

Krakow - a classic pair of mittens



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A classic pair of mittens in a simple graphic pattern. The mittens were designed one January on a biting cold train journey through Poland, where a good pair of mittens were an absolute necessity.

The designer describes how he gets annoyed that he sometimes mixes up his right and left mitten, when hurrying out the door. He has solved this problem by reversing the colours on the right and left mittens. Cleverly this also means you only need one skein of yarn in each colour – while making yourself a very stylish pair of mittens.

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Materials

Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana:
Colour A: 50 g in colour 281 (Rime Frost)
Colour B: 50 g in colour farve 257 (Mint)
4,5 mm double-pointed needles
Length of yarn to hold the thumb stitches

Size

Lady one size

Measurements

Height: 26 cm
Width: 10,5 cm

Gauge

19 sts and 26 rows in pattern on a 4,5 mm needle =
10 x 10 cm

Directions for knitting

The mittens are worked from the bottom up. The mittens are worked with the colours mirror reversed of each other. The chart is read from the bottom up and right to left on all rounds.

In the pattern, the instructions for the left mitten are given first, with the instructions for the right mitten in parentheses after as follows: left (right).

Mittens

Cast on 36 sts on 4,5 mm double-pointed needles with colour B (A). Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round, Work 16 rounds of k2, p2 ribbing.

Continue in the charted pattern for the left (right) mitten, while increasing 6 sts evenly across the first round for a total of 42 sts on the needle. Every other round is worked only in colour A (B), while colour B (A) is "resting".

When the first 33 rounds of the chart have been worked, the sts marked in red (green) are knitted onto a length of scrap yarn. Slip the sts that have been knit-



ted in the scrap yarn back to the left needle and knit them again, this time in pattern.

After the 60th round in pattern, the decreases begin. These are charted in the pattern.

When the last stitch in colour B (A) has been worked

on the 67th round, the colour can be broken, as the mitten will be finished in colour A (B) only. When all rows of the chart have been worked, break the yarn, thread the ends through the remaining sts on the needle, pull tight and weave in the end.

Thumb

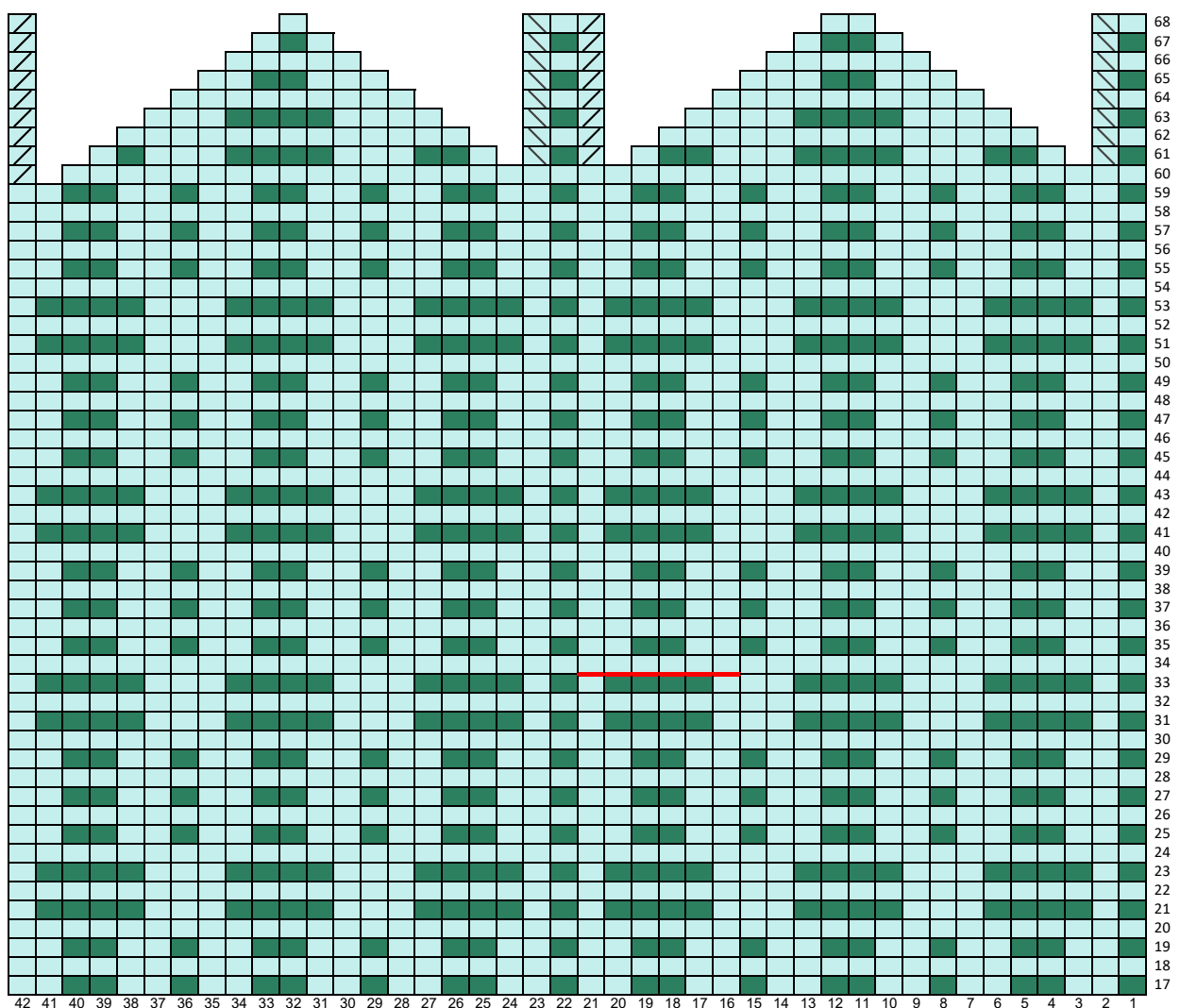
Remove the contrast scrap yarn and place the resulting live sts at the top of bottom of the thumb hole of 4,5 mm double-pointed needles. Pick up and knit an additional stitch at either side of the hole, for a total of 14 sts on the needle. Mark the picked up stitch at either side and knit 11 rounds in colour A (B), beginning the round before the picked up stitch at the right side of the hole.





Decreases: K11, *k2tog, k1, slip 1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over*, knit to 2 sts before side st, rep * to * to end of round.

Work decreases on each round as established, each side of side sts until a total of 6 sts remain. Break yarn, thread the ends through the remaining sts on the needle, pull tight and weave in the end.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Gently wash the finished mittens – optionally in warm water, so the felt slightly. Pul them in shape and lay them on a flat surface to dry.



-  k2tog
-  slip 1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over
-  colour A
-  colour B

