

Peggotty's Ruffle Mitts



I almost called this pattern “what a girl wants”, because that’s what these mitts are for me. With just enough ruffle to make them pretty but not overly fussy or dainty, they go with everything from a dressy coat to polar fleece. As I was knitting these gloves, these mitts reminded me of a pair that a character from a Dicken’s novel

might wear—sturdy and practical, but with a nod to Victorian frippery. In the end, I named them for Peggoty, David Copperfield’s loving nursemaid. Just like Peggoty these mitts are warm and manage to make everyday feel special...the perfect midwinter pick-me-up.



In designing this pattern, I wanted a glove that I could comfortably wear while running winter errands — a pair that would be perfectly placed wrapped around a cappuccino, on a walk in the woods, driving car-pool, at the market, and on an evening out. Part wristie and part glove, these mitts are designed with an extra long cuff to bridge the gap between coat sleeves and the hand—so toasty —the cuff folds down prettily too, giving double wrist warmth for those extra cold days.

Finished Measurements

Hand circumference (measured over the knuckles, excluding thumb): Small—7”, Medium—7 ½”, Large—8”

Materials

Classic Elite *Inca Marl* (100% Alpaca; 109 yds per 50 g skein); 2 skeins

Note: Both pairs of mittens pictured are size medium in Color #1174 Red Sea and Color # 1195, Violet.

US 4 (3.5 mm) 16" circular

US 4 dpn

Tapestry needle

Gauge

22 sts and 26 rounds = 4" in Stockinette stitch on US 4 (3.5 mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Special Techniques and Abbreviations

M1—Make one using the backward loop method

Using the working yarn, make a loop so that the tail of the working yarn is coming off of the right hand side of the loop. Insert the tip of the right needle into the loop from right to left and place it on the needle. The tail of the working yarn will be trailing from the right hand side of the base of the new stitch on the right needle. On the next row work the loop as you would a normal stitch.

M1R—Right cross Make One

Locate the horizontal thread that connects the last stitch worked on the right hand needle and the first stitch on the left needle. Insert the left needle under this thread from back to front, placing it onto the left needle. Knit into the front of this new stitch. You now have one new stitch on the right needle.

M1L—Left cross Make One

Like the right cross M1, this increase is always worked between two stitches. Insert the tip of the left needle from front to back under the thread between the last stitch worked and the first stitch on the left needle. Knit into the back of this picked up stitch.

K2tog—knit to together

Sl 1—slip one

pssso—pass slipped stitch over

pm—place marker

sm—slip marker

Ruffle and Cuff



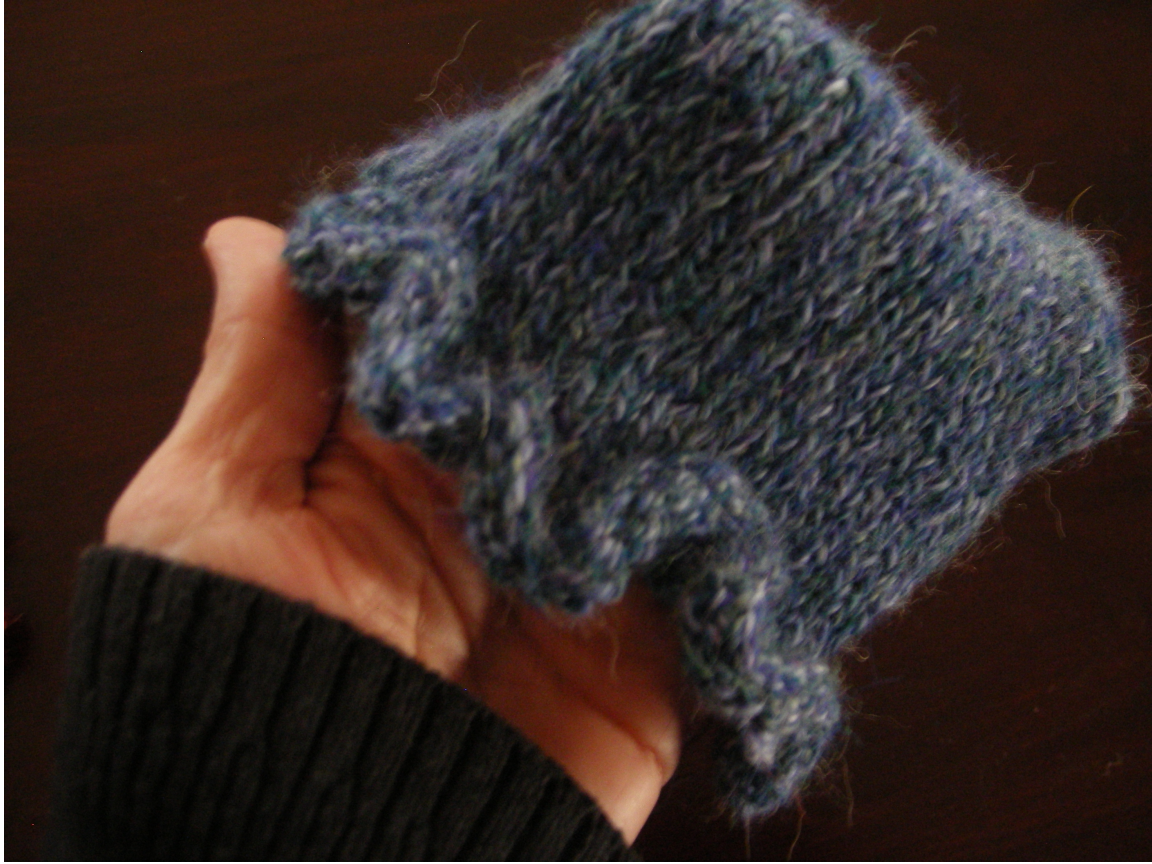
Cast on 114 (120, 132) sts. Divide sts evenly on dpns, and place a marker to denote the beginning of the round.

