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Letter from the Editors

Dear Knitters,

Isn't it funny how the holidays have a way of sneaking up on us every year? If you're tired of rushing around at the last minute, struggling to find the right patterns to transform into holiday gifts for family and friends, then you've come to the right place. This year, AllFreeKnitting has rounded up some of the best free patterns available. Inside this free eBook, you'll find stunning patterns submitted from some of our favorite bloggers and designers, all which make excellent gifts for everyone on your gift list.

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Happy Knitting,

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Spiced Plum Scarf

By: Brittany Jones from Knits by Britt

Homemade gifts ideas make for some of the most sentimental presents during Christmas time, but finding enough time to complete these projects can be challenging. That's why we're featuring this alluring Spiced Plum Scarf. Made with chunky yarn, and a simple lace design, this scarf knits up quickly and is great for less experienced knitters. For a masculine version of this accessory, ditch the sewn flower and brown, black, green or red colored yarn.



Materials

- 162 yards of Super Bulky Lion Brand Yarn in Denver Rocky Mountain color
- Size 15 straight knitting needles
- Scissors
- Tapestry Needle
- 2 flower decorations - I used Jolee's Boutique Dimensional Stickers

Abbreviations

BO - Bind off
CO - Cast on
K: Knit
P - Purl
SSK - Slip, slip, knit - [Click here for tutorial](#) -
Sts - Stitches
YO - Yarn over

Instructions

CO 13 sts
Row 1: P
Row 2: P
Row 3: K1, (YO, SSK)6x
Row 4: P all sts and YOs
Repeat Rows 1-4 three more times
P all sts across row for 10 rows
Repeat Rows 1-4 forty-five more times
P all sts across row for 10 rows
Repeat rows 1-4 three more times

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P all sts across row
BO



Assembly

Weave in all yarn ends



Sew the flower decorations in the center of the
solid P rows
Wear and enjoy

Deep Night Fingerless Gloves

By: Brittany Jones from Knits by Britt

Watch the colors of the sunset unfold as you knit up a pair of your own Deep Night Fingerless Gloves. Great texture and bold color ways combine to create a pair of basket weave stitch gloves that don't require double pointed needles. Ideal for a cool autumn day, you won't regret knitting fingerless gloves that are this stylish and downright fun to make!



Materials

- About 100 yards of Kaleidoscope Deep Night 100% wool yarn
- Size 8 straight needles

Abbreviations

CO - Cast on

BO - Bind off

K- Knit

P - Purl

M3- Make 3 sts

K2tog - Knit two stitches together

Sts - Stitches

Instructions - Make 2

CO 32 sts leaving a long tail to sew up the seam when done

Work in K2, P2 rib stitch for 2 inches for the cuff

M3 sts so you now have 35 sts on the needle

Now we start the basket weaving

K5, P5 across

P5, K5 across

K5, P5 across

P5, K5 across

K5, P5 across

P5, K5 across

P5, K5 across

K5, P5 across

P5, K5 across

K5, P5 across

P5, K5 across

K5, P5 across

Repeat these 12 rows one more time

K2tog, K9, K2tog, K9, K2tog, K11 (32 sts)

K across for 5 more rows

BO

Assembly

Fold the glove in half (on the wrong side) and sew up the seam approximately 2.5 inches, leave about 1.25 inch hole for the thumb, and continue sewing up the seam.

Weave in all yarn ends

Turn glove right side out

Voila! You now have a pair of cute fingerless gloves!

Seaside Sunset Cowl + Fingerless Gloves

By: Brittany Jones from Knits by Britt

Prepare for chilly weather by knitting up some fingerless gloves and a matching knit cowl pattern. The Seaside Sunset Cowl + Fingerless Gloves are made with an open honeycomb stitch, giving each one a rich and alluring texture.



Materials

- 1 skein Vickie Howell Sheepish Turquoise Yarn
- 1 skein Vickie Howell Sheepish Coral Yarn
- Size 10 straight needles
- Scissors
- 2 medium buttons
- Sewing thread and needle

Abbreviations

CO - Cast on
BO - Bind off
K - Knit
P - Purl
K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together
Sts - stitches
SSK - slip, slip, knit 2 together
YO - Yarn over
BO - Bind off

The Cowl

CO 60 sts using turquoise color yarn
Work in K2, P2 rib stitch for 2 inches

Now pick up the coral yarn and knit alongside the turquoise yarn - working with both colors at once.



Your sts should look like this on the needle now (above)

P the first 2 sts together and then P the rest of the sts in the row (59 sts)

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

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K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

Now cut the coral yarn and secure it so now you are only working with the turquoise yarn again

KFB in first stitch only, then P2, K2 for remaining sts on row (60 sts)

Continue working in K2, P2 rib stitch for another 2 inches

B0

The Buttons

Turn the piece so the wrong side is facing you and sew on the buttons as shown in the picture below

Now turn the piece so the right side is facing you and fasten the buttons through the holes in the garment. See picture below.



