

Lenticular Mitts

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Reno is lucky enough to have the specific types of air patterns that are perfect for creating lenticular cloud formations. Lenticular clouds are known for their layered, circular, UFO-like shape that often look as if they were stacked on top of one another. On a walk recently I noticed a lenticular cloud formation where the play of light and shadow on the cloud layers inspired me to create these slouchy, color-blocked mitts! This simple mitt pattern, knit in Cascade's Lana d' Oro yarn-- a blend of 50% wool and 50% alpaca, can be done in as many colors as you like. While the color-blocking shown here is classically simple, they could easily be knit all in one color, or a whole rainbow of fun colors! Basic stockinette stitch in-the-round makes this a project suitable for beginning knitters, refreshing skills or that no-brainer simple project for unwinding in the evenings. The pattern is written for double pointed needles but if you prefer other knitting in-the-round techniques please feel free to adapt this pattern to your favorite method. The Lenticular Mitts are the perfect fast knit for year-round gift giving or a fabulous instant gratification project for YOU!

Materials:

- 150-200 yds of Cascade Lana d' Oro or a worsted weight yarn. Colors shown are: 1049- Charcoal, 1086- Hare, & 1106- Turtle. (Note: 3 full hanks of yarn should make three pairs of mitts)
- Set of 4 US size 6 DPNs
- 2 stitch markers
- A tapestry needle

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- Waste yarn or stitch holder

Gauge:

20 sts & 30 rows= 4" in Stockinette Stitch

*Row gauge isn't super important as long as you get stitch gauge.

Finished Sizes S (M, L, XL):

Palm Circumference- unstretched: 6 (7, 8, 9)"

Arm Circumference- unstretched: 7 (8, 9, 10)"

Length: 11 (11.5, 11.5, 11.75)"

*Shown in size Medium. Length can easily be shortened or lengthened based on preference.

Abbreviations:

CO- cast on

BO- bind off

k- knit

p- purl

sl- slip

pm- place marker

st(s)- stitch(es)

Rnd- round

DPNs- Double Point Needles

k1 f&b- knit 1 front and back (an increase). Knit into the front of the stitch as usual, but before dropping the old stitch off, knit into the back of the stitch as well to create a second new stitch.

st st- stockinette stitch, when knitting in-the-round as in this pattern, you knit every round to achieve stockinette stitch.

Directions (Make 2):

CO 36, 40, 44, 48 sts and divide evenly among 3 DPNs. If you are using multiple colors, use the color you want on the top edge of your mitt on your forearm.

Join to knit in the round (careful not to twist), and knit in st st for 8.5 (8.75, 8.75, 9)"

*Please note: If you are knitting mitts with more than one color, take the finished length of the gloves you are knitting and divide by the number of colors you intend to use. This tells you how many inches to knit each color. If you want to get even more specific, you can figure out how many rows to knit for each color by multiplying the # of inches you come up with by 7.5 (the number of rows in 1".)

Thumb Gusset:

Set up:

K 16 (18, 20, 22), pm, k1f&b, k2, k1f&b, pm, k to end of round. (6 sts between markers)

Next rnd: Knit

Continue working thumb increases as follows:

Rnd 1: K to marker, sl marker, k1 f&b, k to last stitch before marker, k1f&b, sl marker, k to end of round.

Rnd 2: knit entire round

*Continue working rounds 1 & 2 until there are 10 (12, 14, 16) sts between the markers and ending after "Rnd 2" in the pattern.

On the next round, knit to the first marker, place the stitches between markers on waste yarn or holder and remove markers as you go. (Waste yarn is recommended here as it is more flexible and allows you to try the mitt on as you go, for the correct hand length.) Continue knitting the remaining stitches to the end of the rnd, be sure to knit the before and after the thumb gusset gap as closely and tightly as possible to prevent any large holes.

Finishing the Hand:

K 4 (5, 6, 7) more rounds in st st.

Knit in k2, p2 rib for 3/4"

BO all sts.

*Please note: For the hand section, you can try your mitts on as you go to get the best fit for you. If you are making these for someone else, following the directions above will help you achieve a fit that should work for most people.

Finishing the Thumb:

Using your DPNs, pick up the stitches on your waste yarn and divide evenly among your needles.

Rejoin yarn and knit one round, picking up three stitches along the gap between the thumb and the hand. This will help to close up the gap. You should now have 13 (15, 17, 19) sts on the needles.

Knit 4 (5, 6, 7) rounds in st st.

BO all thumb stitches.

Finishing Mitts:

Using a tapestry needle, weave in all ends.

Block gently using the steam setting on an iron.