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# BIG BOOK OF KNITS FOR KIDS

OVER 45 DISTINCTIVE SCANDINAVIAN PATTERNS



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# YARN

## YARN FOR THE GARMENTS IN THIS BOOK

The garments in this book are designed to be knitted in three different types of yarn, each for a specific size. Each pattern lists the yarn necessary for making the right size.

*Baby yarn:* Yarn with recommended gauge of 27-32 stitches in 4 in / 10 cm. Needles U. S. size 1.5 / 2.5 mm.

*Fingering weight yarn:* Yarn with recommended gauge of 25-27 stitches in 4 in / 10 cm. Needles U. S. size 1.5-2.5 / 2.5-3 mm.

*Sport/DK:* Yarn with recommended gauge of 22-24 stitches in 4 in / 10 cm. Needles U. S. size 2.5-4 / 3-3.5 mm.

## GAUGE

It's almost impossible to measure the gauge for small items such as a baby mitten or sock. Those accessories are stretchy and the exact size isn't easy to measure.

All yarn balls are labeled with the recommended gauge. If the gauge on the yarn ball band matches that recommended for the desired size in the pattern, you can use it. Sometimes two yarns with the same recommendations don't actually work up the same way when knitted. The general rule for gauge is: If your knitting is too loose, try smaller needles; if it's too tight, use larger needles.

## YARN AMOUNTS

Since all the patterns in this book are for small garments, you'll usually need one ball of each color for a hat, a pair of mittens, or a pair of socks. In most instances, you can get at least two pairs of socks and mittens from that amount.

For all the patterns in this book, we've chosen well-known yarn types readily available in many online and brick-and-mortar shops. But, of course, there are many other lovely, colorful, and high-quality knitting yarns also worth buying. You can use any yarn you want, as long as it meets the criteria below.

## YARN QUALITIES

Yarn is available in many types of fibers and qualities. Here are the most common types:

*100% wool:* Sheep's wool makes the best knitting yarn. It's excellent for pattern knitting because of its elasticity. If you are a beginner, wool yarn is a great choice. However, pure wool felts, and for that reason it should be hand-washed. Wool is very warming and holds that warmth even when the garment is wet. On the other hand, wool fabric can be somewhat weak, so for socks you'll need reinforced wool yarn (usually with nylon, silk, or mohair) or you might soon find holes in them.

*Alpaca:* Alpaca yarn is very warm, but isn't durable enough for hard

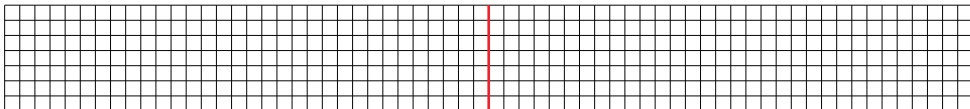
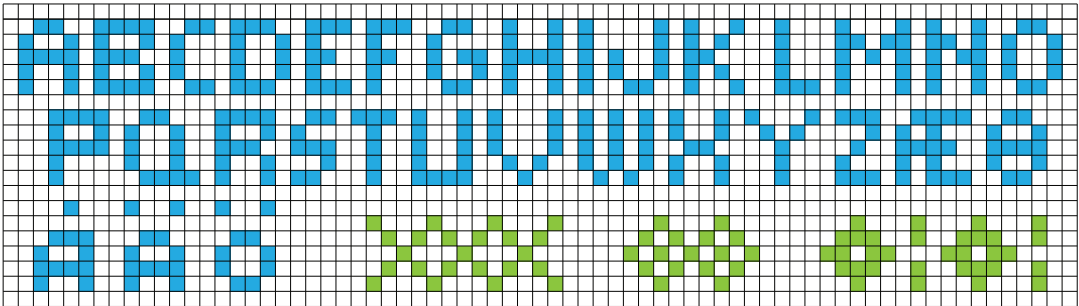
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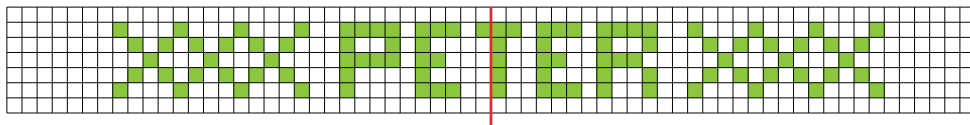
If you like, you can knit in a name panel on mittens or socks above the ribbing.