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The Matching Fingerless Gloves - Make 2
CO 32 sts using the coral yarn, leaving a long tail to sew up the seam at the end
Work in K2, P2 rib stitch every row for 2 inches

Now pick up the turquoise yarn and knit alongside the coral yarn - working with both colors at once

P the first 2 sts together and then P the rest of the sts in the row (31 sts)

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

P

K only the first stitch, then work in YO, SSK for the rest of the row

P

P

Now cut the turquoise yarn and secure it so

now you are only working with the coral yarn again

KFB in first stitch only, then P2, K2 for remaining sts on row (32 sts)

Continue working in K2, P2 rib stitch for approximately 1 more inch

BO

Assembly of Gloves

Fold the gloves in half so the wrong side is facing you, sew up the seams leaving about a 1.5 inch hole for the thumb.

Turn the gloves back to the right side and sport them like the awesome woman you are!



Ombre Mittens

By: [Rebecca Roush](#) from ChemKnits

Color appears to be raining down in this unique design for cozy knit mittens. Make a pair for everyone on your gift list; they're sure to be a hit.



Materials

- 5 - Size 3 (3.25 mm) Double Pointed Knitting Needles
- Up to 13 colors of worsted weight yarn, ~200 yards total. The sample is knit in a three color version with KnitPicks Chroma Worsted (Midwinter) and Blue and Purple Berroco Peruvia. (Note that the [Ombre Hat](#) contains up to 9 colors.)
- Size: Women's Small. 10.5" cuff to fingertip, 3.5" wide. For larger gloves, go up a needle size or two. You would still get thick, comfy mittens on size 5 or size 6 needle
- Gauge: 7 sts/1"; 15 rows/2".
- Yarn needle for weaving in loose ends.

Symbols Key

Ω	Cast On 1 stitch with backwards loop method
∧	K2tog (Knit two stitches together)
V	M1 (Make 1 stitch in indicated color)

The Ombre Mittens Knitting Pattern - In these instructions, I will include the relevant pieces of the chart. For the full mitten chart in 13 and 3 options please see the end of the pattern.

Instructions

1. Cast on 48 stitches on size 3 double pointed needles with color A.
2. Join to knit in the round and knit 3 rows of 2x2 ribbing (*K2, P2* across the whole row.)
3. **The Cuffs**
Begin knitting Chart A, following the chart from the bottom up, right to left. The pattern is a 4 stitch repeat, and the 24 sts in the chart are knit twice. (See next page)



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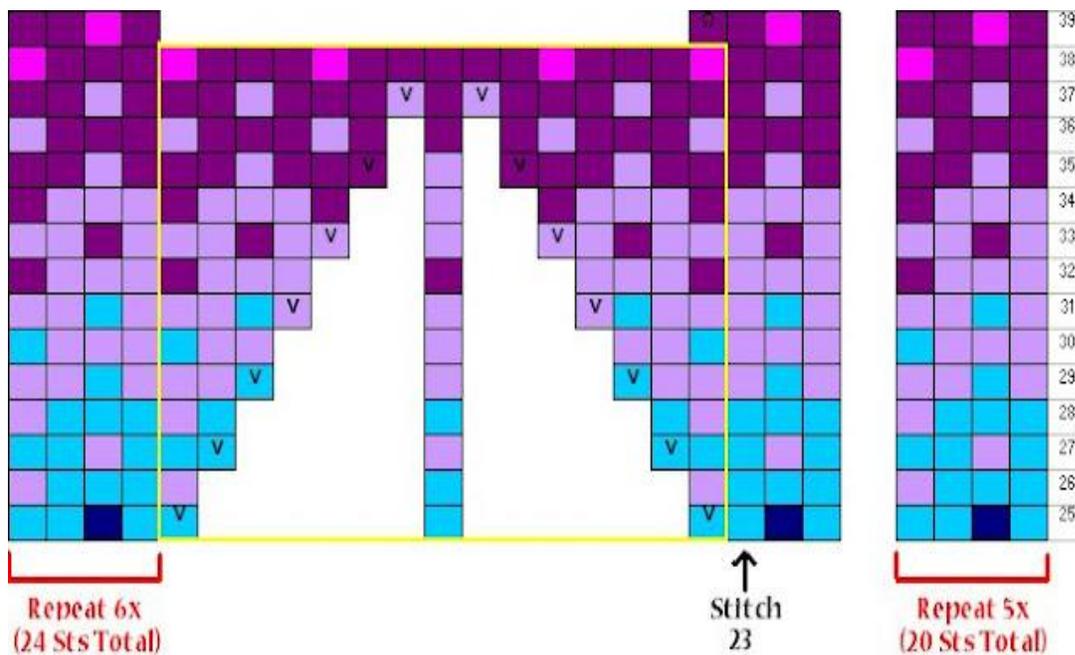


Chart B: The "v" on the chart indicates a M1 stitch, and the color refers to the color in which you should make this stitch. The yellow box indicates the increased stitches that will eventually be set aside for the thumb. The Ω is a stitch cast on with the backwards loop method.

