

Isle of Skye gloves



Required: 100g double knitting yarn (I used Wensleydale handspun yarn by The Handspinner Having Fun on the Isle of Skye); 3mm needles

Size: 7 to 7½ inches around the hand (if you want a larger size use 3.25mm needles).

RIGHT HAND GLOVE:

Using 3mm needles, cast on 44 stitches. Work 18 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib. Stocking stitch 2 rows.**

Thumb:

- Knit 22 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit 19 - 46 stitches
- purl
- knit
- purl
- Knit 22 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 3, increase into next stitch, knit 19 - 48 stitches

Continue increasing in this manner on every 4th row until there are 56 stitches.

Work 1 row without shaping.

- Knit 37 stitches, turn and cast on 2 stitches
- Purl 16 stitches, turn and cast on 2 stitches

Work on these 18 stitches for 2 inches ending with a purl row.

- knit 1 *(knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- purl
- (knit 2 together) repeat to last 4 stitches, knit 4

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Sew up thumb seam.

With right hand needle, pick up and knit 4 stitches at the base of the thumb and knit to the end of the row. Work on these 46 stitches for 1½ inches, ending with a purl row.

First Finger:

- Knit 29 stitches, turn and cast on 1 stitch
- Purl 13 stitches, turn and cast on 1 stitch.

Work on these 14 stitches for 2½ inches ending with a purl row.

- knit 1 *(knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- purl
- knit 2, *(knit 2 together) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Sew up finger seam.

Second Finger:

With right hand needle, pick up and knit 2 stitches at the base of the first finger.

- Knit 6 stitches, turn and cast on 1 stitch
- Purl 15 stitches, turn and cast on 1 stitch.

Work on these 16 stitches for 2¾ inches ending with a purl row.

- knit 2 *(knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- purl
- knit 1, *(knit 2 together) repeat from * to end

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Sew up finger seam.

Third Finger:

With right hand needle, pick up and knit 2 stitches at the base of the second finger.

- Knit 6 stitches, turn and cast on 1 stitch
- Purl 15 stitches, turn and cast on 1 stitch.

Work on these 16 stitches for 2½ inches ending with a purl row.

- knit 2 *(knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- purl
- knit 1, *(knit 2 together) repeat from * to end

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Sew up finger seam.

Fourth Finger:

With right hand needle, pick up and knit 2 stitches at the base of the third finger.

Knit 5 stitches. Work on the remaining 12 stitches for 2 inches ending with a purl row.

- knit 2 *(knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- purl
- *(knit 2 together) repeat from * to end

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Sew up finger seam.

Join the side seam.

LEFT HAND GLOVE:

Work as for Right Hand Glove to **.

Thumb:

- Knit 19 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 1, increase into next stitch, knit 22 - 46 stitches
- purl
- knit
- purl
- Knit 19 stitches, increase into next stitch, knit 3, increase into next stitch, knit 22 - 48 stitches

Continue increasing in this manner on every 4th row until there are 56 stitches.

Work 1 row without shaping.

- Knit 33 stitches, turn and cast on 2 stitches
- Purl 16 stitches, turn and cast on 2 stitches

Work on these 18 stitches for 2 inches ending with a purl row.

- knit 1 *(knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1
- purl
- (knit 2 together) repeat to last 4 stitches, knit 4

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Sew up thumb seam.

With right hand needle, pick up and knit 4 stitches at the base of the thumb and knit to the end of the row.

Work on these 46 stitches for 1½ inches, ending with a purl row.

Work the Fingers as on the Right Hand Glove.

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