



VINTAGE KNITS

Lady's Mittens with Thumb

From "Weldon's Practical Knitter, First Series"

Project #1 from "[My Year of Weldon's](#)"



Fingerless mittens knit in k1,p1 ribbing with 3 rows of embroidery on the backs. Mittens are knit flat, then seamed. Size Ladies' Medium (these have lots of stretch)

The original pattern calls for 1 oz of "Berlin Wool" in brown and ¼ oz in blue, knit on size 14 needles (US 2.5 or metric 3.00 mm). I chose two yarns for my reproduction mittens, both in sport/DK weight wool.

Yarn: For the blue and brown pair, I used Rowan Felted Tweed DK (50% Merino, 25% Rayon, 25% Alpaca), 191 yds; 1 skein each of color #152 "Watery" and #153 "Phantom". For the pink and black pair, I used Brown Sheep Nature Spun Sport (100% wool), 184 yds; 1 skein each of color #105 Bougainvillea #601 Pepper.

Needles: US #4 (for the pair worked in Rowan Felted Tweed) or #5 (for the pair worked in Nature Spun Sport)

Gauge: 23 sts/4" on #4 needles; 24 sts/4" on #5 needles.

Instructions:

With Main Color (MC), cast on 48 stitches and work 20 rows in k1,p1 ribbing (the original pattern instructions have you knit the cuff for 40 rows, but I found this made a very long cuff; the 20 rows creates a cuff that is much closer to the original illustration in length). Slip the first stitch of every row.

Thumb Shaping: Continuing in ribbing as established, on each right side row, slip first stitch, M1 (pick up thread between stitches, knit into back loop), rib to end of row. Next row: work as established in ribbing.

Work these two rows until you have 20 thumb stitches (68 sts total).

Next Row: work 20 thumb stitches, place remaining 48 sts on holder. Work back and forth in ribbing on the 20 thumb stitches for 8 rows total. Break MC and attach Contrast Color (CC), and work 5 rows in ribbing. Bind off.

Hand: Place the 48 sts back on needles and work 12 rows total in ribbing. Break MC and attach CC, work 5 rows in ribbing. Bind off.

Finishing: Sew seams using mattress stitch. There are 2 seams, one for the back of the mitten, and one for the thumb. I found it easiest to sew the hand seam up to the point where the thumb begins, sew up the thumb seam, then finish sewing the hand seam.



Embroider 3 rows of Herringbone Stitch using CC on the center back of the hand. Instructions for this stitch can be found [here](#).



Make 2nd mitten same as the first, but be sure to “flip” the mitten so that the embroidery is on the back of the left mitten and on the back of the right mitten.

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