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Women's Gauntlets with two variations – mitts of partial fingers

MATERIALS

Classic Elite Lush (50 grams, 124 yards) 50% Angora 50% Wool – 2 hanks

US 8 (5 mm) needles (or size needed to obtain gauge), stitch markers, waste yarn for holding live stitches, and a cable needle.

A note on fiber selection: I made these gloves using Lush which has 50% angora – a fiber that is known to be less durable than say, 100% wool. If you plan to wear these everyday I'd suggest choosing a 100% wool or a wool blended with a man-made fiber for better durability.



STITCH GUIDE

Cable Pattern

Rows 1-3: *K2 P1 K4 P1*

Row 4: *K2, P1, slip next 2 sts on CN and hold at back, K2, K2 from CN, P1*

GAUGE

20 stitches and 28 rows equals 4 inches (10cm)

A note on gauge: Classic Elite Lush's stated gauge is 4 stitches per inch. I chose to work these gloves on a smaller needle to make them a bit tighter and more impermeable to the elements.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length $-11 \frac{1}{2}$ inches long (measured from the tip of the middle finger down toward the edge by the elbow)

Width -6 inches around (unstretched) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches around (stretched)

GAUNTLET (both versions)

CO 40 stitches and join in round being careful not to twist.

Knit in **Cable Pattern** for 6.5 inches, ending with a Row 4.

Note: If you want to add more length just knit longer than the 6.5 inches. Each gauntlet takes less than one hank, and I think you'd have enough left for another inch or two.

GUSSET

Note: The next instruction is assuming your first needle starts out with a K2. If you have rearranged your stitches please make sure you adjust the directions accordingly. The gusset is made in the middle of a K2.

Row 1: K1, pm, increase 1 using the backward loop method, pm, K1, continue to end of row in pattern.

Rows 2-3: Knit stitches as the lay, slipping markers as you come to them.

Row 4: K1, sm, increase 1 (using the lifted increase), knit to marker, increase 1 (using the lifted increase) sm, K1, P1, slip next 2 sts on CN and hold at back, K2, K2 from CN, P1. Cont row following Row of **Cable Pattern**.

At this point you have setup the gusset. This next part is not hard but you need to keep track of two counts at once.

Work the gusset increase every *third* row and work the cables every *fourth* row until there are 15 stitches between markers (a total of 22 rows from start of gusset).

UPPER HAND

Row 23: K1, place 15 gusset stitches on waster yarn, K1 (take care to keep the 2 stitches close together), cont to end of row in pattern. (40 sts)

Row 24: Row 4 of Cable Pattern.

Rows 25-28: Rows 1-4 of Cable Pattern.

TOP EDGE (mitt version)

Rows 29-32: *K2, P1, K4, P1* repeat from *

BO in pattern. Weave in ends.

Make thumb as directed below.

TOP EDGE (short finger version)

INDEX FINGER

Distribute stitches onto 2 needles so thumb gusset is centered. You should have 20 stitches on each needle, with 1 knit stitch from the edge of the gusset on each needle.

Take 7 stitches from each of the 2 needles (on the side closer to the thumb) and put them on either 3

DPNs or 2 circs. Put remaining stitches on waste yarn. You will have a total of 14 stitches on your needles and 26 stitches on the waste yarn. Knit across the index finger stitches and CO 2 stitches using the backward loop method between the edges. Knit 5 rows in stockinette. BO purlwise.

MIDDLE FINGER

Take 5 stitches from each edge of the stitches on the waste yarn. Attach yarn and knit across. CO 2 stitches using backward loop to close up the gap where the ring finger will be and pickup 2 stitches on the index finger side (these are the 2 stitches you added when knitting the index finger). Knit 5 rows in stockinette. BO purlwise.

RING FINGER

Take 4 stitches from each edge of the stitches on waste yarn. Attach yarn and knit across. CO 2 stitches using the backward loop method to close up the gap where the pinky finger will be and pickup 2 stitches on the middle finger side (these are the 2 stitches you added when knitting the middle finger). Knit 4 rows in stockinette. BO purlwise.

THUMB (BOTH VERSIONS)

Put the 15 thumb stitches on 3 DPNs or 2 circs. Attach yarn and knit 6 rows in stockinette. BO purlwise. There will be a small gap between the thumb and the glove. Close gap when weaving in ends.

Weave in any remaining ends.