5. **Round 39:** Set aside stitches for thumb. K23 sts in pattern, slip 15 stitches (shown in yellow box in chart.) Cast on one stitch (Ω) using the backwards loop method, and then K24 sts in pattern. (48 sts)
6. **Round 40:** Begin Chart C. Repeat the 24 stitch chart twice. (The pattern is a 4 stitch repeat until the fingertip decreases begin.)

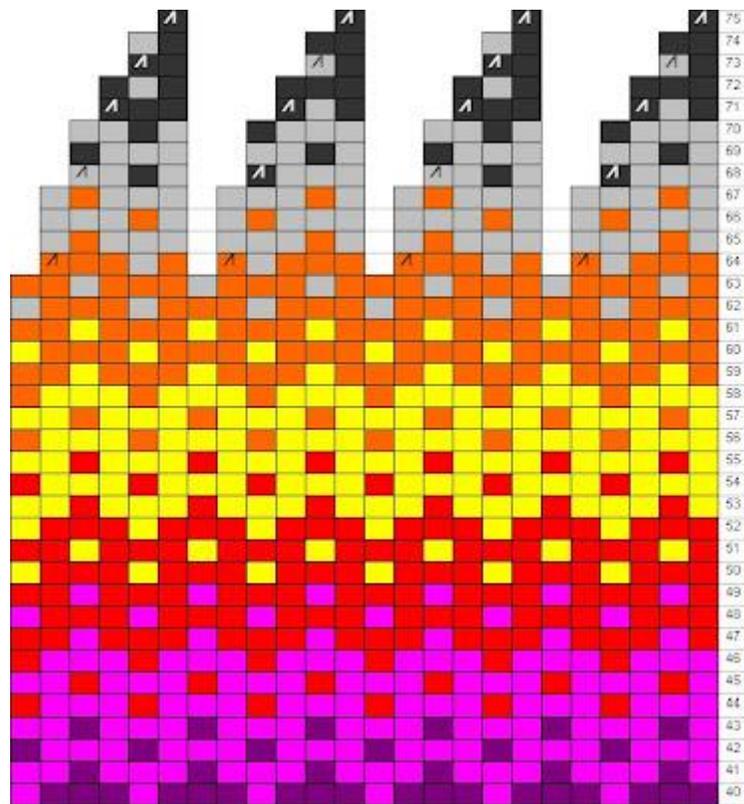


Chart C: Showing half of the mitten stitches from above the thumb until the fingertip decreases.

7. **Round 64:** Beginning of the fingertip decreases: *K4, K2tog* across in color pattern. The decreases and colorwork pattern are now a 12 stitch repeat. Continue the decreases as charted in Chart C until 8 sts remain (after Round 75). Break yarn and pull through remaining stitches.
8. **Thumb:** Place the 15 set aside stitches onto three needles. Join yarn at the first slipped stitch, K15 following Chart D, M3 (18 sts). Continue for the 14 thumb colorwork rounds.

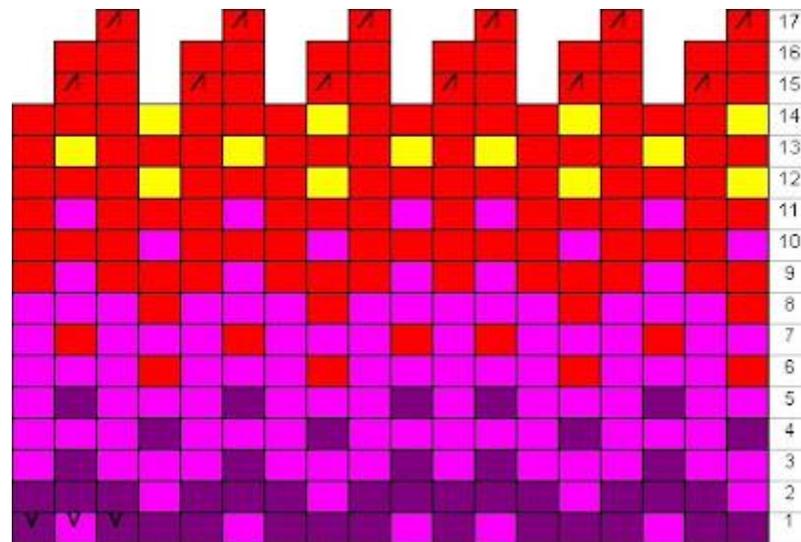


Chart D: The 18 sts of the thumb.

