

Andrew

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These mitts may seem plain at first glance, but upon closer inspection there are signs of good and/or evil hidden on each hand, and eyes on the palms which can be protective or demonic!



Use illusion knitting (which is made of just knits and purls) to hide a star or a pentagram on each hand, so when you hold your hand out to a viewer, the shape will reveal itself. Make one hand good and the other evil, or just go all out with one or the other on both hands, if you prefer.



Use twisted and slipped stitches to put eyes on both palms; hold your hand out to an evil-doer as

symbolic protection, or put your hands up to your face to turn your mitts into an instant creepy costume.

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You need

- ▶ sport weight yarn in 2 contrasting colors - approx 70{80, 90, 100} yards / 65{75, 85, 95} meters in each color, for small{medium, large, extra large}
- a round, smooth yarn will work best for the illusion, and blocking is somewhat important, so wool or another block-able fiber is recommended
- ▶ size US 4 (3.5mm) needles (or sized to get gauge)
- a long circular (32"/80cm or longer) to use magic loop method, **or** a set of double pointed needles
- ▶ 6 stitch markers, 4 different colors/types (2 different pairs of the same type for 2 mB's and 2 mD's; 2 single unique types for 1 mA and 1 mC)

The samples

Dark & light purples: Knitted Wit *Welterweight Rambouillet* sport weight (Beaujolais and French Kiss); size small; right hand pentagram / left hand star.

Grey & red: Brown Sheep *Lanaloft Sports Weight* (Dark Ash and Roasted Pepper); size extra large; both hands pentagram (grey is dark color; red is light color).

Gauge

21 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm in garter stitch, striped between the 2 colors (7 sts per inch / 2.5 cm in slip stitch pattern - [k1, sl2] for 2 rows, [sl1, k2] for 2 rows).

It should be a dense gauge. You can just swatch for garter stitch gauge (2 rows each color) and assume the slip-stitch pattern gauge will be close enough; then test the fit after you've worked the first couple inches (basically treating the first couple inches of mitt as a fully patterned gauge swatch).

Try it on above the thumb, to check for fit (it should be loose around your wrist, but fitted around the hand). There should be very little negative ease (meaning, it shouldn't stretch much at all) - if it's tightly fitted with lots of stretch, then the illusion will be distorted.

If it fits well after a couple inches, then you're good and you can keep on knitting. If not, start over with a different needle size and/or make a different size mitts. If knitting for a gift, you can use the same method, using your own hand as a guideline.

Sizing

Circumference

There are four sizes: **small{medium, large, extra large}**, which are for hand sizes of approx 6.5{7.5, 8.5, 9.5} inches / 16.5{19, 21.5, 24} cm, measured around the middle of the hand, above the thumb. These are approx:

- ▶ small = women's small
- ▶ medium = women's medium / men's small
- ▶ large = women's large / men's medium
- ▶ extra large = men's large

Note: Due to the differing numbers of stitches in the slip-stitch panels, small and large sizes have thumb gussets placed asymmetrically within the panels, while medium and extra large sizes have gussets placed centered within the panels (as seen at left).

Length

Total length, lying flat, is approx 6.25{6.75, 7.25, 7.75} inches / 16{17.25, 18.5, 19.75} cm.

The wrist bottom length (before the thumb gusset begins) is approx 2.75 inches / 7 cm; the hand top, above the thumb, is approx 2 inches / 5 cm; the thumb gusset length is approx 1.5{2, 2.5, 3} inches / 4{5.25, 6.5, 7.75} cm.

You can lengthen either end if you like - when the pattern tells you to repeat rounds with plain garter stitch panels, at the beginning and the end of the pattern, repeat extra times to add length.