

Twist on a Classic

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Bulky yarn and squishy cables make for cozy warm fingerless mitts, and they knit up fast! Learn some fun new knitting techniques as you whip up a pair of these modular mitts.



They are made with no sewn seams, each mitt worked continuously from beginning to end; the cable is worked sideways with no picked up stitches, using simple short rows (no wrapping) to join it to the adjacent sections.

The hand is worked flat, then joined with a 3-needle bind-off, and the thumb is in the round. If you make the single-color version, you'll never break the yarn, so you'll only have two ends to weave in.

There are two lengths, and the circumference is custom fit to your hand. While it was designed in bulky, the pattern also works well around aran weight, and there are notes at the end for making further modifications.

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You need

- ▶ 60-80 yards / 55-75 meters [75-100 yards / 70-90 meters] bulky yarn, for short[long]; or, 70-100 yards / 65-90 meters lighter weight, around aran
- optionally, approx 20 yards / 18 meters [30 yards / 27 meters] in a contrasting color, for contrasting cable
- ▶ size US 11 (8mm) circular needles, or needles sized to match your yarn weight
- 1 long circular (32"/80cm or longer), to use magic loop method on the thumb (recommended)
- or any length circular, plus double points (DPNs), if you prefer (but pattern is written for magic loop)
- 1 extra needle, same size or 1-2 sizes larger, for 3-needle bind-off (not needed if you're using DPNs)
- ▶ crochet hook for provisional cast-on
- ▶ a cable needle
- ▶ 1 stitch marker
- ▶ 2 small stitch holders (or large safety pins)
- ▶ a yarn needle

The samples

All yardages listed are total for both mitts; hand circumference size is small for all the sample mitts.

Turquoise: Quince & co. *Puffin* bulky (Peacock) - less than 1 skein, which is 112 yards / 102 meters (80 yards / 73 meters used); long length.

Turquoise & beige: Quince & co. *Puffin* bulky (Peacock and Chanterelle) - approx 40 yards / 37 meters used main color, 20 yards / 18 meters for contrasting cable; short length.

Handspun: Solid dark brown bulky handspun main color, approx 34 yards / 31 meters used, multi-colored super bulky weight contrasting cable yarn, approx 20 yards / 18 meters used; short length.

Red: Hand-dyed recycled wool, around aran weight, approx 64 yards / 59 meters used; long length.

Gauge

10.5 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm, in garter stitch for the bulky mitts, but matching gauge isn't important.

Sizing

In the bulky gauge, short[long] lengths are approx 6.5 inches / 16.5 cm [9 inches / 23 cm] long.

If using a lighter weight, make the long length, which will be shorter due to the gauge change; length will be around 6-7 inches / 15-18 cm in aran weight.

Circumference is sized to fit your hand as you knit (as is the thumb). If you know your yarn will grow a bit when washed, you'll want to take this into account when measuring for fit - make them a bit extra snug as you knit, so they will be comfortably fitted.

To fit your hand circumference, you'll hold the mitt around your hand (above the thumb) and stop when it fits nicely (stretched). You'll write down the number of garter stitch ridges out from the cable at that point, so you can make the second mitt the same size.

In the standard bulky gauge, there will probably be approx 7{9, 11} garter stitch ridges for approx small{medium, large} hand sizes. At lighter weights, you may have many more ridges for a comfy fit.

If knitting for someone else, use your own hand as a guideline, making it extra big or small depending on the hand sizes of yourself and the giftee.