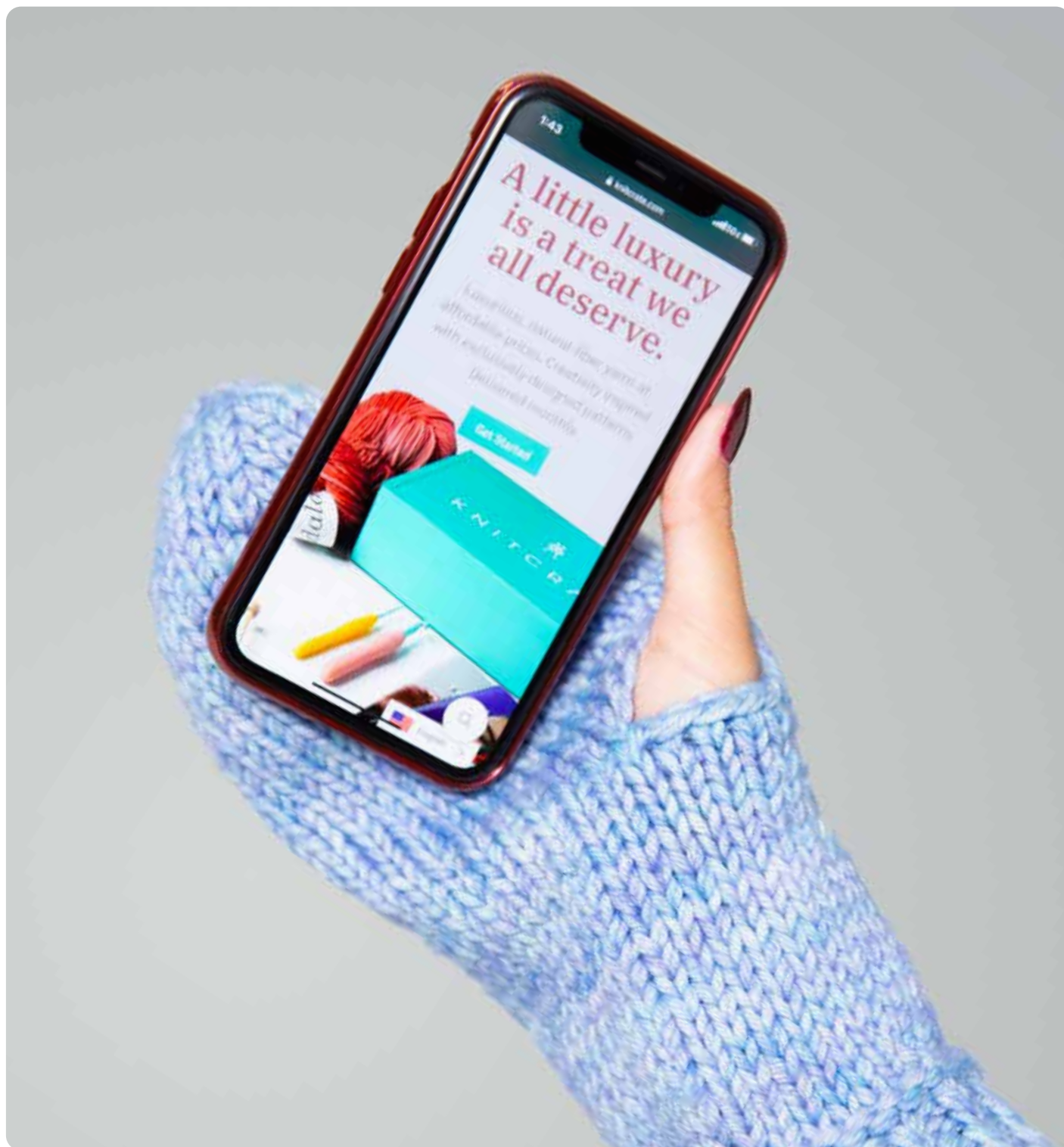


Box-Itz Mittens

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Mittens are cute and all, but it's 2020 and these days we all need access to our cell phones. Without access to at least our thumb or pointer finger, there's no way to use them.

So I designed a mitten that has small holes just big enough to let your fingers free so you can browse Instagram and Ravelry to your heart's delight. Might I suggest @Knitcrate's pages? How about @CorradoLark's?

I've included 4 versions of the pattern: with no finger holes, with a thumb hole only, a pointer finger hole only, or holes for both your thumb and pointer finger. Mix and match your mittens to your heart's delight. Both the right and left mitten miraculously are knit the same way. Trust, it surprised me, too, after I knit the first one!

