

## Lisa's Miloves

I developed this pattern for my sister. I got the idea for closing the thumb gore from a [baby bootie pattern](#), and I took a basic mitten shape and moved the thumbs over to make them more comfortable to wear.

### Materials:

2 colors worsted-weight yarn, one should be smoother and/or slightly thinner than the other. This is CC. I used Red Heart soft in red for the CC and cascade 220 in black for MC.

#8 dpn's

#6 dpn's

stitch holders and markers (a marker with a counter on it makes some things easier), tapestry needle

a small-ish crochet hook, about 4.5mm

any fair-isle pattern, 30 sts by 20 rows total

### Gauge:

4.5 sts/inch

6 rows/inch in stockinette stitch

Fits a woman or a man with a slender hand. The glove itself should measure about 8" across the knuckles right below the ribbing. Instructions for the right hand are given, the left in parenthesis. The body of the glove, the fingers of the glove and the mitten top are all knit separately and then sewn together.

CO in CC for cuff using tubular cast-on so:

CO 32 sts with temporary cast-on w/ #8 needles. Switch to #6's and work in double-knitting for 8 rounds, then change to K1 - P1 ribbing until the piece measures 3" total, unstretched.

That's the way I learned it from a magazine. It's not perfect and, if you're not careful, the first looped cast-on edge can pull a little. I solved that by leaving a long tail of yarn in the base of the temporary cast-on and then pulling some ease around the circle. [Here](#) is another way to do it with a link to a third method.

It also helps me not put a gap in my ribbing when work in the round if a purl is the first st on any given needle, instead of a knit. That may just be my style, but I find it easier to pull on the yarn from that angle to close the gap between the sts.

### The Body of the Glove:

In the next round, switch to #8 needles and MC. Begin color chart, if you like, here. A fair-isle - style pattern here makes the glove thicker and less stretchy. Since this is worked in the round, it is best if the pattern goes all of the way around the hand. Also, if you know how to do "weaving" instead of stranding floats along behind in your colorwork, you should do that, since even small floats can cause trouble with a small circumference where people are meant to stick their fingers. Don't forget to leave the 2 sts destined to be the base of the thumb either out of your pattern or integrated into it.

Knit around 3 times.

Begin thumb shaping:

r1: k18 (12), pm, (m1, k1), (k1, m1), pm, k12 (18)

r2: knit around

Rep as above, increasing in the first and last stitches in the thumb gore, until you have 12 sts in between the markers.

Next round: k18 (12), k and place 12 sts on holder, k12 (18).

Then, to give the knuckles more room, (k6, m1) five times in the next round. Knit around straight 5 times.

Cut off CC, then in MC, K1-P1 rib for 4 rows.

Now, work a [tubular cast-off](#). I did it like this: Switch to smaller needles and double-knit for 8 rounds, then

place the purl sts on one needle and the knit sts on another. Graft these sts together using regular kitchener stitch. I think Flor's method is basically the same, but her grafting method is more sophisticated.

#### Fingers:

For working the rounds on the fingers: It is easier to keep all sts on just two needles instead of three, just be careful to pull the edge sts tightly. Or, do it in a different form of double-knitting that produces a closed tube. Get the sts you want to be a tube onto one needle, with alternating sts coming from different sides of the tube. If this seems unclear, do a practice swatch of this method, it should be pretty clear after a few rows what you should do. Using two needles, simply slip one stitch and knit the next in sequence; thus, you knit the side facing you while you slip the side away from you. The second row completes the other side of the tube, as you continue with the slip, knit pattern. When you get to the end of the row, turn and work back. Make sure you always stop where you started, so that one side of your finger isn't taller than the other. With CC and #8 needles. CO 30 sts. I used the long-tail cast-on method and left a really long leftover tail for closing up any gaps in-between the fingers, but any method would be ok. Knit around for about 1". Place all stitches on holders. It can speed things up if you place the sts for individual fingers on their own holders. Use #6 needles. Directions are applicable to both left and right hands. For all fingers, k around for 4 rows and then bind off with a crochet hook, then take the crochet down the side of the finger to the next one. For "pick up" on the gusset, it can be easier to sc those stitches.

Pinkie: pick up 2 sts from outside of glove (under the 2 side sts), then pick up 4 sts from the palm side and 4 from the back side.

Ring Finger: 5 from back side, co 2 for next finger gusset, 3 from palm, 1 from pinkie gusset.

3rd finger: 4 from back side, co 2 for pointer finger gusset, 3 from palm, 2 from ring gusset.

Pointer finger: pick up 5 from gusset, grab the last 7 sts on holder.

Thumb: Using #8 needles and MC, pick up 7 sts from body of outer glove, then work back and forth on the twelve sts from the holder in stockinette stitch and close the thumb to the body by k2tog or p2tog one st from the picked-up sts at the end of every row. Join and work in the round for 15 rounds, or about 2.5" of thumb from the top of the gusset (measured from the inside of the thumb, not the outside). To close, break yarn and draw through sts firmly, weave in ends carefully, secure the thumb to body more completely with tails if you have to.

Mitten Top: CO as for cuff, but with MC and 30 sts in ribbing. Rib for about 3" total. Switch to 8's for shaping.

Shaping: r1: \*k1, ssk, k9, k2tog, k1, rep from \* (26 sts)

r2, 4, 6, 8 & 10: knit

r3: \*k1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1, rep from \* (22 sts)

r5: \*k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1, rep from \* (18 sts)

r7: \*k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1, rep from \* (14 sts)

r9: \*k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1, rep from \* (10 sts)

break yarn, leaving a 12" end. Draw through all sts and then weave in end.

#### Finishing:

Sew finger section to inside of outer glove at the base of the ribbing.

Sew mitten top to outside of outer glove at the base of the ribbing (only at the back).

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