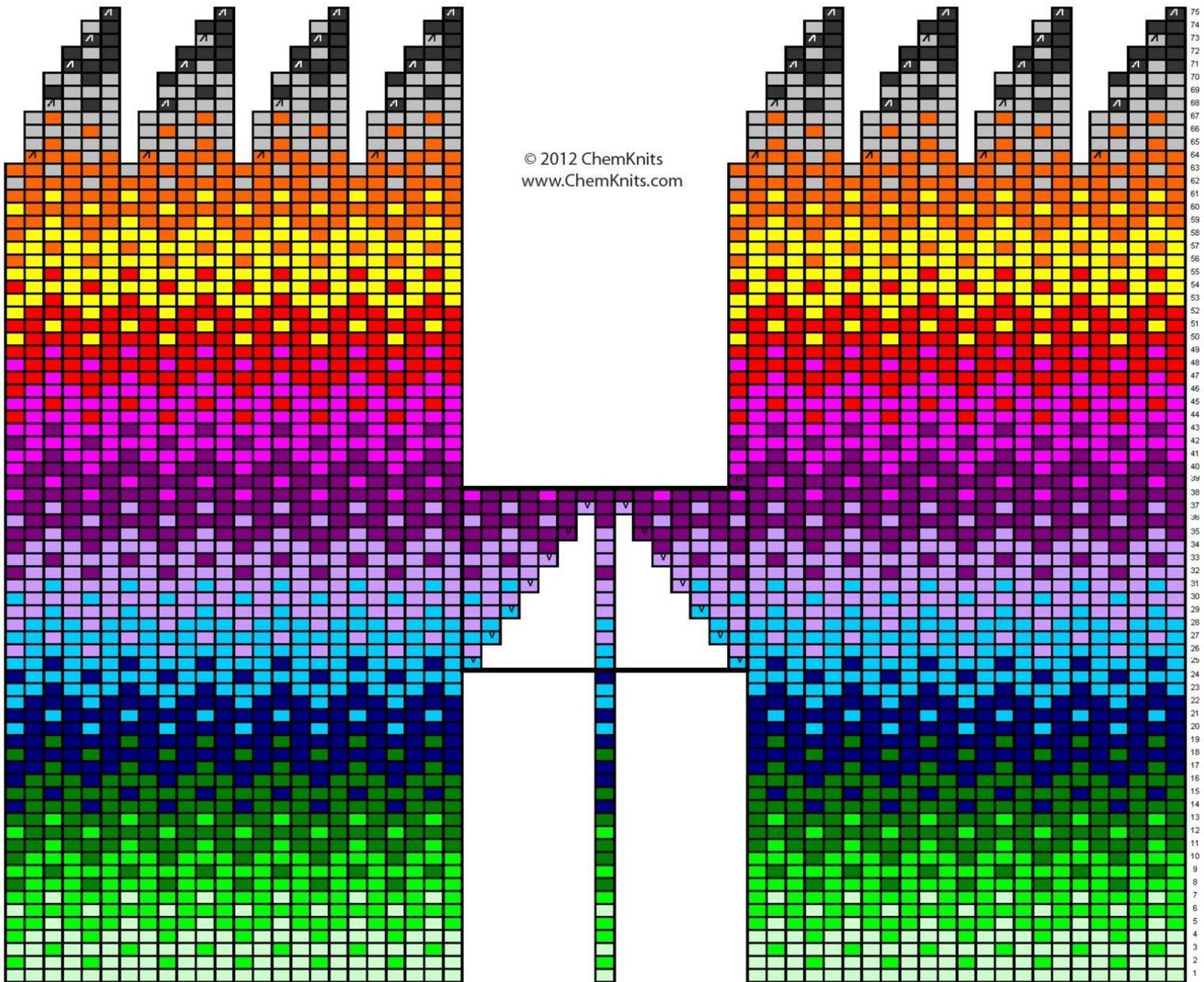
9. **Thumb Round 15:** Using only color I, *K1, K2tog* across. (12 sts)
10. **Thumb Round 16:** K across
11. **Thumb Round 17:** K2tog across (6 sts). Break yarn in pull through remaining stitches.
12. Weave in loose ends. Reinforce the bottom of the thumb as needed.
13. Repeat pattern once more for the second mitten.



