

# Jónsi

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Jónsi is a double-sided, dual-purpose pattern: make fingerless mitts or full mittens, either option with very different front and back sides. The tops of the hands have a fun textured polka-dot pattern, and the palm sides are covered with a more dense twisted-stitch color design.



In addition to the main two stitch pattern textures, you'll get a bonus third texture in the garter-striped thumbs, plus the ribbed bottom edge (and top edge for the fingerless version).



They are made in the round, one yarn in use at a time, the main stitch patterns worked with slipped stitches.

They would work fine in two solid colors, or using one subtly variegated yarn along with a solid makes for an interesting look.

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## You need

- ▶ for extra-small{small, medium, large} **fingerless mitts**:
  - approx 90{120, 140, 160} yards / meters of a light DK (or heavy sport) weight yarn for the main color
  - approx 50{60, 70, 80} yards / meters of a heavier DK (or light worsted) weight yarn for contrasting color
- ▶ for extra-small{small, medium, large} **full mittens**:
  - approx 115{150, 180, 210} yards / meters of a light DK (or heavy sport) weight yarn for the main color
  - approx 70{85, 100, 120} yards / meters of a heavier DK (or light worsted) weight yarn for contrasting color
  - fingerless mitts sample is in Blue Moon Fiber Arts *Crackpaca* DK weight for main color (Heckley

Speckley; approx 75 yards / 69 meters used) and Blue Moon Fiber Arts *Targhee Worsted* (Blue Moonstone; approx 45 yards / 41 meters used), for extra-small size with one needle size larger than recommended for a slightly looser gauge (so they are not quite as narrow as they should be), and one fewer repeat at the beginning for a shorter wrist

- full mittens sample is in Blue Moon Fiber Arts *Crackpaca* DK weight for main color (Heckley Speckley; approx 140 yards / 128 meters used) and Local Color Fiber Studio *Rambouillet DK* (Madder Root dyed; approx 80 yards / 73 meters used), for the small size
- ▶ size US 4 (3.5mm) needles for working in the round (either a long circular for magic loop, or double pointed needles), or sized to get gauge
- ▶ needles two sizes smaller, for working in the round
- ▶ 2 stitch markers
- ▶ a blunt yarn needle

## Yarn/gauge

To get the stitch patterns to look like the samples, use a subtly variegated yarn for the main color with a solid or semi-solid for the contrasting; but they should also look good with two solids or semi-solids, or a subtly variegated yarn used as the contrasting color instead. So if you have a slightly heavier variegated and slightly lighter solid, that's fine too!

With the slight difference in weights, and the small needle size, you're meant to get a very tight gauge; the twisted stitch pattern on the palm side is the tightest, for a hard-wearing mitten palm.

All gauges are with larger sized needles.

- ▶ Garter stripes pattern (knit 3 rounds in main color; knit 1 round, purl 1 round in contrasting color): 23 sts and 38 rows per 4 inches / 10 cm.
- ▶ Dot stitch pattern: 24 sts and 48 rows per 4 inches / 10 cm.
- ▶ Twisted stitch pattern (on palm): 35 sts and 63 rows per 4 inches / 10 cm.

Test your yarn/needles by swatching to check the garter stripes pattern gauge (measured after blocking, lying flat); if you match that gauge, and your yarns are the recommended weights, then the other stitch patterns should work out well too.

Yes, the gauges of the stitch patterns are pretty darn different from each other; it all works out just fine on the mitts. The outer hand is larger with more give, the inner palm tighter, so it works with how the hand moves, and it'll even out a bit with blocking.