

Te Ara Fingerless Mitts

Materials:

- 4 ply (fingering) wool, 150 - 170m (165 – 185 yards)
- 3.5 mm circular needle (US 4) long enough for magic loop; or 3.5 mm (US 4) dpns
- Cable needle
- 2 stitch markers
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Small amount of waste yarn for holding stitches.

Abbreviations:

K: Knit

P: Purl

M1L: Make one left. Insert the left needle tip under the bar between stitches from front to back, knit this through the back.

M1R: Make one right. Insert the left needle tip under the bar between stitches from back to front, knit this through the front.

RLRC: Right leaning ribbed cable. Slip the next four stitches onto a cable needle and hold behind work. K2 from left needle. Slip the two purl stitches from the wrong end of the cable back onto the left needle. Purl these two stitches. K2 from cable needle.

LLRC: Left leaning ribbed cable. Slip the next four stitches onto a cable needle and hold in front of work. K2 from left needle. Slip the two purl stitches from the wrong end of the cable back onto the left needle. Purl these two stitches. K2 from cable needle.

PM: Place marker

SM: Slip marker

Gauge: 26 – 28 stitches to 10cm (4 inches) in stocking stitch. Gauge is not crucial because the ribbing will stretch or contract to fit.



This pattern is written for two sizes:

Small/Medium - hand circumference 16.5 – 18.5cm (6.5 – 7.25 inches)

Large – hand circumference 19 – 20cm (7.5 – 8 inches)

A note on sizing:

These mittens will look ridiculously small as you knit them. They are designed with negative ease and intended to fit snugly, so don't panic! The large size is quite large, so if you're on the border between the sizes, go down.

Pattern

Cast on 48 (52) stitches and join to work in the round.
If working on dpns, ensure that you have 24 (26) on the first needle so that the cable pattern is not split.

Tip: You can work more than 20 rounds if you want longer gloves – the yellow pair has 25 rounds.

Rounds 1-20: **Small:** K1, (P2, K2) to last three stitches, P2, K1
Large: (K2, P2) around

Cable section (see charts)

(Even rounds are the same as Rounds 1 -20)

Right Mitten

R 1: Work 15 (16) sts in rib, RLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 3: Work 11 (12) sts in rib, RLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 5: Work 7 (8) sts in rib, RLRC, P2, RLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 7: Work 3 (4) sts in rib, RLRC, P2, RLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 9: as Round 5
R 11: as Round 7
R 13: as Round 5
R 15: as Round 7
R 17: Work 7 (8) sts in rib, RLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 19: Work 3 (4) sts in rib, RLRC, work in rib as established to end

Left Mitten

R 1: Work 3 (4) sts in rib, LLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 3: Work 7 (8) sts in rib, LLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 5: Work 3 (4) sts in rib, LLRC, P2, LLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 7: Work 7 (8) sts in rib, LLRC, P2, LLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 9: as Round 5
R 11: as Round 7
R 13: as Round 5
R 15: as Round 7
R 17: Work 11 (12) sts in rib, LLRC, work in rib as established to end
R 19: Work 15 (16) sts in rib, LLRC, work in rib as established to end

Thumb Gusset

Right mitten:

R 1: Work 29 (30) stitches in rib, PM, M1R, P2, M1L, PM, continue in rib to end

Left mitten:

R 1: Work 41 (46) stitches in rib, PM, M1R, P2, M1L, PM, continue in rib to end

Both mittens:

R 2: Work in rib to marker, SM, K1, P2, K1, SM, continue in rib to end
R 3: As round 2
R 4: Work in rib to marker, SM, M1R, K1, P2, K1, M1L, SM, work in rib to end
R 5: Work in rib to marker, SM, K2, P2, K2, SM, continue in rib to end
R 6: As round 5
R 7: Work in rib to marker SM, M1R, K2, P2, K2, M1L, SM, work in rib to end
R 8: Work in rib to marker, SM, P1, K2, P2, K2, P1, SM, continue in rib to end
R 9: As round 8

