



Icy Water

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Those mittens are knit from a bulky yarn therefore they are perfect for cold winter weather. The colors remind me of icy sea in the winter, hence the name.

Size: women small / women medium

Material: ONline Linie 157 Tessa (main color, about 85 m / 93 yards), Punta Yarns Merisoft Hand Painted Aran (contrasting color, about 50 m / 55 yards)

Also some scrap yarn is required and stitch holders.

Gauge: 22 sts = 10 cm / 4"

Needle size: 3.5 mm (US 4) double pointed needles (or other size for getting the right gauge)

Pattern notes:

K – Knit

K2Tog – Knit 2 together

SKP – Slip 1 stitch, knit, pass the slipped stitch over

PSSO – pass slipped stitch over

MC – main color

CC – contrasting color

Directions:

Cast on 38/42 sts with CC . Divide stitches onto 4 needles so that first needle has 10/11 sts, second has 9/10, third has 10/11 and forth has 9/10 sts. Mark the beginning of the round. Join the stitches into round. Be careful not to twist!

Purl 1 round.

Switch to MC. Knit 3 rounds.

Start with the chart. Both sides of the mitten will look the same.

Thumb is placed on the 20th round of the chart.

Thumb opening

For the right mitten thumb opening is done on the first needle, for the left one on the fourth needle.

Right:

You need to use scrap yarn. Knit 6 sts with scrap yarn. Now place the scrap yarn stitches back to the left needle and knit them again with the mitten yarn.

Left:

Knit last 6 sts with scrap yarn. Now place the scrap yarn stitches back to the left needle and knit them again with the mitten yarn.

Both hands:

Now you have placed thumb opening. Continue in pattern.

I prefer to stop knitting the hand after some rounds and remove the scrap yarn from thumb opening.

Place the stitches to the stitch holders. Then you are able to try the mitten on during knitting and make sure that you won't start decreases too early.

Work on until the decreases start. Try mitten on. Your small finger should be covered. If you think decreases start too early knit one additional pattern repeat.



When you have finished decreases break the yarn and pull it through the remaining stitches.

Thumb

Place the stitches from thumb opening to the needles. Pick up 2 stitches from both sides. In total you'll have 16 sts. Divide stitches between 3 needles (5-5-6). Continue in thumb pattern. Knit until you have covered half the thumb nail. Start decreases the following way:

Round 1. *K 1, K2tog*. Repeat until the last stitch. Knit last stitch.

Round 2: Knit.

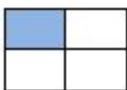
Round 3: K2tog until the last stitch. Knit last stitch.

Break the yarn and pull it through the remaining stitches.

Finishing:

Weave in the ends. Wash the mittens and block them – that will make the stitches look more even and overall the mittens will look nicer.

Thumb chart:



Mitten charts:

Key:

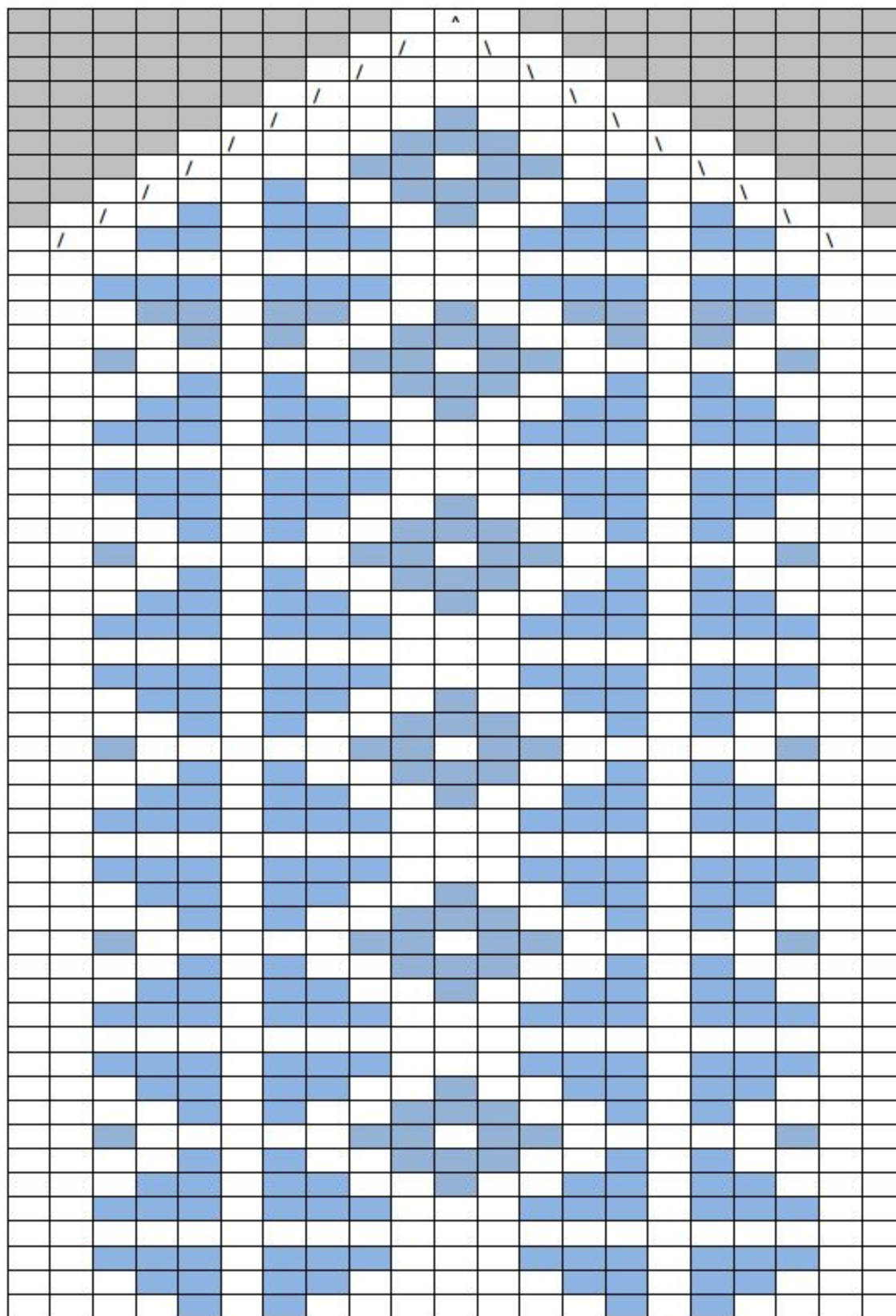
/ - k2tog

\ - skip

^ - slip 1, k2tog, pssso.



Medium size chart:





Small size chart:

