

Mitt Envy



In need of a last-minute gift for my mother-in-law (it was *cough* December 23rd), I whipped up these cabled fingerless mitts using just 2/3 of a skein of Koigu. The end result was super cute! So cute in fact, they were really, really hard to let go of. But I gifted them away...then went out and bought another skein – in the exact same colorway – to make a pair for myself.

Well, it turns out I wasn't the only one with Mitt Envy! Just three days after Christmas, MIL emailed me to say: "When I wear my fingerless gloves, I encounter many envious women. Everybody wants them, including [SIL] who 'would kill' for a pair."

Ah, nothing like the threat of felonious activity to make a knitter feel good.

Gauge: 7 stitches/11 rows per inch in stockinette

Yarn: ~32-34 grams of Koigu Painter's Palette Premium Merino (KPPPM)

Needles: Size 1 or whatever floats your gauge boat

Additional materials: 2 stitch markers

Width: Should fit hands ~6¾"- 8¼" around (just below the knuckles). Length is 5½" from cuff to cuff.

Note: This pattern *looks* long, but it's really very intuitive and a quick little knit. I've simply spelled everything out for you, because that's how I personally prefer patterns to be!

Tips:

- Click [here](#) for an excellent tutorial by wendyknits on how to cable without a cable needle.
- These are very easy mod up or down – simply adjust the number stitches by multiples of 4. After the cuff, distribute them equally as knit stitches on either side of the P1s (e.g. to add 4 stitches, knit 2 extra stitches before the first P1, 2 after the second P1).
- C4F – same as Left Twist in the tutorial above. Using a cable needle? Slip 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold in front, knit the next 2 stitches, then knit the 2 stitches on the cable needle.
- C4B – same as Right Twist in the tutorial above. Using a cable needle? Slip 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold in back, knit the next 2 stitches, then knit the 2 stitches on the cable needle.
- M1 – using the left needle, lift the bar between the stitches from front to back, then knit this stitch through the back to twist it.

Pattern

Cast on 52 stitches and join to knit in the round.

Cuff (same for both mitts)

Rows 1-15: *P2, K2, repeat from * to end.

Left mitt

First repeat:

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6: K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 3: K8, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 7: K8, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

Row 8: M1, place marker, K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Second and third repeat:

Rows 1, 5: Knit all stitches to marker, K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8: M1, Knit to marker, M1, K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 3: Knit all stitches to marker, K8, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 7: Knit all stitches to marker, K8, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.



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Fourth repeat:

Rows 1, 5: Knit all stitches to marker, K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Rows 2, 4: M1, Knit to marker, M1, K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 3: Knit all stitches to marker, K8, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 6: Transfer 21 thumb stitches to waste yarn, remove marker, K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 7: K8, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

Row 8: K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Fifth repeat:

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8: K8, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 3: K8, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 7: K8, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

Top cuff:

Rows 1-7: *P2, K2, repeat from *. Bind off in rib.

Thumb:

Transfer 21 thumb stitches to needle, then pick up 7 stitches along top of thumb (28 stitches).

Rows 1-7: *P2, K2, repeat from *. Bind off in rib.

Right mitt

First repeat:

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6: K4, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 3: K4, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 7: K4, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

Row 8: K4, P1, K12, P1, K8, place marker, M1, place marker, K to end.

Second and third repeat:

Rows 1, 5: K4, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8: K4, P1, K12, P1, K8, M1, Knit to marker, M1, K to end.

Row 3: K4, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 7: K4, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

Fourth repeat:

Rows 1, 5, 8: K4, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Rows 2, 4: K4, P1, K12, P1, K8, M1, Knit to marker, M1, K to end.

Row 3: K4, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 6: K4, P1, K12, P1, K8, remove marker, transfer 21 thumb stitches to waste yarn, remove marker, K to end.

Row 7: K4, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

Fifth repeat:

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8: K4, P1, K12, P1, K to end.

Row 3: K4, P1, C4F, K4, C4B, P1, K to end.

Row 7: K4, P1, K2, C4F, C4B, K2, P1, K to end.

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Finish

Weave in all ends. Wash, block, wear, and be the envy of all!

