



# Inspired by bog

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*I dyed the yarns I use for those mittens naturally using cortinarius mushrooms for red and maple leaves for green. The color combination is what you can see in Estonian bogs. Hence the name.*

**Size:** women small

**Material:** Idena Bambino Ull, you need both colors about 93-100 m / 100-110 yards.

Also some scrap yarn is required and stitch holders, plus some additional needles for making the cuff.

**Gauge:** 29 sts = 10 cm / 4"

**Needle size:** 2.25 mm (US 1) 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

MC – main color

CC – contrasting color

**Directions:**

Using provisional cast on, cast on 52 sts with CC. Divide stitches between 4 needles. Mark the beginning of the round. Join the stitches into round. Be careful not to twist!

Knit 5 rounds.

Purl 1 round.

Knit 5 rounds.

Remove the waste yarn to get live stitched at the edge. Pick up those stitches. Fold the fabric together so that purl round forms the folding line. Switch to MC. Next round you need to knit together 1 stitch from your needles and one stitch from the cast on edge. You will get nice folded cuff for your mittens. After that knit 2 more rounds with MC.

Start with the chart (note that chart begins with MC round so in total you will have 4 rounds with MC)..

Both sides of the mitten will look the same.

Thumb is placed after knitting the chart 3 times on the first round of the chart.

**Thumb opening**

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

*Right:*

You need to use scrap yarn. Knit first 9 sts of the needle 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 9 sts of the needle 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. Knit the chart 2 more times.



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.

After finishing the chart try the mitten on. Last joints of your fingers should be covered to start decreasing. Probably it's still too early to start decreasing. Knit as many rounds with MC as needed. Switch to CC. Knit one round and then start with decreases. Decreases are done on every round. the following way:

Needles 1 and 3: k1, skp, knit until the end of needle.

Needles 2 and 4: knit until there are 3 sts left on needle, k2tog, k 1.

Continue decreasing this way until you have 2 sts left on every needle. 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 22 sts. Divide stitches between 3 needles (7-7-8). If you think the thumb will be too wide, you can decrease some stitches on first round. Knit with CC until you have covered most of the thumb nail. Decrease on every needle using k2tog-s so that every needle has 4 sts left. Next round k2tog all the stitches. You will have 6 sts remaining.

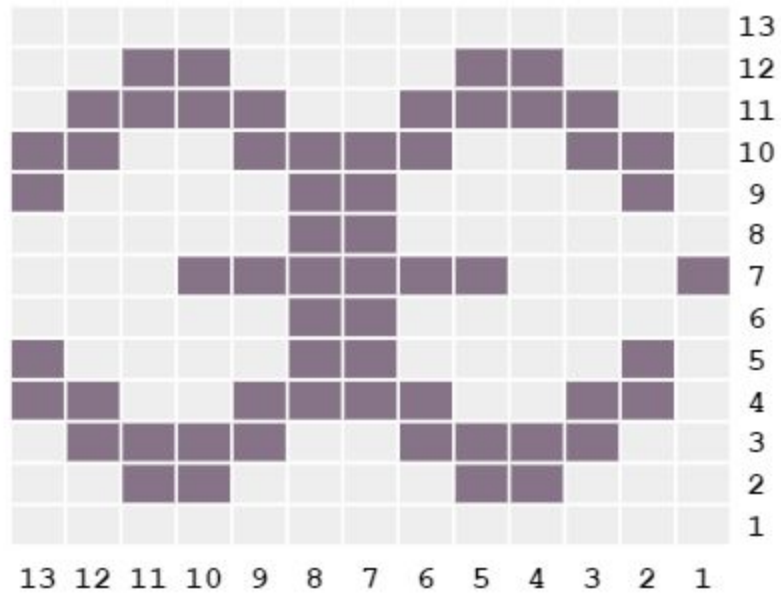
Break the yarn and pull it through the remaining stitches.

### **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.



Chart:



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