

SHETLAND CHALLENGE 2023

Fair Isle fingerless gloves

The yarn must be your own handspun Shetland wool.

The original challenge was for your own hand prepared, hand spun Shetland fleece. If dyed, you would have done it yourself. It is now allowed that prepared Shetland may be used, but details of prep, whether fleece or top, and any dye details, must be included in the entry form.

The design below must contain at least five colours. One main colour, and four contrasting colours. The colours can be natural colours, dyed colours, or a mixture of both.

The design is to be knitted in the round. You may use DPNs, 2 circulars, or magic loop.

You will also need moveable stitch markers & scraps of waste yarn.

The wrist and the palm top rib is *corrugated rib*. To work this, using main colour for the knit stitch, and contrast colour 1 for the purl stitch, work k1, p1 rib. This makes a slightly less elastic rib than standard.

Tension.

The tension required is 7.5 stitches and 9.5 rows to the square inch, measured over a four inch square test piece knitted in the round. Two sizes of needle are required, the tension square knitted in the larger. Suggested sizes to try are 2.75mm and 3.25mm.

Abbreviations.

Mc = Main Colour

C1 = contrast colour 1

C2 = contrast colour 2

C3 = contrast colour 3

C4 = contrast colour 4

DPNs = Double pointed needles

Circs = Circular needles

K2tog = Knit 2 sts together

Sts = Stitch/stitches

Inc = inclusive

Ins = inches

Right glove

Using smaller needles for gauge and MC, cast on 48 sts. Join to knit in the round, taking care not to twist. Distribute sts evenly across needles. Place end of round marker.

Using corrugated rib in MC & C1, work 2.75 ins.

Next round –Using MC only, * rib 3, increase in next st, repeat from * to end of round. (60 sts)

Knit 1 round.

Working 12 st repeat 5 times in each round, and reading chart from right to left on every round, work rows 1-> 4 inc from chart. Every round knit.

Change to larger gauge needles and work rows 5-> 16 inc, then repeat rows 1->8 inc. #

25th round (9th row of chart) – pattern 30 sts, slip next 9sts onto a length of waste yarn, and leave for thumb. Cast on 9 sts, pattern to end of round.

Change to smaller gauge needles

26th -> 32nd round, work rows 10 ->16 inc from chart.

Using MC and C1, work 4 rounds of corrugated rib.

Cast off in MC only.

Thumb

Using larger gauge needles and MC, slip the 9 sts from the waste yarn onto 1 needle, then pick up and knit 9 sts from cast-on sts. Divide the 18 sts between DPNs or 2 circs.

Knit 6 rounds, then cast off. (or adjust number of rounds to personal preference).

Left glove

Work as right glove up to #

25th round (9th row of chart) - pattern 21 sts, slip next 9 sts onto waste yarn and leave for thumb. Cast on 9sts, pattern to end of round.

Change to smaller gauge needles.

Continue as for right glove.

Thumb

Repeat as for right hand.

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