

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
- either a long circular (32"/80cm or longer), to use magic loop method on the thumb (recommended)
- or any length circular, plus a set of double pointed needles (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 and scrap yarn 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.