Rnds 1-3: Knit.

Rnd 4: *Sl 1, k2tog, pss0; rep from * to end of round—38 (40, 44) sts.

Complete the cuff by knitting in St st until it measures 3 ½ (4, 4 ½)” from cast-on edge.

Increase for hand: Knit to the end of the round, M1—39 (41, 45) sts.



Thumb Gusset

Rnd 1: Knit across 19 (20, 22) sts, pm, M1L, k1, M1R, pm, knit to end of the round {19 (20, 22) sts}—2 sts increased; 3 gusset sts between markers.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: Knit to first gusset marker, sm, M1L, k to next gusset marker, M1R, sm, k to end—2 gusset sts increased between markers.

Remaining rounds of thumb gusset: Repeat Rnds 2-4 until you have 13 (15, 17) sts between the markers—51 (55, 61) sts.

Thread a tapestry needle with a 6" length of waste yarn. Knit to the first marker, slide the gusset sts {13 (15, 17) sts} onto the tapestry needle and off onto the length of yarn. Remove the tapestry needle from the waste yarn once all of the gusset sts have been loaded onto the waste yarn. Tie the two ends of the waste yarn together to serve as a holder for the gusset sts. Using the backward loop method, cast on 1 stitch over the gap formed where the gusset sts used to be, rejoin the work, and continue knitting to the end of the round—39 (41, 45) sts.

Work in St st for $\frac{3}{4}$ (1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$)”.

Little Finger

On the next round knit 4 (4, 6) sts. Using a new dpn, k1. Place the next 30 (32, 34) sts on a holder or length of yarn (as you did for the gusset) to be worked later. Continuing with the yarn trailing from the last st worked, cast on 1 (1, 2) st(s) using the backward loop method, k1. Using a new dpn, knit the remaining 3 (3, 4) sts—10 (10, 13) total little finger sts divided on three dpns. Knit in St st for 1 (1 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$)” or try the glove on and knit until knitted little finger is $\frac{1}{4}$ ” below the top knuckle of your little finger. Purl one round. Bind off knitwise.

Upper Hand

Because the little finger is below the rest of the fingers you will need to build up the upper hand of the glove at this point. Place the held sts evenly on three dpns. Join yarn at the base of the little finger, pick up and knit 2 sts along the bottom inside edge of the little finger. Continue to knit in St st rounds for $\frac{1}{4}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$)”. Do not cut yarn.

Ring Finger

Knit the first 6 sts of the round. Place the next 20 (22, 24) sts on a holder as you did when working the little finger. Slide the last two sts worked for the ring finger to a new dpn and using the backward loop method, cast on 1 (1, 2) st(s), knit the next 2 sts. Using a third dpn knit the remaining 4 ring finger sts—13 (13, 14) sts divided on three dpns.

Continue in St st rounds until the ring finger is 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ (1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2)”, or as with the little finger, try the glove on and knit until the knitted finger is $\frac{1}{4}$ ” below the top knuckle of your ring finger. Purl one round. Bind off knitwise.

Middle Finger

You will be working with the first and last 5 (5, 6) sts of the sts on hold. Slide these sts onto two separate dpns. Join yarn at the base of the ring finger and pick up and knit 2 sts along the base of the inside edge of the ring finger. Using a new dpn, knit the first 5 (5, 6) sts on hold. With the backward loop method, cast on 1 (1, 2) sts. Using a new dpn, knit the remaining 5 (5, 6) sts on hold. Arrange these 13 (13, 16) sts on three dpns (as evenly as you can). Join in the round and knit in St st for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2)” or try the glove on and knit until knitted finger is $\frac{1}{4}$ ” below the top knuckle of your middle finger. Purl one round. Bind off knitwise.

Index Finger

Work the index finger as you did the middle finger, picking up and knitting 2 (2, 3) sts at the base of the middle finger. You will omit the backward loop cast on for this finger, leaving you with a total of 12 (14, 15) sts. Arrange the sts on three dpns and

knit in St st rounds until the index finger measures 1 ¼ (1 ½, 2)", or try on to determine the finger length. Purl one round. Bind off knitwise.

Thumb

Put the sts held in reserve for the thumb gusset (as evenly as you can) on three dpns—13 (15, 17) sts. Join yarn, pick up and knit 1 sts along the inside edge of the thumb (between the thumb and the hand)—14 (16, 18) sts total. Knit in St st rounds until the thumb measures ¾ (1, 1 ¼)", or try on for perfect fit. Purl one round. Bind off knitwise.

Finishing

Use the tails at the base of each finger to close any little holes that may have formed at the finger joins. Weave in all ends. Block gloves, if desired, and if you can wait long enough before slipping them on and hitting the town!



