

Framed Cable Fingerless Mitts

Needles: Size 3.0 mm (US 2.5) or size needed to get gauge

Yarn: Twisted Fiber Art Duchess (sport) or any other yarn for gauge

Gauge: 24 stitches and 32 rows to 10 cm (4 inches)



The cable featured here is #84 from Annie Maloney's *The Knitter's Guide to Stitch Design*.

Abbreviations

2/2 RC – slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in back. Knit 2. Knit 2 from cable needle.

2/2 LC – slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in front. Knit 2. Knit 2 from cable needle.

2/1 RPC – slip 1 stitch onto cable needle and hold in back. Knit 2. Purl 1 from cable needle.

2/1 LPC – slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in front. Purl 1. Knit 2 from cable needle.

Cable

Round 1: K2, P2, K4, P2, K2.

Round 2: K2, P2, 2/2 RC, P2, K2.

Round 3: Repeat round 1.

Round 4: K2, 2/2 RC, 2/2 LC, K2.

Round 5: K12.

Round 6: K1, 2/1 RPC, K4, 2/1 LPC, K1.

Round 7: K3, P1, K4, P1, K3.

Round 8: 2/1 RPC, P1, 2/2 RC, P1, 2/1 LPC.

Rounds 9 and 10: Repeat round 1.

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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 48 sts.

Round 1: K1, (P2, K2) around, ending P2, K1

Round 2: K1, (P2, K2) twice, P2, make a forward-looking increase (see above), K2, backward-looking increase, (P2, K2) around, ending P2, K1.

Continue to keep ribbing as established for stitches 1-7, work cable over next 12 stitches and continue in ribbing as established for the remainder of the round.

Continue in pattern repeating full cable 3 times and complete through round 3 once more, or until desired length to start of thumb gusset.

Thumb Gusset

Work across back of hand in pattern as established. On palm side, work as follows:

Right Mitt

K1, P2, place marker, K2, place marker, work in pattern to end of round.

Left Mitt

Work in rib pattern until 5 stitches remain in the round, place marker, K2, place marker, work in pattern to end of round.

For both mitts continue with:

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

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

Work stitches into K2, P2 pattern. For instance, on the third Round 1, do your increase, K1, P1, K2, P1, K1, do increase. Next round, there will be two purls on each side of the center K2.

Repeat these two rounds until there are 18 stitches between the markers, ending with round 2.

Work to first marker, remove marker, place stitches between markers on a stitch holder or scrap of yarn, remove the second marker. Cast on 4 stitches using the backwards loop method. Work in pattern to end of round.

Next round: Continue pattern over back of hand. Work to newly cast-on stitches and knit all 4 of them. Work in pattern to end of round.

Next round: Continue pattern over back of hand. Work to newly cast-on stitches and work SSK, K2 across these. Continue in pattern.

Work even in pattern for about 1 inch, or as desired.

Bind off in pattern, except when you come to the center 4 stitches of the cable, k2tog twice as part of the bind-off.

Thumb

Place first 10 stitches on needle 1 and last 8 on needle 2. Join yarn and pick up and knit 6 stitches, 1 in each corner and 1 in each cast-on stitch.

Next round: work in K2, P2 rib around.

Next round: work in K2, P2 rib to last 6 stitches of needle 2. P1, P2 tog twice, P1.

Next round: Work in K2, P2 rib to last 4 stitches of needle 2. P2 tog twice.

Work even for 4 rounds.

Bind off.

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Palm side of the mitts.