Make sure the name is centered on the garment front. Names on sock legs must be knitted in upside down (for cuff-down socks).

For patterns in this book, work panels over 7 rounds, with letters 5 rounds high. Letters with a diacritical mark or accent (like É or È) can be worked over 6 or more rounds: knit the panel with the additional rounds in the background color, and then embroider the marks over the letters afterwards.



Center front





### POMPOMS FOR HATS

Hats are especially adorable when embellished with one or more pompoms.

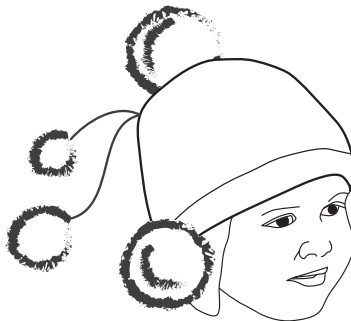
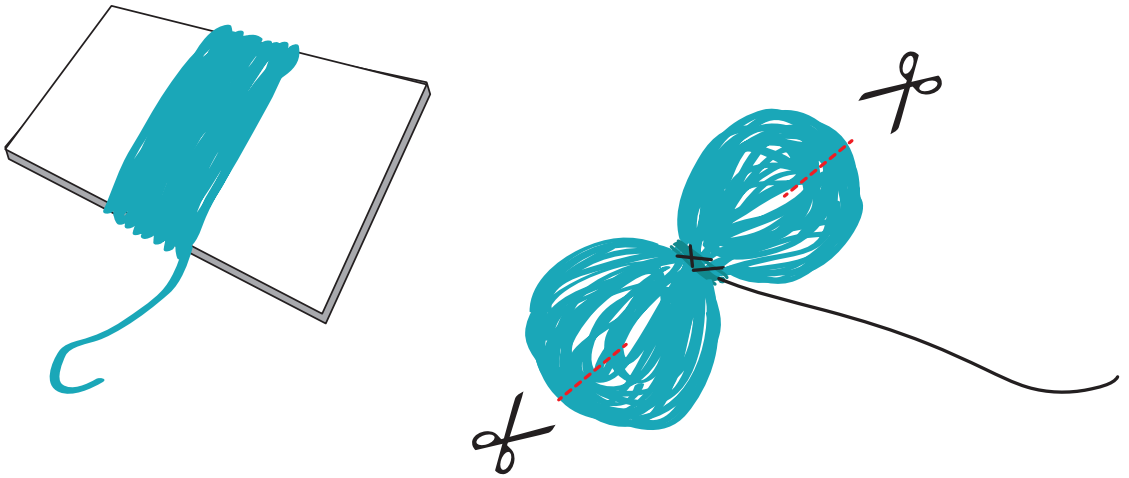
You can shape the pompom over a round disk with a hole at the center or buy a plastic pompom maker.

Here's a very easy method to make a pompom quickly.

Select a flat or round template that is the desired size—or cut one yourself out of a piece of stiff cardboard or other material.

Wind your yarn at least 100 times around the template to make a thick bundle. Carefully push the template

out from inside the bundle. Wrap a separate long strand of yarn several times around the center of the bundle; tie tightly. With one end of this strand, sew several times through the center of the bundle from both sides of the center wrap, until it's very tight and you can be certain the bundle won't come undone later on. On either side of the center wrap, the yarn will now form loops; cut them open, but do not cut the wrapping strand. Trim (carefully!) all around the pompom with sharp scissors and securely attach the pompom(s) to the hat.



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# PONY MITTENS

## (LARGE)

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We knitted three mittens in white, pink, and red-violet with Du Store  
Alpakka's Sterk yarn.



