

Off the Grid Mitts

Cozy fingerless mittens by Kelly @ Klamath Basin Wool Works

Mosaic knitting is technique of creating a two (or more) color item, while only working with one color at a time. The pattern is created by working with one color while slipping stitches that are then worked in other rows. The resulting fabric is naturally squishy and colorful.



Size

One size fits all. Modifications can be made by using a larger needle, or yarn.
The mosaic pattern will make for stretchy mitts that fit most hands.

Skill Level

Intermediate

Yarn, Needles and Gauge

Yarn: 2 Contrasting colors of sport weight.

1 oz/ 80 yds Main Color .5 oz/40 yds Contrast Color

[Lani's Lana Sport Weight](#)

This is also a great stash busting project so feel free to use whatever sport weight yarn you have.

Needles: Size 3, long circular or double pointed needles

Gauge: 28 sts = 4" in in twisted rib pattern.

Abbreviations and Techniques

K = knit / p = purl

MC = main color / CC = contrast color

PM = place marker

M1R = Make 1 right / M1L = Make 1 left

- There are many methods to do the M1R and M1L increases. Tin Can Knits provides an [excellent tutorial here](#).

Twisted Rib = K1 into back of the stitch, p1

Mosaic Pattern =

- Round 1 and 2 : Using MC, knit
- Round 3 : Using CC color, *slip 1 st purlwise, k1*. Repeat to end of round.
- Round 4 : Using CC color, *slip 1 st purlwise, p1". Repeat to end of round.
- *When working mosaic patterns it is important to knit loosely and remember to carry the non-working yarn up the seam.*

Knitting Directions

Left Mitten

BIND ON AND CUFF

Using MC, bind on 46 sts using the [German Twisted Bind on](#), or other stretchy bind on.

Place a beginning of the row marker. Join the work in the round making sure not to twist.

Knit 13 rounds of the Twisted Rib: *K1 into back of the stitch, p1*. Repeat to end of round.

Work 1 series of the Mosaic Pattern, ie rounds 1-4

THUMB GUSSET INCREASES

Note: One increase is made in each of the MC rounds of the Mosaic pattern for a total of 2 increases for each 4 row Mosaic pattern. You will work a total of 7 of the 4 row Mosaic pattern increases for a total stitch increase of 14 sts.

First Mosaic pattern increase:

Row 1 of Mosaic Pattern:

- MC, Knit 2 stitches, M1R increase, PM, knit to end of row

Row 2 of Mosaic Pattern:

- MC, Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, knit to end of row

Rows 3 and 4 work as usual.

Following Mosaic pattern increases:

Row 1 and 2 of Mosaic Pattern:

- Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, knit to end of row

Rows 3 and 4 work as usual.

When you have 60 sts total on the needles, which will be 16 sts between the beginning of the round and the increase marker, separate for the thumb.

SEPARATE FOR THE THUMB

Knit to increase marker, remove marker. Place the following 16 sts on waste yarn or stitch holder. Cast on 2 sts. Knit to the end of the round.

There are now 46 sts on the needles.

MITT BODY AND BIND OFF

Continue working in Mosaic pattern for 5 repeats, ending after Row 4.

Break CC yarn and pull tail inside to be woven in during finishing.

Using MC color only, work in Twisted Rib for 5 rows.

Bind off using a stretchy bind off.

Knitting Directions Right Mitten

- *The right mitt is worked the same as the left except for the increases*

BIND ON AND CUFF

Using MC, bind on 46 sts using the [German Twisted Bind on](#), or other stretchy bind on.

Place a beginning of the row marker. Join the work in the round making sure not to twist.

Knit 13 rounds of the Twisted Rib: *K1 into back of the stitch, p1*. Repeat to end of round.

Work 1 series of the Mosaic Pattern, ie rounds 1-4

THUMB GUSSET INCREASES

Note: One increase is made in each of the MC rounds of the Mosaic pattern for a total of 2 increases for each 4 row Mosaic pattern. You will work a total of 7 of the 4 row Mosaic pattern increases for a total stitch increase of 14 sts.

First Mosaic pattern increase:

Row 1 of Mosaic Pattern:

- MC, Knit 43 stitches (3 sts remaining on left needle), PM, M1L, knit to end of row

Row 2 of Mosaic Pattern:

- MC, Knit to marker, slip marker, M1L, knit to end of row

Rows 3 and 4 work as usual.

Following Mosaic pattern increases:

Row 1 and 2 of Mosaic Pattern:

- Knit to marker, slip marker, M1L, knit to end of row

Rows 3 and 4 work as usual.

When you have 60 sts total on the needles, (there are 17 sts between increase marker and end of the row) , separate for the thumb.

SEPARATE FOR THE THUMB

Knit 27 sts. Place the following 16 sts on waste yarn or stitch holder. Remove maker. Cast on 2 sts. Knit to the end of the round.

There are now 46 sts on the needles.

MITT BODY AND BIND OFF

Continue working in Mosaic pattern for 5 repeats, ending after Row 4.

Break CC yarn and pull tail inside to be woven in during finishing.

Using MC color only, work in Twisted Rib for 5 rows.

Bind off using a stretchy bind off.

THUMB CUFF AND FINISHING

For each mitt, move 16 thumb stitches onto working needles and distribute evenly.

Working with MC, and in the Twisted Rib pattern (k1tbl, p1), pick up, and work 2 stitches along the Bind on edge of the Mitt Body. Place beginning of the row marker and work in Twister Rib for 5 rows.

Bind off using a stretchy bind off.

With a tapestry needle, weave in all loose ends invisible on wrong side of the mitts. Block.

ENJOY!

