

loumms year of socks

bo peep

size: small-medium
(medium-large)
woman's hand

finished

measurements: 7 inches
(lying flat), around palm

materials:

yarn: Natural Dye
Studio Sparkle (cotton
and tencel blend
400 yds/100 g)

needles: 2.75 mm DPNs,
set of 5 (or 3 mm for
medium-large)

notions: scrap yarn of
similar weight; tapestry
needle; two gorgeous
buttons

gauge: 13.5 sts/2 inches
over pattern

note: The gloves are
shown in small-medium.

In honour of the coming of spring, we set out to create a airy fabric that still provided a snug warmth when there's a touch of frost about, and with this cotton/tencel blend, we've found it. To our immense delight, the shimmering sheen from the tencel adds an unexpected element, changing colour and vibrancy depending on the light.

With their sheepy lace grazing delicately up and down the palm, and furnishing you with yet another reason to dig into your button jar, these sweet fingerless gloves are the perfect spring accessory.



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cuff

Note: the cuff is worked flat.

CO 44 sts

strap

row 1: *k1, p1 repeat from * to end

row 2: *p1, k1 repeat from * to end

row 3: **Left hand:** k2tog, [yo twice], p2tog, * k1, p1, repeat from * to end

Right hand: *k1, p1, repeat from * to last 4, k2tog, [yo twice], p2tog

row 4: **Left hand:** *p1, k1, repeat from * to last 4 sts, p1, k into 1st yo, p into 2nd yo, k1

Right hand: p1, k into first yo, p into second yo, k1, *p1, k1 repeat from * to end

keyhole

row 1: **Left hand:** cast off 8 sts, k to end

Right hand: k to end

row 2: **Left hand:** p to end,

Right hand: cast off 8 sts, p to end

row 3: **Both hands:** k2, yo, ssk, k6, repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2

row 4: p2, *yo, p2tog, p3, p2togtbl, yo, p1, repeat from * to last 2 sts, p2

row 5: k2, *k2, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2

row 6: p2, *p2, yo, p3togtbl, yo, p3, repeat from * to last 2 sts, p2

row 7: k1, m1, k1, *k4, yo, ssk, k2, repeat from * to last 3 sts, k1, m1, k1

row 8: p3, *p1, p2togtbl, yo, p1, yo, p2tog, p2, repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3

row 9: k1, m1, k2, *k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, repeat from * to last 3 sts, k2, m1, k1

row 10: cast on 4 sts, *yo, p5, yo, p3togtbl, repeat from * to last 11 sts, yo, p5, yo, p2tog, p4.

hand

This is for both hands. Note: the set-up for the thumb is worked after you have completed two repeats of the chart.

round 1: CO 4 sts and join in the round; *yo, ssk, k6, repeat from * to end, now share these 48 sts between 3 needles, 16 sts on each needle and join to start working in the round

round 2: *k1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, repeat from * to end

round 3: *k2, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, repeat from * to end

round 4: *k3, yo, (sl, k2tog, pss0) yo, k2, repeat from * to end

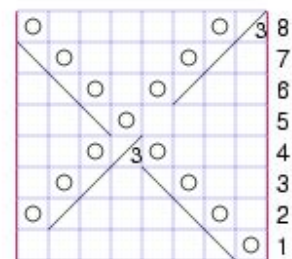
round 5: *k4, yo, ssk, k2, repeat from * to end

round 6: *k2, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k1, repeat from * to end

round 7: *k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, repeat from * to end

round 8: *(sl1, k2tog, pss0), yo, k5, yo, repeat from * to end

Work rounds 1-8 four times in total (32 rounds) before you begin the fingers.



set-up for thumb

left hand:

round 1: **needles 1 and 2:** work established pattern; **needles 3:** with a length of scrap yarn k8, sl these 8 sts back to left hand needle and k across with working yarn, yo, ssk, k6

round 2: **needles 1 and 2:** work established pattern, **needles 3:** k8, k1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo

right hand:

round 1: **needle 1;** yo, ssk, k6, with a length of scrap yarn k8, sl these 8 sts back to left hand needle and k across with working yarn; **needles 2 and 3:** work established pattern

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round 2: **needle 1:** k1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k8; **needles 2 and 3:** work established pattern

both hands:

Once the thumb stitches have been set up, continue working in pattern (as noted above until you have four complete repeats of the chart).

fingers

The fingers are worked in the round individually.

First round: k all sts

Next round: with a new needle, k6; transfer 36 sts onto a circular needle, or a length of scrap yarn

finger 1:

Note: You should now have 6 sts on one needle and 6 sts on the other. Arrange over three needles, with 4 sts on each needle.

round 1: k all sts

round 2: * k2tog, yo, repeat from * to end

round 3: k all sts

rounds 4-9: repeat rounds 2 and 3

round 10: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end

round 11: *p1, k1, repeat from * to end

round 12: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end

round 13: *p1, k1, repeat from * to end

BO all sts, loosely in pattern

finger 2:

Sl the next 6 sts from either end of the circular needle/scrap yarn (i.e. 6 front, 6 back) evenly onto 3 needles, again 4 sts on each needle.

Join yarn and begin round from the first slipped st, keyhole side.

round 1: pick up the first stitch in the gap from the previous finger and knit this together with the first stitch on needle 1, k to the last stitch of needle 3, pick up the second stitch in the gap from the previous finger and knit this together with the last stitch on needle 3.

Follow rounds 2-13 from finger 1 and BO all sts, loosely in pattern.

fingers 3 and 4:

Follow instructions for finger 2.

thumb

Carefully remove scrap yarn and pick up the 16 stitches it leaves. There should be 8 sts at the top and 8 at the bottom to pick up.

Share these 16 sts between 3 needles.

round 1: k all sts

round 2: *k2tog, yo, repeat from * to end

round 3: k all sts

rounds 4-9: Repeat rounds 2 and 3

round 10: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end

round 11: *p1, k1, repeat from * to end

round 12: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end

round 13: *p1, k1, repeat from * to end

BO all sts, loosely in pattern

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finishing

To finish off the key hole, work an i-cord edging all around its perimeter. To do this, pick up the bar of the first stitch at the button-band edge of the key hole; CO 1 stitch. Push these two sts to the end of the needle, with yarn back.

Next row: k1, slip 1, pick up the next edge stitch and slip it onto the right hand needle, slip both stitches back to the left and needle and knit them together

Then repeat the following two rows until all the edge stitches of the keyhole are worked

row 1: slip to the other end of the needle and carry the working yarn back

row 2: k1, slip 1, pick up the next edge stitch and slip it onto the right hand needle, slip both stitches back to the left and needle and knit them together

Once you have worked all sts, BO and weave in your ends.

Sew on a glamorous button and your ready to tend your flock!

loutheperson and erqsome knits are Louisa Sisson and Emma Haigh. They live in south-east London and their lives are currently dominated with thoughts pretty, pretty fabric. And cord. And buttons. And trim. And thread. Mmmm, thread.

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