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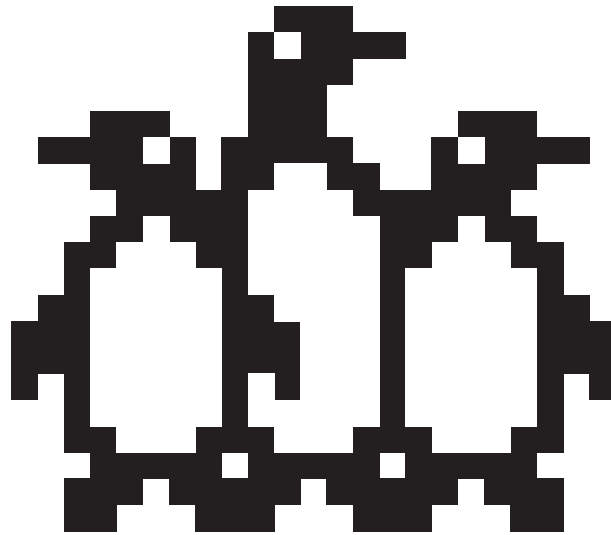


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# PENGUINS

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Penguins live in Antarctica, which, as you know, is very cold—but the penguins don't freeze. They're covered all over with down and feathers and can play outside no matter what the wind and weather. With warm hats, mittens, and socks on, children can be just as warm as penguins, and play in the snow all day long. The penguins on the panels of these accessories are knitted in blue and white, but of course you can use whatever colors you want instead.









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# GIRAFFES

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These beautiful and tall animals can be so sweet, and as motifs on mittens, socks, and hats, they're even nicer. Our giraffes are knitted in orange or multicolor yarn against a black background, but you can choose from any of the colors the yarn store has to offer, because giraffes can be whatever color you like.





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# KITTEN AND BABY MOUSE SOCKS

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These socks are knitted with Sisu Superwash yarn from Sandnes Garn.



## Instructions

skill level  
Experienced

With cuff color, CO 52 sts. Divide the sts evenly onto 4 dpn (13 sts on each needle) to work in the round.

① Work following Chart 1, repeating the pattern around. The rnd begins at center back.

② **Heel:** Cut both yarns. Work following Chart 2 for the heel. Reattach yarns to begin 13 sts before beginning of rnd so that the split between the heel halves begins at center back. K26, turn; p26. Place rem 26 sts at front on a holder for the instep. Work the striped heel flap pattern back and forth in stockinette as shown on chart.

③ Decrease 2 sts at center back on every other row (on RS) as shown on chart.

④ Last row of heel: K6, BO 2 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long end for seaming back of heel. Fold the heel in half and join with Kitchener st.

⑤ Now work the foot following either Chart 3 or 4 for respective foot: On the first rnd, k26 of instep, increase 1 st before the first st and 1 st after last st. Pick up and knit 16 sts on each side of the heel.

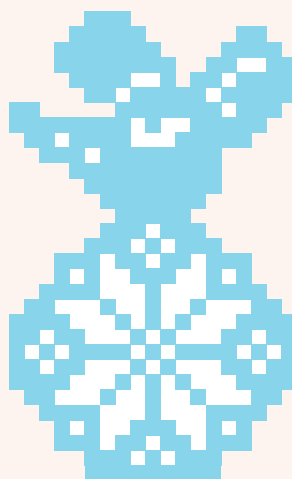
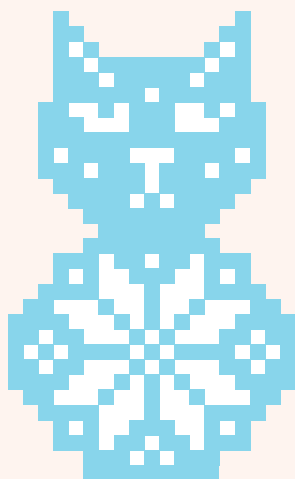
⑥ Decrease 1 st at each side as indicated on chart.

⑦ Check the foot length. If you want a longer foot, continue working from the chart.

⑧ Decrease at the sides on every rnd as shown on Chart 5.

