

Mixed Ribs Fingerless Mitts

Needles: Ladies Small - Size 2.5 mm (US 1) or size needed to get gauge
Ladies Medium – Size 3.0 (US 2.5) or size needed to get gauge
Yarn: Twisted Fiber Art Duchess (sport) or any other yarn for gauge
Gauge: (women's small) 28 stitches and 39 rounds to 10 cm (4 inches)
(women's medium) 26 stitches and 35 rounds to 10 cm(4 inches)



This is the women's medium version

Stitch pattern is based on Braids and Beads Rib, #72 in Annie Maloney's The Knitter's Guide to Stitch Design. Direction of twists has been changed and one 6-stitch braided cable has been substituted for a 3-stich twisted braid to provide a centerpiece.

On needle 1, you will work 1 multiple of Braids and Beads rib, work 1 multiple substituting a six stitch cable braid for stitches 4-6 of this repeat, work 1 ordinary multiple of Braids and Beads rib. On needle 2, you will work 3 multiples of Braids and Beads.

Braids and Beads Rib (multiple of 8 stitches)

Round 1: K2, P1, K3, P1, K1.

Round 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, 1/1 RC, P1, K1.

Round 3: Repeat round 1.

Round 4: P1, K1, P1, 1/1 LC, K1, P1, K1.

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Increases

Forward-looking: Pick up the right leg of the stitch below the **next** stitch (forward) on your left needle and place it on the left needle. Knit it and then knit the next stitch.

Backward-looking: Pick up the left leg of the stitch **two** below the **previous** stitch on your right needle with your left needle. Knit it.

(These are usually referred to as left-leaning and right-leaning increases, but I can never remember which is which, so this is how I think of them.) Feel free to substitute whatever increase you are comfortable with – just be consistent once you've picked them.

Cuff

Cast on 51 stitches. Divide onto two circular needles, placing 27 stitches on needle 1 and 24 stitches on needle 2. Follow chart, beginning with round 1. The chart represents the stitches on needle 1. The dark borders surround one repeat of the basic pattern. Needle 2 has this repeated three times.

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Legend:

			(Blank square) Knit
		•	Purl
	↘	↗	1/1 RC (Right twist of 1 stitch over 1). I do this by knitting 2 together without removing the stitches from the left needle, then knit the first stitch and slip both off the needle.
	↗	↘	1/1 LC (Left twist of 1 stitch over 1). I treat this as a cable – put one stitch on cable needle and hold to the front, knit 1, knit 1 from cable needle.
—	↘	↗	2/2 RC (Right cable of 2 stitches over 2). Put two stitches on cable needle and hold to the back, knit 2, knit 2 from cable needle.
—	↗	↘	2/2 LC (Left cable of 2 stitches over 2). Put two stitches on cable needle and hold to the front, knit 2, knit 2 from cable needle.

For those who prefer words to charts, here is the version in words:

Round 1: K2, P1, (K3, P1) twice, K6, P1, (K3, P1) 8 times, K1.

Round 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, 1/1 RC, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2, 2/2 RC, P1, K1, (P1, K1, P1, K1, 1/1 RC, P1, K1) 4 times.

Round 3: Repeat round 1.

Round 4: P1, K1, P1, 1/1 LC, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, 2/2 LC, K2, P1, K1, (P1, K1, P1, 1/1 LC, K1, P1, K1) 4 times.

Work as established until you have 7 full repeats of the pattern or to desired length (the original is around 7 cm / 2.5 inches.) Start working the first 6 and the last 5 stitches of needle 1 and all of needle 2 in stockinette (knit all stitches). Work even for 9 rounds, then set up for thumb gusset as follows:

Right Thumb Gusset

Work across needle 1 as established. On needle 2, knit 3 stitches, place marker, knit 1, place marker, knit to end of row.

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Left Thumb Gusset

Work across needle 1 as established. On needle 2, knit until 3 stitches remain, place marker, knit 1, place marker, knit to end of row.



This detail is of the women's small

For both mitts continue with:

Round 1: Work across needle 1 as established. On needle 2, knit to first marker, slip marker. Make a backward-looking increase (see above). Knit 1. Knit to second marker, make a forward-looking increase. Slip marker. Knit to end of row.

Round 2: Work across needle 1 as established. On needle 2, knit across.

Repeat these two rounds until there are 17 stitches between the markers, ending with round 2.

Next round: Work across first needle, knit to first marker, remove marker, place 17 stitches on holder (or extra bit of yarn), remove marker, cast on 3 stitches using backwards loop method, knit to end of round.

Work even on 53 stitches for one round.

Next round: Work across first needle, knit until 1 stitch before the three cast-on stitches (K1 for right mitt, K20 for left mitt), SSK, K1, K2tog, knit to end of round.

Work even for 4 rounds, beginning with round 1 or 3, depending on where you are in the pattern on the center back of the hand.

Next round: Return to the initial setup (for cuff) with all stitches in Beads and Braids as originally set up. Work 8 rounds even in this pattern, then bind off in pattern (which will be round 1 or round 3). Work K2 tog 3 times over the 6-stitch cable as part of binding off.

Thumb

Put the first 10 stitches from the holder on needle 1 and the other 7 on needle 2. Attach yarn. Using needle 2, pick up one stitch before the cast on stitches, one in each cast-on stitch, and one more at the end, so you now have 12 stitches on needle 2.

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Work 1 round even, knitting all stitches.

Next round: Knit 17 stitches, SSK, K1, K2 tog.

Work even for 2 more rounds.

Next round: Start working in Beaded rib pattern, as follows.

Multiple of 4 stitches.

Round 1: K3, P1.

Round 2: K1, P1, K1, P1.

Work 6 rounds. Bind off in pattern.

