ⊖ k1. knit next 7 sts with a piece of waste yarn (for thumb opening). slip waste yarn sts back to nonworking ndl and knit across with working yarn.
- ⊖ ,aintaining cable pattern, complete remainder of rnd
- ⊖ continuing in established pattern, work for 2 1/4".
- ⊖ to mark placement for finger flap, start with ndl 1 and k 24 across palm of mitten. P24 across back of mitten (one time only).
- ⊖ 4 rnds: k around. end last rnd at the thumb edge on the mitten back. begin fingers, using smaller ndls.

## index finger :

- ⊖orked over the last 7 sts of the fourth ndl and the first 7 sts of the first ndl, put remaining sts on a stitch holder or waste yarn.
- ⊖ cast on 2 additional sts and work k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rnds and cast off. (16 st)

## middle finger :

- ⊖ pick up 6 sts from the back of the hand, pick up 2 sts in cast on edge of the new sts of the index finger, pick up 6 sts from palm. (14 st)
- ⊖ cast on 2 sts and work k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rnds and cast off. (16 st)

## ring finger :

- ⊖ pick up 6 sts from the back of the hand, pick up 2 sts in cast on edge of the new sts of the middle finger, pick up 6 sts from palm. (14 st)
- ⊖ cast on 2 sts and work k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rnds and cast off. (16 st)

## little finger :

- ⊖ pick up remaining 5 sts from back of hand. Pick up 2 sts in cast on edge of the new sts of the ring finger, pick up 5 sts from palm. (12 st)
- ⊖ cast on 2 sts and work k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rnds and cast off. (14 st)

## flap:

worked with larger ndls with a new ndl and starting at little finger, pick up one stitch in each purl stitch across the mitten back. (24 sts)

cast on 24 sts over the next 2 ndls, being sure to keep the sts tight between the last picked-up stitch and the first cast-on st. connect these to the picked up sts on the mitten back so you're working in the round.

- 1: mitten back – right edge: k1, incr 1, k22, incr 1, k1. (26 st) palm: k across (24 st)
- 2-8: begin *cable repeat (right mitten flap)*. back: work across in cable pattern. palm: work k2, p2 ribbing. 26 sts (back)/24 sts (palm)
- 9: back: work across in cable pattern. palm: k across. repeat row 9 for 2 1/2". last rnd will only be worked across the back of the hand.

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### shaping/decreases

- 1: *back* - (k2, k2 tog), 2 times, k3. k 2 beads, (k2, k2 tog) 3 times, k1. (21 sts)  
*palm* - k2, k2 tog across (18 sts)
  - 2: k around, knitting into back of sts with beads.
  - 3: \*k1, k2tog. repeat from \* around.  
back: 14 sts/palm: 12 sts
  - 4: *back* - k4, place next 2 sts on cn and hold to front. knit next 4 sts. knit sts from cn. knit remaining 3 sts.  
*palm* - k across.
  - 5: \*k1, k2tog. repeat from \* to end last st on rnd. end k1. slip extra stitch from mitten back to the palm for finishing. (9 st each side)  
use a Kitchener stitch to close the top of the mitten. tie off and weave in end.
- thumb (use larger ndls):*
- E remove waste yarn and place live sts on 2 ndls (top and bottom). attach yarn and k across 7 sts on bottom. pick up and knit 2 sts on the side. knit across 7 sts on top and pick and knit 2 sts on the other side. (18 st)
  - E k around until thumb is 2 1/4".
  - E 2 rnds: k2tog around. (5 sts remain).
  - E slip yarn through remaining sts and pull closed. tie off and weave in end.

### left mitten instructions:

- E using smaller ndls, long tail cast on 48 sts over 4 ndls. join and work k2, p2 ribbing in the round for 3".
  - E Change to larger ndls and work in *cable repeat (left mitten hand)* pattern for 2 1/4".
  - E k around.
  - E continuing in pattern, work around to last 8 sts of the rnd. k7 with a piece of waste yarn (for thumb opening). slip waste yarn sts back to nonworking ndl and k to end with working yarn.
  - E continuing in established pattern, work for 2 1/4".
  - E to mark placement for finger flap, start with ndl 1 and p24, across back of mitten (one time only). k24, across palm of mitten.
  - E 4 rnds: k around. end last rnd at the thumb edge on the mitten back. begin fingers, using smaller ndls.
- work fingers and create flap as for right mitten.*

### finishing instructions (both mittens):

- E create a small loop on the center, top of each mitten using the tapestry ndl threaded with yarn. loop should be large enough to fit around button
- E sew a button to the base of the cables (or the center of the back of the mitten, if not using cables) -- just above ribbing.

### Prefer to knit this pattern using circular needles?

Easily make the conversion by placing the sts from Double Point 1 & 2 onto Circular 1, then sts from Double Points 3 and 4 onto Circular 2.