



Nisu

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When starting to write down this pattern and searching for a name I asked my boyfriend what do these gloves remind him. His first response was “Wheat”. So I decided to call them Nisu which means wheat in Estonian.

Size: women small / women medium - numbers for medium size are given in brackets.

Material: I used Garnstudio Drops Alpaca. Take whatever yarn that gives you the needed gauge. I used the whole skein (166 meters / 182 yards) but just in case have some extra.

Also some stitch holders and stitch markers are required.

Gauge: 28 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

P – Purl

Sl - slip stitch

YO - yarn over

PM - place marker

K2Tog – Knit 2 together

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

C4F – Slip 2 stitches purlwise to a cable needle, and hold to the front of the work. Knit 2 stitches from the left needle. Knit 2 stitches from the cable needle.

C4B - Slip 2 stitches purlwise to a cable needle, and hold behind the work. Knit 2 stitches from the left needle. Knit 2 stitches from the cable needle.

C6F – Slip 3 stitches purlwise to a cable needle, and hold to the front of the work. Knit 3 stitches from the left needle. Knit 3 stitches from the cable needle.

C6B - Slip 3 stitches purlwise to a cable needle, and hold behind the work. Knit 3 stitches from the left needle. Knit 3 stitches from the cable needle.

C8F – Slip 4 stitches purlwise to a cable needle, and hold to the front of the work. Knit 4 stitches from the left needle. Knit 4 stitches from the cable needle.

C8B - Slip 4 stitches purlwise to a cable needle, and hold behind the work. Knit 4 stitches from the left needle. Knit 4 stitches from the cable needle.

Cable pattern

Round 1. K2 (K3), P2, K8, Sl 1, K8, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 2. K2 (K3), P2, K17, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 3. K2 (K3), P2, C8B, Sl 1, C8F, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 4. K2 (K3), P2, K17, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 5. K2 (K3), P2, K8, Sl 1, K8, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 6. K2 (K3), P2, K17, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 7. K2 (K3), P2, K2, C6B, Sl 1, C6F, K2, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 8. K2 (K3), P2, K17, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 9. K2 (K3), P2, K8, Sl 1, K8, P2, K2 (K3).



Round 10. K2 (K3), P2, K17, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 11. K2 (K3), P2, K4, C4B, Sl 1, C4F, K4, P2, K2 (K3).

Round 12. K2 (K3), P2, K17, P2, K2 (K3).

Directions:

Cuff:

Cast on 50 (54) sts. Mark the beginning of the round. Join the stitches into round. Divide stitches between 4 needles so that needles 1 and 3 have 12 (13) stitches, needles 2 and 4 have 13 (14) stitches.

Round 1. *K1, P1*. Repeat until the end of round.

Round 2. Knit

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 in total 10 times.

On needles 1 and 2 work in cable pattern. On needles 3 and 4 work in stockinette.

Continue that way until you start round 9 in cable pattern. Continue the cable pattern on needles 1 and 2 and at the same time start thumb increases. Increases for thumb begin on needle 3 or 4 (depending on the hand).

Increases for thumb:

Right glove:

Increases are made on the third needle.

Round 1: K1, YO, PM, knit to the end of round.

Round 2: K1, knit YO twisted, slip the marker, knit to the end of round.

Round 3: Knit until the marker, YO, knit to the end of round.

Round 4: Knit until YO stitch from previous rounds, knit YO twisted, slip marker, knit to the end of round.

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until you have in total increased 10 stitches for small size and 11 stitches for medium size.

Left glove:

Increases are made on the fourth needle.

Round 1: knit until 1 sts remains on the needle, PM, YO, K1.

Round 2: knit until you get to marker, slip marker, knit YO twisted, K1.

Round 3: knit until marker, YO, knit until the end of round.

Round 4: knit until you get to marker, slip marker, knit YO twisted, knit until the end of round.

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until you have in total increased 10 stitches.

Both hands:

Now it's time for thumb opening. On needles 1 and 2 continue in cable pattern.



Thumb opening

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

Right:

K 1, put 9 (10) sts on stitch holder, cast on 5 sts. Knit to the end of round.

Left:

K until 10 (11) sts remain on the needle, put 9 (10) sts on stitch holder, cast on 5 sts, knit to the end of round.

Both hands:

Now you have placed thumb opening. Continue with stockinette on needles 3 and 4 and with cable pattern on needles 1 and 2.

Continue and occasionally try the glove on. If it's time to do small finger opening then move to the section for that. Small finger opening should be made when you reach to the base of small finger.

Try to finish the cable pattern on needles 1 and 2 around the same time as you make small finger opening or couple of rounds later. You can also end the cable pattern after round 4 of cable pattern. When you still need to continue knitting on needles 1 and 2 after finishing with the cable pattern use just stockinette stitch.

After making small finger opening continue in pattern for 2 more rounds because small finger starts lower than the rest of the fingers. After finishing those 2 rounds move to section that describes making other fingers.

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 12 sts. Cast on 2 stitches in place of the stitches you put on holder. Continue to knit in round for 2 rounds.

Now you can start knitting the fingers. For small finger I knit 16 (17) sts in round and for other fingers 18 (19) sts. Guidelines for fingers are below.

Thumb

Pick up the stitches from the stitch holder and from the edges of thumb opening.. For total you should have about 21 (22) sts after picking up the stitches. You can pick up more stitches to avoid holes. In that case 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 are above the thumb opening – there the decreases are the least visible.

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

Decreasing:



Decrease on all the needles using k2tog so that they all have 4 stitches left. Next round knit in stockinette. Then k2tog all the stitches. You will have 6 stitches remaining. Cut the yarn leaving a small tail. Pull the tail through all the remaining stitches. Thumb finished!

Small finger

For small finger you need 16 (17) 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 (5-6-6). Continue in stockinette. Decreasing: Follow the instructions for thumb.

Other fingers

Start knitting from the second or fourth finger. You need 18 (19) sts for a finger. Try the glove on and see how many stitches on both sides naturally place around your finger. These are the stitches you will use for that finger. Place other stitches onto 2 stitch holders (one for front stitches and the other one 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. Decreases: follow the instructions for the thumb.

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 neighbor finger. Continue to follow the instructions for the previous 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