⑨ Join the instep and sole with Kitchener st. Weave in all ends neatly on WS.

Make the second sock the same way, working from the opposite foot chart.



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# FELTED MITTENS AND SOCKS FOR BABY

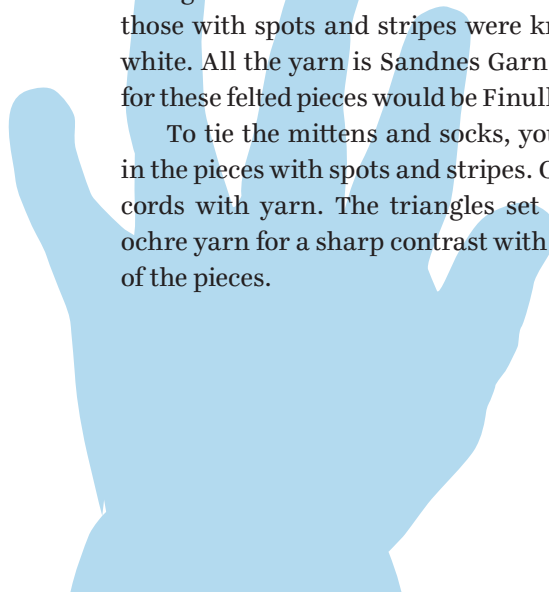
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Here are some sweet mittens and socks specifically sized for the littlest ones. These small accessories are knitted with wool yarn and carefully felted by hand. The mittens don't have thumbs. The recommended yarn works well for garments to fit children six months to two years old. You can adjust the garments for a larger size by using heavier yarn and larger needles.

Knit these small items with needles U. S. size 1.5 or 2.5 / 2.5 or 3 mm and then hand felt them to the desired size.

To make these pieces, we used yarn left over from other felted garments in the book. The mittens and socks with the triangle motifs were knitted in white and turquoise, while those with spots and stripes were knitted in coral, red, and white. All the yarn is Sandnes Garn Tove. A good substitute for these felted pieces would be Finull PT2 from Rauma Garn.

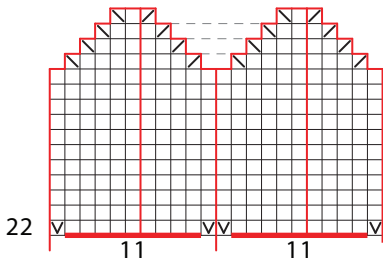
To tie the mittens and socks, you can use silk ribbon as in the pieces with spots and stripes. Otherwise, braid or twist cords with yarn. The triangles set has cords braided with ochre yarn for a sharp contrast with the white and turquoise of the pieces.



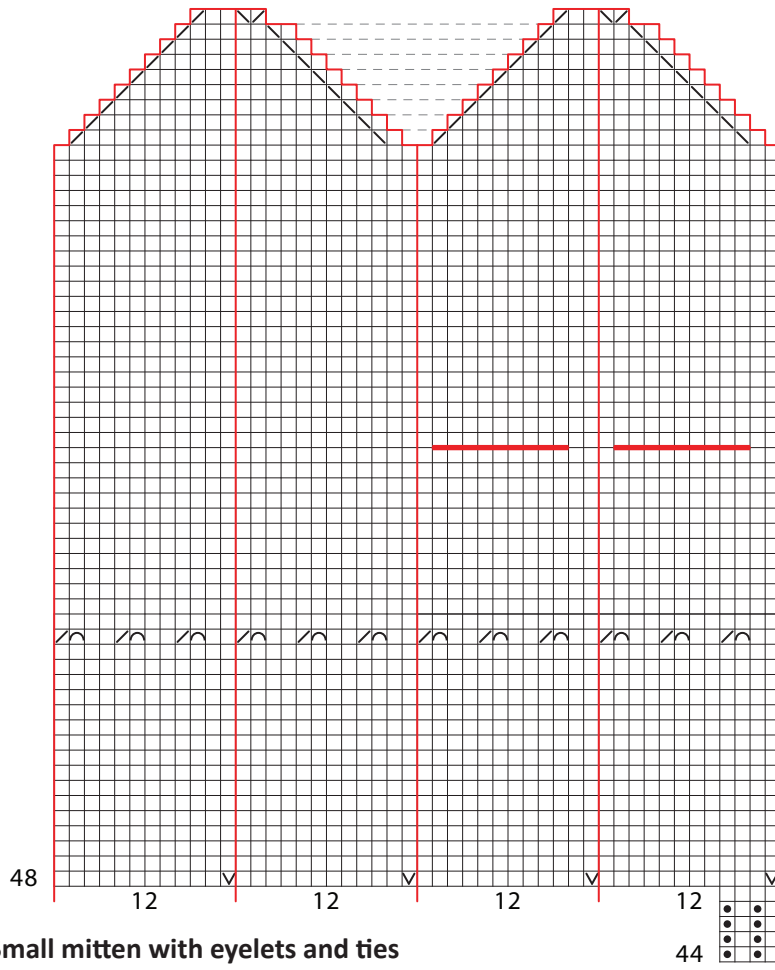
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# SMALL MITTENS