Full Mitten Charts

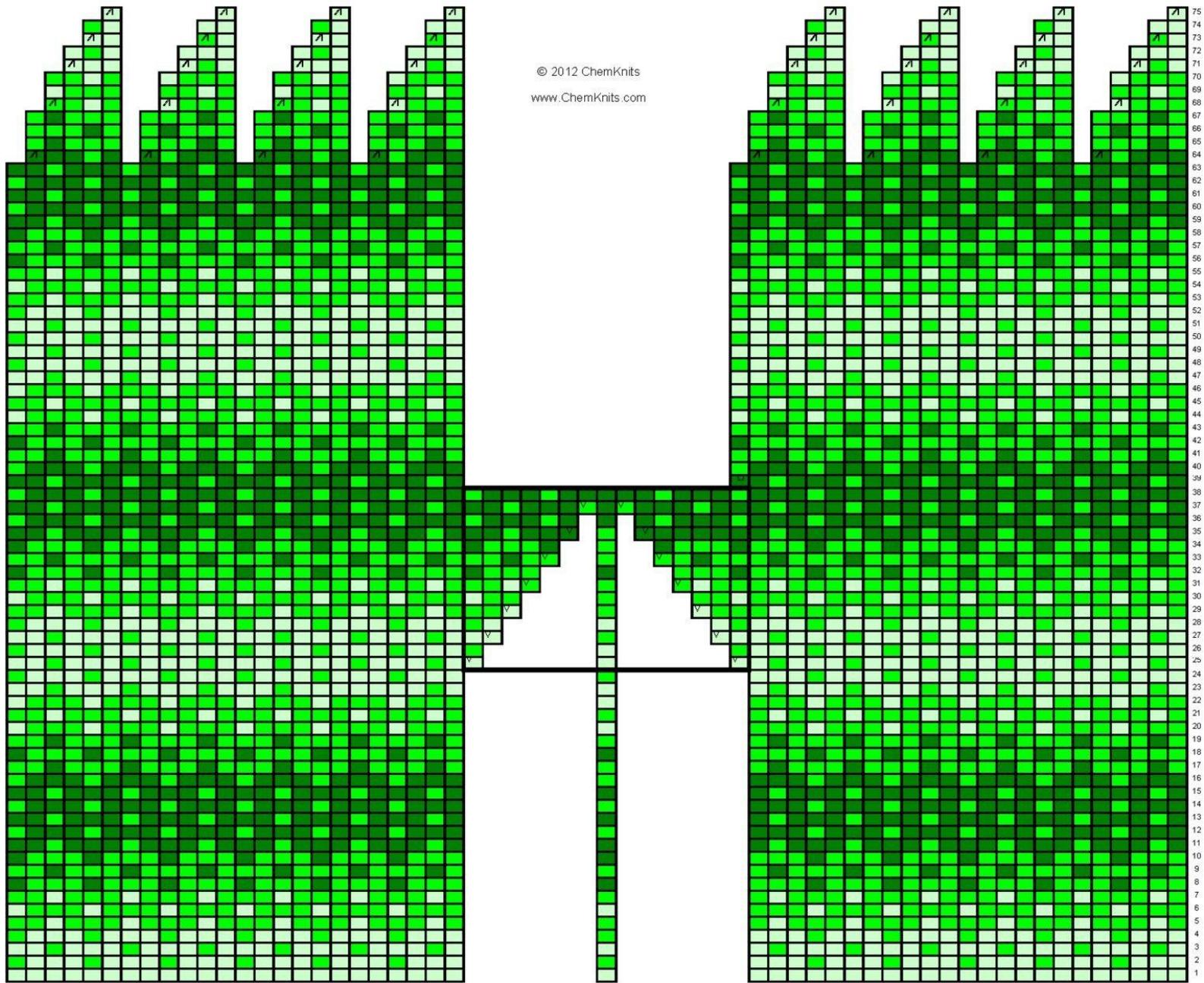
I am providing additional color charts to show you how you can make these mittens with fewer than 13 colors. For each of the following charts, open them in a new window for a larger version.

13 Color Version - FULL CHART For the thumb, see chart D above.

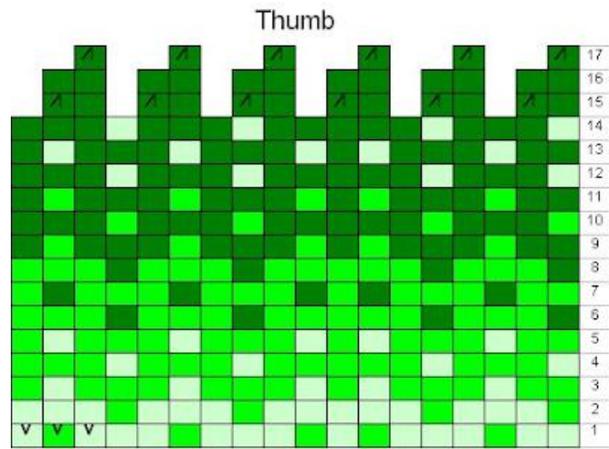


Three Color Version 1: ABCBABC This version of the pattern is the easiest to adopt to a two color version (*by treating the lightest and darkest green as the same color*), and is the one that I followed for my Ombré Mittens. In my mittens, light green was blue, medium green was Chroma and dark green was purple.

