



Kirme

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Kirme means the first fragile ice that appears on the ponds and puddles after the first night frost. This is also the time when you really begin to need gloves. And these gloves are perfect for that!

Size: women medium

Material: Schoeller+Stahl Fortissima Socka (210 m / 230 yards)

Also some scrap yarn and stitch holders are required.

Gauge: 27 sts = 10 cm / 4"

Needle size: 2.5 mm (US 1) double pointed needles (or other size for getting the right gauge)

Pattern notes:

K – Knit

P – Purl

YO - Yarn over

K2Tog – Knit 2 together

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

Directions:

Cuff:

Cast on 48 sts. Mark the beginning of the round. Join the stitches into round. Be careful not to twist. Divide stitches between 4 needles.

Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7. Purl

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8. Knit

Work in pattern depicted on Chart 1. Only odd rounds are displayed. Knit all even rounds.

When you have finished the chart knit one round.

Purl one round.

Knit one round.

Purl one round.

Knit one round.

Purl one round.

Knit one round.

Purl one round.

Knit 3 rounds.

On first two needles you will now work chart 2. On last two needles knit stockinette. Again, on chart only odd rounds are depicted. Knit all even rounds.

On round 13 thumb opening is created.

Thumb opening

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

Right:



Knit 7 sts with scrap yarn. Put those 7 sts back to the left needle. Now re-knit them with glove yarn. Knit to the end of round.

Left:

Knit until you have 7 sts left on the needle. Knit those 7 sts with scrap yarn. Put those 7 sts back to the left needle. Now re-knit them with glove yarn.

After finishing chart 2 remove the scrap yarn from thumb opening and put those 14 sts on stitch holders. Try the glove on. Continue in stockinette until it's time to create small finger opening.

Small finger opening

Try the glove on. Now see how many stitches naturally are around your small finger. Place those stitches on stitch holder. I placed 10 sts. Cast on 2 stitches in place of those stitches you put on the holder. Continue stockinette for 3 rounds. Other fingers start a little bit higher than the small finger. Now you can start knitting the fingers. For small finger I had 16 sts in round and for other fingers 17 sts.

Guidelines for fingers are below.

Thumb

Put stitches from stitch holders to needles. You need to pick up some stitches from both sides between the needles. I picked 3 sts from both sides. For total you should have 20 sts after picking up the stitches. 3 sts may not be enough – you will have ugly holes on both sides. Then pick up some more sts.

On the first round after picking up you just need to do some K2Togs so that you will have correct number of sts. I prefer to do decreases with the stitches that were above the scrap yarn – there the decreases are the least visible.

After picking up stitches divide the sts between 3 needles (6-7-7) and continue in stockinet. Again, the best method for deciding when to start decreases for finishing the thumb is to try the glove on. When your nail is covered it is the best time to start decreasing.

Decreasing: First needle: k2tog, k 1, k2tog, k 1. Second and third needle: k2tog, k 1, k2tog, k2tog. Knit one round. K2tog the whole next round. You will have 2 sts remaining on each needle. Cut the yarn leaving a small tail. Pull the tail through all the stitches remaining. Thumb finished!

Small finger

For small finger you need 16 sts. Place the sts on stitch holder to 2 needles. Pick up the additional required number of stitches from the opening. No problem if you need to pick up more stitches for avoiding holes. On the next round you will decrease the additional stitches. I suggest to place the decreases to the area that is between the fingers – there they are the least visible.

Your sts will divide as 5-5-6. Continue in stockinette until it's time for decreases.

Decreasing: Follow the instructions for thumb with this difference that first you will decrease the stitches so that you will have 4 sts on each needle.

Other fingers



Start knitting from the second or fourth finger. You need 17 sts for a finger. Try the glove on and see how many stitches on both sides naturally place around your finger. That's the stitches you will use for that finger. Place other stitches to 2 stitch markers (one for front stitches and the other for back stitches).

Place finger stitches from front to one needle and from back to the second needle. Now see how many additional stitches you need. Those you need to cast on to the third needle. Divide the stitches between 3 needles. Continue in stockinette until it's time for decreases.

Decreases: first decrease round – decrease so that every needle has 4 sts. Continue as for thumb or small finger.

Middle finger. Try the glove on again to see which stitches naturally place around the middle finger. Place those sts to the needles. See how many additional sts you need. Pick up the sts from the edge of the finished finger. Cast on at least one sts on the other side in the area between fingers. That will avoid the twisting of the stitches around your fingers. Continue to follow the instructions for the previous finger.






Remaining finger. Place the remaining sts on needles. Pick up the required amount of sts from the edge of the neighbour finger.

Finishing:

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

Chart 1

Key

-  skip
-  k2tog
-  sl1, k2tog, pss0
-  yo
-  k1

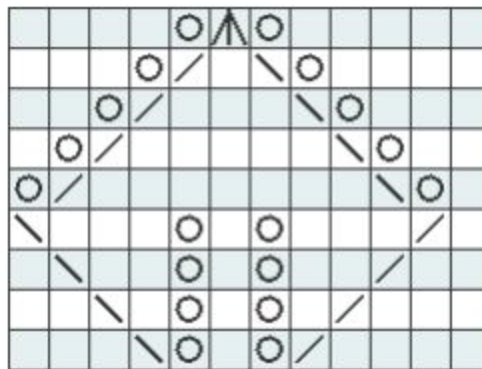




Chart 2