Chart for small mittens. This is the same basic chart as used for the small baby owl mittens; follow the same instructions.



Thumb, small mitten

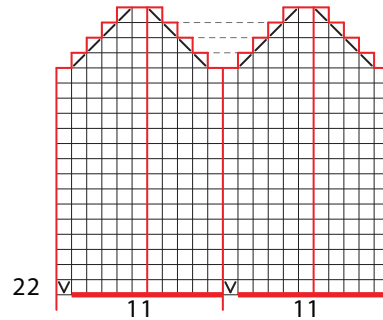


Small mitten with eyelets and ties

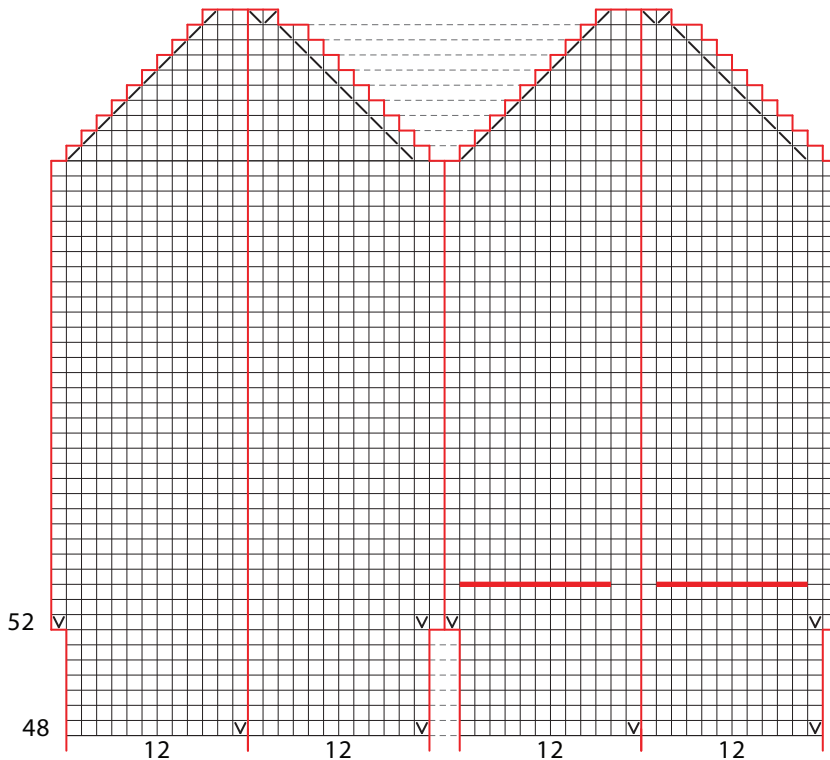


# LARGE MITTENS

This is the basic chart for the large mittens. It's the same as for the large mittens with ponies. You'll also need to work ribbing (44 stitches) or a cuff before beginning the chart for the hand.



Thumb, large mitten



Large mitten with ribbing