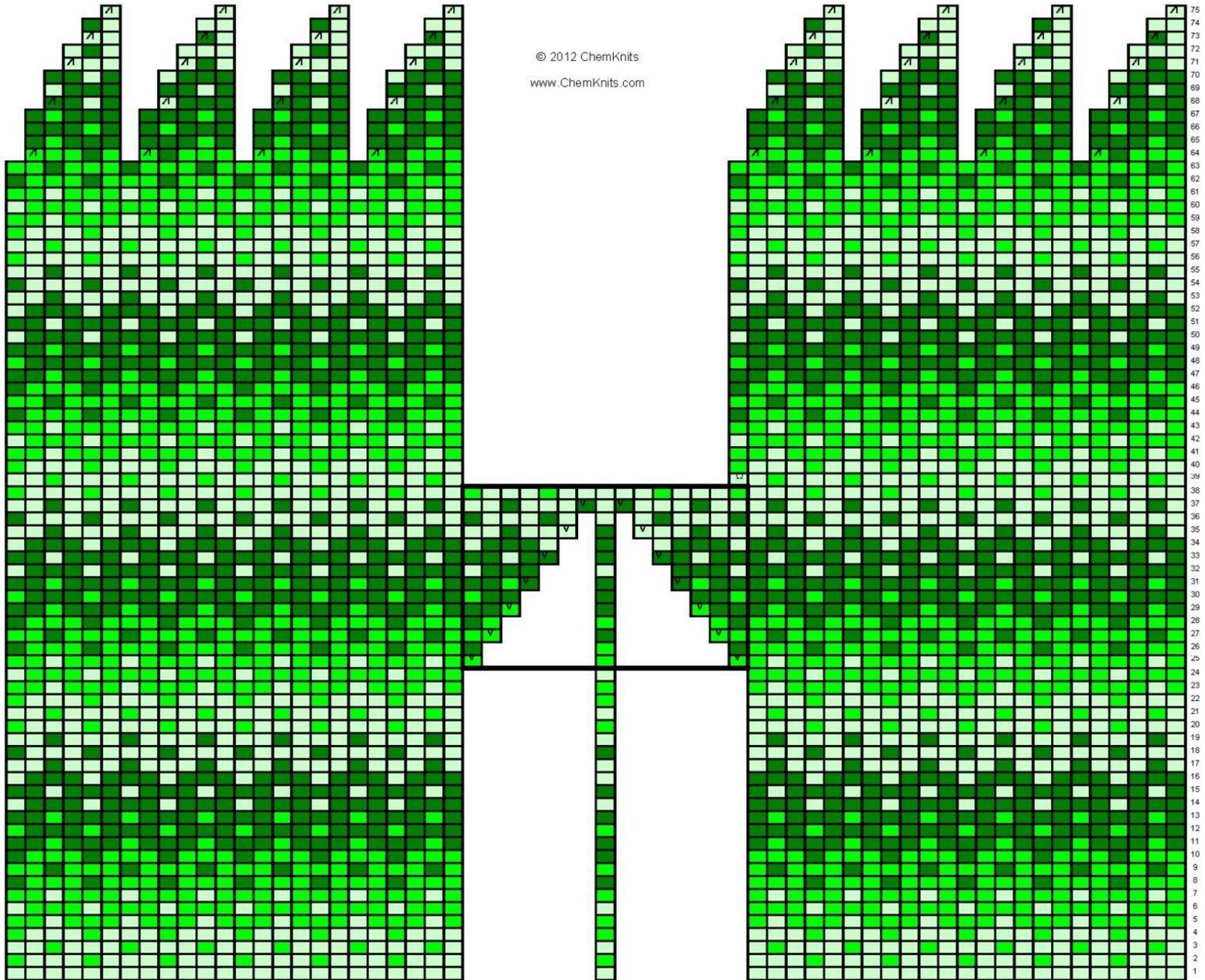
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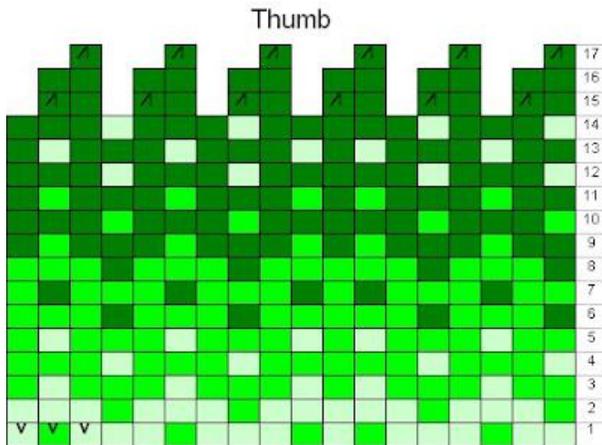
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Three Color Version 2: ABCABC



