Fetching



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These fingerless gloves come pretty close to instant knitting gratification: buy your yarn on Friday after work, and by Sunday evening you can have a new pair of stylish handwarmers to enhance your Monday commute.

The cables hold the gloves nicely at your wrist and across your knuckles, and are excellent for keeping you warm yet unhindered while knitting, typing, or enjoying a coffee at an outdoor café. If you have never tried knitting cables before, this would be an excellent project to start with. The cable pattern is simple, and if you make a mistake and end up having to rip out some rows, it shouldn't take you long to catch up.

A note about the yarn: Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran is beautiful and soft and comes in gorgeous colors. The cool thing about these gloves is that you only need one skein to make a pair. However, you have to be willing to unravel your gauge swatch to do this, because one pair takes an entire skein with less than a yard of yarn left over. If you feel the need to keep your gauge swatches, you will need to buy two skeins. Also, note that the gauge listed on the yarn label is 18 stitches over 4 inches, while the gauge for this pattern is 21 stitches over 4 inches. That's because smaller-than-recommended needles are used to create the thick, velvety knitted fabric.

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SIZE

one

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Cuff circumference: 7 inches (unstretched)

Length: 6.25 inches

MATERIALS

Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran [55% Merino Wool, 33% Microfibre, 12% Cashmere; Approx. 98yd/89m per 50g ball]; Shown in Olive 501 and Black 300; 1-2 balls [many knitters have completed a pair with just one ball, but every knitter is different. Buy two, and if you don't need both for your first pair, make a second.]

- 1 set of US #6/4mm double-point needles
- Safety pin or split ring marker
- Cable needle (a double-point needle may be used if you have a set of 5; only 4 are used for this project)
- Approx. 12 inches smooth waste yarn in a contrasting color (mercerized cotton works well)
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

21 sts / 30 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

Note: Yarn is worked more tightly than recommended gauge to produce a firm fabric.

PATTERN NOTES

[Knitty's list of standard abbreviations and techniques can be found here]

C4B: Slip next 2 sts to cable needle (or spare double-point needle) and hold to back of work; k2, k2 from cable needle

C4F: Slip next 2 sts to cable needle (or spare double-point needle) and hold to front of work; k2, k2 from cable needle.

4x1 Rib (Worked in the round over a multiple of 5 sts):

Round 1: [K4, p1] to end.

Repeat this round for 4x1 Rib.

Instructions for Cable Cast On can be found here.

DIRECTIONS

Left Hand

CO 45 sts. Divide between needles, placing 15 sts on each needle. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. After first round, place safety pin or split ring marker in work to indicate beginning of round.

Work 4 rounds in 4x1 Rib.

Cable Round: [C4B, p1] to end.

Work 5 rounds in 4x1 Rib.

Work Cable Round.

Repeat these 6 rounds once more.

Work 18 rounds in 4x1 Rib.

Next Round: Using waste yarn, k7; slip these sts back to left needle and k them again using working yarn; work in 4x1 Rib as set to end.

Work 4 more rounds in 4x1 Rib.

Work Cable Round.

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Picot Bind Off

right needle back to left needle; CO 1 st using Cable Cast On method, BO 6 sts] until all sts slip st on right needle back to left needle; CO 1 st using Cable Cast On method, BO Break yarn and draw through last st. Thread yarn tail on tapestry needle and sew yarn tail round. Weave in end.

Thumb

yarn and place resulting live sts on two double-point needles; there will be 7 sts below the above. Attach yarn and k the 7 sts on lower needle; using a second needle, pick up and k 2 upper and lower needle, k first 3 sts from upper needle; using a third needle, k remaining 3 and pick up and k 2 sts in space between this needle and lower needle. 17 sts.

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Right Hand

EXCEPT work Cable Round as follows:

to end.

This way, the cables on each hand will twist fetchingly toward your thumbs.



BO 5 sts, [slip st on have been bound off, remaining st. to beginning of BO

Carefully remove waste opening and 6 sts sts in space between sts from upper needle

wearing the gloves!).

Work as for Left Hand, Cable Round: [C4F, p1]

FINISHING

Steam block lightly if desired.