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# Granford Mitts



*The idea for these mitts came from watching the recent BBC adaptation of Granford by Elizabeth Gaskell. This gentle drama, both humorous and touching took us into the lives of gentlewomen of a certain age living in reduced circumstances. I noticed that many of their costumes included delicate mitts which they wore to ensure warm fingers in their draughty houses. I have adapted this idea to create some warm but delicately lacy mitts to take the edge off chilly spring mornings.*

## Pattern Notes

These mitts will fit an average sized woman's hand.

The stitch pattern used is Horseshoe Pattern from Barbara G Walker's 'A Treasury of Knitting Patterns'.

## Materials

50g main and 10g contrast sock/4ply weight yarn.

Set of four 2.5mm (US#1.5) double pointed needles (or size to get gauge).

Blunt tapestry/darning needle.

Small amount of waste yarn.

## Abbreviations

MC – main colour

CC – contrast colour

dpn – double pointed needle

St – stitch(es)

K – knit

P – purl

yo – yarn over

Sl1 – slip 1st from left to right needle

K2 tog Knit 2 stitches together

pssso - Pass slipped stitch over.

## Gauge

Approximately 6 st to 1 inch (2.5 cm) using stocking stitch.

## Mitt (make two)

With CC, cast on 50 st and divide as follows onto 3 needles;

Needle 1, 20 st

Needle 2, 10 st

Needle 3, 20 st

Join for working in the round.

Work 7 rows garter stitch commencing with a P row.

Change to MC.

Start pattern as follows:

Rows 1 and 3: K

Row 2: (yo, K3, Sl1, K2tog, pssso, K3, yo, K1) repeat to end

Row 4: (K1, yo, K2, Sl1, K2tog, pssso, K2, yo, K1, P1) repeat to end.

Row 5 and 7: (K9, p1) repeat to end.

Row 6: (K2, yo, K1, Sl1, K2tog, pssso, K1, yo, K2, p1) repeat to end.

Row 8: (K3, yo, Sl1, K2tog, pssso, yo, K3, p1) repeat to end

These 8 rows form the pattern.

Repeat the 8 pattern rows 3 more times (4 in total).

## Thumb Gusset

On needle 1 and needle 3 continue to work horseshoe pattern as set.

On needle 2, omit Sl 1, K2tog pssso from rows 2,4,6 and 8 of the pattern. This will increase the number of stitches on the needle by two on every even numbered round. K all these central stitches.

Repeat the 8 pattern rows 1 more time (2 in total) There should now be 26 st on needle 2.

## Divide for thumb

Next row: Work stitches on needle 1 in established pattern.

On needle 2, K5 then place next 16 stitches on a piece of waste yarn, K5.

Work stitches on needle 3 in established pattern.

Continue in pattern through another two repeats until a total of eight pattern repeats have been worked.

## Border

Change to CC.

Work 5 rows garter stitch, commencing with a K row

Cast off reasonably firmly purlwise.

## Thumb border

Distribute 16 stitches from waste yarn on three dpns as evenly as possible. Join CC and knit one round. At the end of the round pick up and knit one stitch from where the thumb joins the palm (17 stitches).

Work 4 more rows garter stitch commencing with a purl row.

Cast off purlwise. Sew in all ends.

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