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Abbreviations Used in this pattern:

Ω	Cast On 1 stitch with backwards loop method
/	K2tog (Knit two stitches together)
V	M1 (Make 1 stitch in indicated color)

Kfb: increase by knitting into the front and back of a single stitch.

M1 (Make 1): increase stitch by picking up yarn between two stitches, twisting and knitting. K - knit

P: purl

I-cord : knit stitches on dpn's without ever turning the needle (effectively knitting in the round with a small number of stitches.)

SSK: decrease by slipping two stitches then knitting them together. Alternatively, you could slip one stitch, knit one stitch and pass slipped stitch over.

K2tog : decrease by knitting two stitches together.

Easy Midnight Bag

By: [Colleen Barth](#)

This easy to knit bag featured stockinette stitch, garter stitch and an attractive half flap. Perfect for young adults, this colorful purse will keep small items, like cell phones and wallets safe and sound.



Materials

- Red Heart Love Yarn in black and deep blues (1 skein each)
- U.S. size 8 knitting needle

Instructions:

CO 26 stitches

Knit 12 rows

Switch to stockinette stitch for 12 rows

Switch back to garter stitch for 24 rows

Switch back to stockinette stitch for 12 row

Switch back to garter stitch for 12 more rows

Now change colors to deep blues (or your choice of color) and:

Knit 2 rows then begin flap pattern:

Row 1: K2tog then knit across the row

Row 2: Knit to last two stitches, K2tog

Repeat these two rows until 6 sts. are left on

needle

Then K2, yo, k2tog, k1 (buttonhole row)

Then k2tog, k1, k2tog.

Knit 1 more row and BO

Fold flap over purse and attach button to opposite side of buttonhole

STRAP:

CO 4 sts. Knit to 36 inches or desired length

BO

Attach strap to both sides of purse (I turned the purse inside out and attached the strap to both sides)

Tilting Blocks Hat

By: [Heather Tucker from Mama's Stitchery Projects](#)

Fun and practicality collide in this knit baby hat which features a textured edge and lace knitting. The creatively placed rows of purl stitches are reminiscent of falling Tetris blocks - perfect for a cozy baby hat design.



Gauge: 22 stitches and 30 rows = 4 inches in stockinette

Materials:

- DK weight baby yarn (see chart above for amount)
- Size 6 (4 mm) 40" circular needle (for magic loop *or* set of size 6 (4 mm))
- double pointed needles
- Yarn needle

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = knit two together

ssk = slip one knitwise, slip one knitwise, insert left needle into front of both slipped stitches and knit.

Instructions:

Amount to cast on for the different sizes:

Small Preemie = 48

Preemie = 60

Newborn = 72

6 month = 84

12 month = 96

Toddler = 108

Join to knit in the round. Divide stitches between double pointed needles or needles for a magic loop. Divide with multiples of 12 on each needle.

Repeat each instruction across the round:

Rnds 1, 3, 5: k5, (ssk, yo) 3 times, k1

Rnds 2, 4, 6: p6, k5, p1

Rnds 7, 9, 11: (yo, k2tog) 3 times, k6

Rnds 8, 10, 12: k5, p7

Repeat these twelve rounds until the hat measures the desired height for size:

Small Preemie – 2.5" high

Preemie – 3.25" high

Newborn – 4.25" high

6 month – 5" high

12 month – 5.75" high

Toddler – 6.75" high

Crown: Repeat across the round

Rnd 1: ssk, k2tog, k1, (ssk, yo) 3 times, k1

Rnd 2: p4, k5, p1

Rnd 3: k3, ssk, ssk, yo, ssk, k1

Rnd 4: p4, k3, p1

Rnd 5: k2tog, k2, ssk, k2

Rnd 6: p3, k2, p1

Rnd 7: k2tog, k1, ssk, k1

Rnd 8: k1, p3

Rnd 9: k2tog, ssk

For Newborn and 6 month sizes also do this:

Rnd 10: k2tog

For 12 month and Toddler sizes also do this

Rnd 10 and 11:

Rnd 10: k1, p1

Rnd 11: k2tog

Cut the yarn with several inches to work with. With a yarn needle, pull the yarn through all the remaining loops, secure and weave in end.