- R 10: Work in rib to marker SM, M1R, P1, K2, P2, K2, P1, M1L, SM, work in rib to end
- R 11: Work in rib to marker, SM, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 12: As round 11
- R 13: Work in rib to marker SM, M1R, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, M1L, SM, work in rib to end
- R 14: Work in rib to marker SM, K1, P2, K2,P2, K2, P2, K1, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 15: As round 14
- R 16: Work in rib to marker SM, M1R, K1, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, K1, M1L, SM, work in rib to end
- R 17: Work in rib to marker, SM, K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 18: **SMALL/MEDIUM:** Work to marker, remove marker, slip next 14 stitches to waste yarn, cast on two stitches using cable cast on, continue in rib to end.
LARGE: As round 14
- R 19: **LARGE ONLY:** Work in rib to marker, SM, M1R, K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, M1L, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 20: **LARGE ONLY:** Work in rib to marker, SM, P1, K2 ,P2, K2, P2,K2, P2,K2, P1, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 21: **LARGE ONLY:** Work in rib to marker, SM, M1R, P1, K2,P2, K2,P2, K2, P2, K2, P1, M1L, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 22: **LARGE ONLY:** Work in rib to marker, SM, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, K2, P2, SM, continue in rib to end
- R 23: **LARGE ONLY:** Work to marker, remove marker, slip next 18 stitches to waste yarn, cast on two stitches using cable cast on, continue in rib to end

Work 18 further rounds in rib. Cast off

Tip: You can work more than 18 rounds if you want longer gloves – the yellow pair has 22 rounds.

Thumb

Place stitches from waste yarn on needle. Pick up four stitches. (18 stitches small/medium; 22 stitches large)

SMALL/MEDIUM: (K2, P2) three times, K1, K2tog, P2, K2tog (that last K2tog will be the last stitch picked up knitted with the first stitch of the round) 16 stitches

LARGE: (P2, K2) four times, P1, P2tog, K2, P2tog (that last P2tog will be the last stitch picked up purled with the first stitch of the round) 20 stitches

Work 7 more rounds in rib.

Cast off

Weave in ends.

Tip: I don't like the look of a rib cast off at the top of a fingerless mitt so I use a plain knit cast off.

Charts

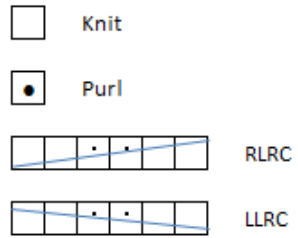


Chart for RIGHT mitten (worked over first 24 (26) sts only)

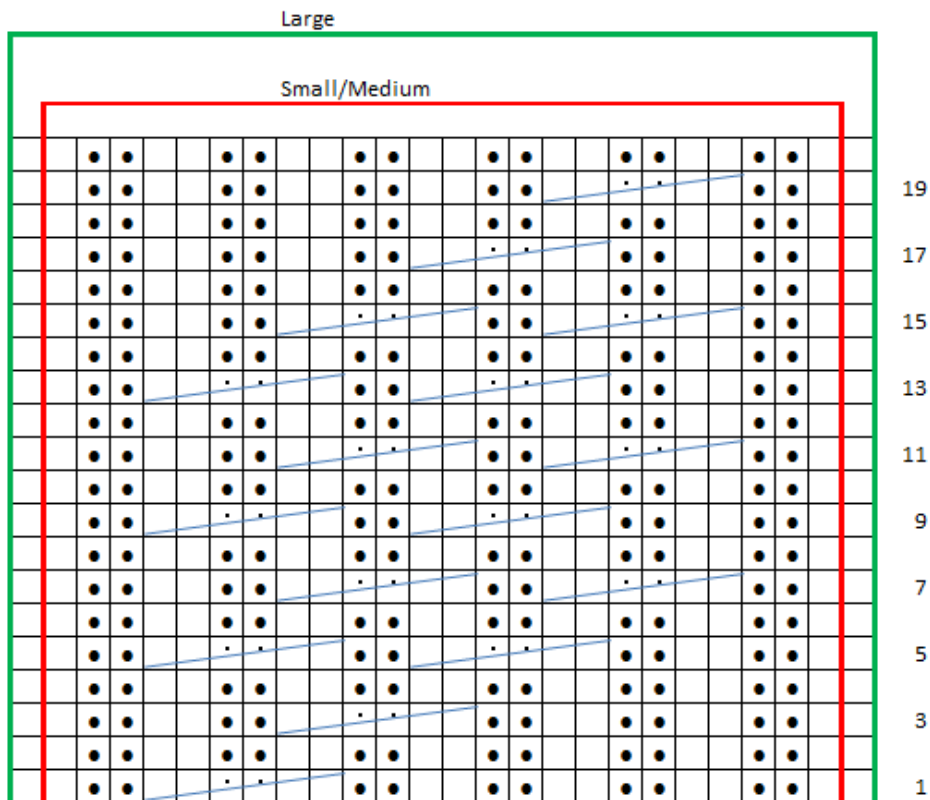


Chart for LEFT mitten (worked over first 24 (26) sts only)