Needles: US 9 (5.5 mm) set of 4 DPN or 32" circular needle for magic loop; US 10 (6mm) set of 4 DPN or 32" circular needle for magic loop

Yarn: Malabrigo Rios

100% Superwash Merino Wool

210 yds(192 m) / 100 g skein

225-400 yards yds (206-366 m) / 2 skeins needed per size

Colorway: Aquamarine for the sample (Chia included in your partner crate)

Notions: Stitch markers (6), tapestry needle

Skill Level: Beginner

Gauge: 16 stitches × 17 rounds = 4" (10cm) in doubled twisted

ribbing in the round with smaller needles 14 stitches × 18 rounds = 4" (10 cm) in doubled stockinette in the round with larger needles

Sizes: A (B, C, D)

Finished Size: *Hand after thumb (~2" (5 cm) positive ease):* 6.5 (7.5, 8.5, 9.5)" / 16.5 (19, 21.5, 24) cm; *Wrist (~1" (2.5 cm) negative ease):* 5.5 (6.5, 7.5, 8.5)" / 14 cm (16.5, 19, 21.5) cm; *Wrist to Fingertip (~2" (5 cm) positive ease):* 6.5 (7, 7.5, 8)" / 16.5 (18, 19, 20.5) cm

Sample Size: C

ABBREVIATIONS

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

inc: increase

k: knit

k2tog: knit two stitches together

kfb: knit into the front and back of a stitch to increase by 1

ktbl: knit through the back loop

m1: make one stitch left or right leaning to increase by 1

p: purl

pm: place marker

rm: remove marker

sm: slip marker

st(s): stitch(es)

Notes

For the small and medium sizes, you can choose to make the finger holes 1 stitch smaller by binding off and casting on 1 less stitch.

The yarn is held double throughout the pattern.

Make 1 increases are noted as an m1 throughout the pattern.

For your left mitt, make 1 left (m1l) and for your right mitt, make 1 right (m1r).

This pattern begins with a Ribbed Cast On. Watch this video to learn how to cast on with this method: youtu.be/Rpmwz5tuG_g

INSTRUCTIONS

Act One: The Ribbing

With smaller needles and holding the yarn double, CO 18 (22, 26, 30) sts using a Ribbed Cast On.

Without twisting your sts, join to work in the round. Place a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Rnd 1: Repeat *ktbl, p1* to the end of round.

Repeat Rnd 1 an additional 5 (7, 7, 9) times.

Rnd 2: Purl.

Act Two: The Palm

Switch to your larger needles.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: (K3 (4, 5, 6), m1, pm) around to the last 3 (2, 1, 6) sts, k3 (2, 1, 6). **Size D Only:** Increase with one more m1 at the end of the round. (Inc. of 5 sts; 23 (27, 31, 35) sts)

Rnd 5: Knit.

Rnd 6: (Knit to marker, m1, rm) to last 3 (2, 1, 7) sts, knit to the end of round. Size D only: Increase with one more m1 at the end of the round. (Inc. of 5 sts to 28 (32, 36, 40) sts.)

Round 7: Knit.

FOR A STANDARD (NO FINGER HOLE) MITTEN:

Repeat Round 7 an additional 28 (31, 34, 36) more times.

FOR A THUMB HOLE OR THUMB AND POINTER FINGER HOLES MITTEN:

Repeat Round 7 an additional 10 (12, 14, 16) times.

Rnd 8: K5, kfb, BO 4 (starting with the increased stitch), slip one stitch back onto left needle, k2tog, knit to the end of round. (Dec. of 4 sts to 24 (28, 32, 36) sts)

Rnd 9: K6, CO 4, continue to join and knit to the end of round. (Inc. of 4 sts to 28 (32, 36, 40) sts)

IF YOU DON'T WANT A POINTER FINGER HOLE:

Repeat Rnd 7 an additional 16 (17, 18, 18) more times.

IF YOU WANT A POINTER FINGER HOLE AS WELL:

Repeat Rnd 7 an additional 7 (8, 9, 10) times.

Rnd 10: Kfb, BO 4, slip one stitch st back onto the left needle, k2tog, knit to the end of round. (Dec. of 4 sts to 24 (28, 32, 36) sts)

Rnd 11: K1, CO 4, knit to the end of round. (Inc. of 4 sts to 28 (32, 36, 40) sts)

Repeat Rnd 7 an additional 7, (7, 7, 6) times.

Act Three: Decreases and Top of Mitten

Rnd 12: (K3 (4, 5, 6), k2tog, pm) around to last 3 (2, 1, 0) sts, k3 (2, 1, 0). (Dec. of 5 sts to 23 (27, 31, 35) sts)

Rnd 13: Knit.

Rnd 14: (Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, sm) around to last 3 (2, 1, 0) sts, k3 (2, 1, 0). (Dec. of 5 sts to 18 (22, 26, 30).

Repeat Rnds 13–14 an additional 2 (2, 3, 4) more times (Dec. of 10 (10, 15, 20) sts to 8 (12, 11, 10) sts)

Repeat Rnd 14 once more. (Dec. of 5 sts to 3 (7, 6, 5) sts)

Cut both strands and with a darning needle, weave the tails through the remaining stitches. Pull taut and weave in your ends. Block if desired.

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