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Size	Circumference (Inches)	Height (Inches)	Ounces of Yarn	Yards of Yarn
Small Preemie	8.75	3.75	0.26	20.56
Preemie	10.75	4.5	0.41	32.13
Newborn	13	5.5	0.6	46.26
6 month	15.25	6.25	0.81	62.97
12 month	17.25	7.25	1.06	82.24
Toddler	19.5	8.25	1.34	104.09

Vintage Hat

By: [Faina Goberstein and Dawn Leeseman for Martingale](#)

The classic Art Deco period style meets knitting in this 1920s-inspired pattern. Finding timeless pieces that will keep you in style all season long is all about knitting hat patterns with elegance, just like this Vintage Hat. One of the best features of his hat is its versatility. Wear the long attached tie turban-style and twisted around the front, or wind it into a rose shape for a special touch of femininity



Materials

- **Yarn:** A: 2 skeins of La Boheme from Fiesta yarns (strand A 64% brushed kid mohair, 28% wool, 8% nylon; strand B 100% rayon boucle; 4 oz; 165 yds), color 11294
B: 1 ball of Kid Merino from Crystal Palace Yarns (28% kid mohair, 28%

merino wool, 44% micro nylon; 25 g; 240 yds), color 204

- Needles: US 10 (6 mm) circular (16" to 20") and US 10 doublepointed, or size required to obtain gauge, and US 15 (10 mm) straight for CO only
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry Needle
- Head form

Gauge: 13 sts and 17 rows = 4" in 3 x 3 ribbing, using 1 strand each of A and B held tog and size 10 needles

Stitch Patterns

Seed Stitch

(Even number of sts)

Row 1: *K1, P1; rep from * to end of row.

Row 2: *P1, K1; rep from * to end of row.

Rep rows 1 and 2.

3 x 3 Ribbing

(Multiple of 6 sts)

All rows: *P3, K3; rep from * to end of row.

Hat

Using size 15 needle and 1 strand each of A and B held tog, CO 72 sts using decorative cast-on method shown below.

Change to size 10 circular needle.

Work in seed st for 4 rows.

Work in 3 x 3 ribbing for 4 rows.

PM and join into rnd. Cont. working in 3 x 3 ribbing until hat measures 5".

Crown Shaping

Work decs as follows, changing to dpns when necessary.

Rnd 1: *P1, P2tog, K3; rep from * to end of rnd—60 sts.

Rnd 2: *P2, K3; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: *P2tog, K3; rep from * to end of rnd—48 sts.

Rnd 4: *P1, K3; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: *P1, K1, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—36 sts.

Rnd 6: *P2tog, K1; rep from * to end of rnd—24 sts.

Rnd 7: *K1, P1; rep from * to end of rnd.

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Rnd 8: *P1, K1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 9: *P2tog, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—12 sts.

Rnd 10: *K1, P1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 11: *P2tog; rep from * to end of rnd—6 sts.

Pull yarn through rem 6 sts. Fasten securely.

Tie

Using size 10 needle and 1 strand each of A and B held tog, CO 3 sts.

Border I

Row 1: K1f&b, K1, K1f&b—5 sts.

Rows 2, 4, and 6: Knit.

Row 3: Sl 1 wyif, K1f&b, K1, K1f&b, K1tbl—7 sts.

Row 5: Sl 1 wyif, K1f&b, K3, K1f&b, K1tbl—9 sts.

Body

Row 7: Sl 1 wyif, K7, K1tbl.

Row 8: Sl 1 wyif, K2, P3, K2, K1tbl.

Rep rows 7 and 8 until tie measures 73".

Border II

Row 1: Sl 1 wyif, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K1tbl—7 sts.

Rows 2 and 4: Knit.

Row 3: Sl 1 wyif, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1tbl—5 sts.

Row 5: K2tog, K1, K2tog—3 sts.

BO all sts.

Finishing

Work in ends. Block hat and tie, using method 1 shown below. Place hat on head form to dry. After drying, fold tie in half RS tog. Fold hat RS tog. Place the folded edge of the tie in the opening at the bottom of the hat and sew through all 4 layers using 2 strands of Kid Merino held tog. This secures the tie and closes the seam. Block seam, using method 1 shown below.

TIE-WRAPPING VARIATIONS



Rose. Bring the right tie around the forehead to the left ear. Bring the left tie to the left ear. Twist the ties together tightly. Hold the spot where the ties meet at the left ear with your left hand, and using your right hand, wind the twisted ties clockwise around that spot a few times, forming a rose. When done, tuck the tail ends into the center of the rose from behind.



Rope. Starting at the back, twist both ties together to form a rope. Bring the rope around the forehead to the back and tuck in the ends.

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Turban. Bring each tie to the front, cross them over, and bring them to the back. Tie in a bow.

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