

Cabled mittens



These mittens are rather light and will be great on walks in the fall. It's a simple construction but a bit fiddly with the two-colored cables if you're not used to cableing. If you want to make them a bit easier you can make the mittens onecolored.

Material

Yarn: Katia Merino baby. 2 balls of white (1) and 1 ball of each color brown (63) and blue (8).

Knitting needles: 4 doublepointed knitting needles 2,5 for the cuff and 4 doublepointed knitting needles for the rest of the mittens.

Gauge: 26 sts/10 cm.

Size: small woman.

Other stuff: Cableneedle smaller than 3,5 mm, 4 stitchmarkers and an yarnneedle for sewing in ends with.

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Pattern "Linking ovals":

Round 1: p2, C4B, p2.

Round 2: p2, k4, p2.

Round 3: p1, T3B, T3F, p1.

Round 4: p1, k2, p2, k2, p1.

Round 5: T3B, p2, T3F.

Round 6: k2, p4, k2.

Round 7: k2, p4, k2.

Round 8: k2, p4, k2.

Round 9: T3F, p2, T3B.

Round 10: p1, k2, p2, k2, p1.

Round 11: p1, T3F, T3B, p1.

Round 12: p2, k4, p2.

C4B: Slip 2 stitches to cableneedle behind work. Knit 2 stitches from left needle, knit the 2 stitches from cableneedle.

T3B: Slip 1 stitch to cableneedle behind work. Knit 2 stitches from left needle, purl the stitch from the cableneedle.

T3F: Slip 2 stitches to cableneedle in front of work. Purl 1 stitch from left needle. Knit the 2 stitches from cableneedle.

Before you start:

These mittens are made to fit my hands and I have rather short but chubby hands. To get a mitten that will fit you (or whoever will wear them) you should read the last section, on how you easily adapt the size of this mitten.

If you're, like me, cable with two colors, remember to always knit white on white, brown on brown and blue on blue (or whatever colors you've chosen). Keeping this in mind will make the knitting of the mittens much easier.

Start:

Cast on 52 stitches with doublepointed needles 2,5 mm and arrange the stitches like this:

Needle 1: 26 stitches. Needle 2: 13 stitches. Needle 3: 13 stitches.

Knit in the round: *k2, p2*, for 25 rounds (approximately 6 cm).

Knit one round (only knit-stitches) and at the same time change to knitting needles 3,5 mm.

Setup round **Left mitten** on knitting needle 1:

Knit 6 (white), place marker, purl 3 (white), place marker, *purl 2 (white), knit 2 (brown), k 2 (blue), purl 2*, Place marker, purl 3 (white), place marker, knit 6. Knit all stitches on needles 2 and 3 (always). Start knitting according to pattern "linking ovals", between *-*, purl between 1st and 2nd marker and between 3rd and 4th marker. All other stitches are knit throughout.



Placing of thumb, left mitten: The thumb is knitted afterwards, and you prepare it by knitting in a piece of yarn in contrasting color over the 10 stitches where the thumb will be placed. The left thumb will be placed over the last 10 stitches on knitting needle 3, I count the rounds carefully so my thumb is placed on round 10 of the second pattern repeat. The best thing is to try the mitten on to get the best placing. (And yes, you have to cut the white yarn before you knit the contrasting colored yarn and then attach it again after the 10 stitches).

Setup round **Right mitten** on knitting needle 1:

Knit 6 (white), place marker, purl 3 (white), place marker, *purl 2 (white), knit 2 (blue), knit 2 (brown), purl 2*, place marker, purl 3 (white), place marker, knit 6. All stitches on Needle 2 and 3 are knit throughout work. Start knitting according to pattern "linking ovals", between *-*, purl between 1st and 2nd marker and between 3rd and 4th marker. All other stitches are knit throughout.

Placing of thumb, right mitten: Knit a piece of yarn of contrasting color over the first 10 stitches of knitting needle 2.

Top: Knit according to pattern until you reach the middlefingers top. You can now cut the colors of the cable (if you make them in different colors than the rest of the mittens), and from now on you will only knit with white (or chosen main color).

Topround 1: *Knit 2 stitches together* Repeat *-* until end of round

Topround 2: Knit all stitches

Topround 3: *Knit 2 stitches together* Repeat *-* until end of round

Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitches and sew in ends.

Thumb

Pull out the contrasting colored yarn over the thumbstitches, and put the stitches on two doublepointed needles (10 on each). Pick up a stitch on each side and you now have a total of 22 stitches, and distribute these on three doublepointed needles. Knit in the round (only knitstitches) until the thumb covers the thumb. Place a marker in the beginning of the round so you won't get lost. I recommend you to count the rounds to make sure the thumbs will be the same size on both mittens. When the thumb covers the thumb knit 2 stitches together all around, cut yarn and pull yarn through remaining stitches. Sew in ends and at the same time make sure to close any holes that you might have at the base of the thumb.

Adapt the size

It's easy to adapt this pattern to make the mittens fit perfectly. Start by measuring the circumference of the hand on the widest part (where the thumb meets the hand), this will be the width of the mitten. To get the number to cast on you must know the gauge of the yarn. Katia Baby Merino has a gauge of 26 stitches on 10 cm.

(the width of the hand *gauge 26)/10=number of stitches to cast on. Round off the number to be divisible by 4 (to work with the ribbing k2, p2)

To get the cablepattern in the middle of the hand you need to do some math: Half of the stitches should be placed on knitting needle 1 and the other half should be divided on knitting needles 2 and 3. The cablepattern including the purl stitches (alla stitches between markers 1 and 4) consists of 14 stitches. Half the number of the gloves stitches minus the 14 patternstitches should be divided before and after the 14 patternstitches on needle 1 and be knit.

The thumb became rather spacious so I think 10 stitches is great for larger hands and if your hands are more "normal" to smaller size, 8 stitches would be even better.