



Sirel

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The name of this pattern means Lilac in Estonian. The color and softness of those mittens remind me of beautiful lilac blossoms in June.

Size: women small

Material: Fonty Angora, 2 skeins

Also some scrap yarn is required , plus 2 buttons and a tapestry needle.

Gauge: 29 sts = 10 cm / 4”

Needle size: 3 mm (US 2.5) double pointed needles (or other size for getting the right gauge) and 3 mm hook (US C or D)

Pattern notes:

K – Knit

P – Purl

K2Tog – Knit 2 together

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

M - make a stitch

Directions:

Cuff:

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

Cuff pattern:

Round 1-3. Knit

Round 4-6. Purl

Round 7-9. Knit

Round 10-12. Purl

Round 13-32. K2, P2.

Right hand:

Knit 6 rounds.

Thumb increases:

Round 1: Knit 1, M 1, Knit to the end of round.

Round 2-3: Knit

Repeat those 3 rounds 3 times more (in total you have increased 4 stitches)

Making thumb opening:

Take scrap yarn. Knit with scrap yarn first 9 stitches of the round. Put the stitches knit with the scrap yarn back to left needle and now knit them again with the mitten yarn. That will be your thumb opening.



Continue knitting until stockinette part measures 16 cm / 6.25” or if you have long fingers then until your small finger is covered.

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Left hand:

Knit 6 rounds.

Thumb increases:

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Round 2-3: Knit

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Final decreases

Decreases are done on every round.

Round 1: K 1, SKP, K20, K2Tog, K 1 (do it twice)

Row 2: K 1, SKP, K18, K2Tog, K 1 (do it twice)

As you see the number of knitted stitches decreases by 2 on every round. Continue until you have 8 stitches left in total. Break the yarn and pull through the stitches.

Thumb

Pick up the stitches below the scrap yarn to one needle and above the scrap yarn to another needle. Both needles should have 9 sts. Now you need to pick up some stitches from both sides between the needles. For total you should have 22 sts after picking up the stitches (= pick up 2 sts from both sides). 2 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 (7-7-8) and continue in stockinette. The best method for deciding when to start decreases for finishing the thumb is to try the mitten on. When your thumb is almost covered it is the best time to start decreasing.

Decreasing:

Round 1: *K2Tog*. 11 sts left.

Round2: *K2Tog, K1*. 6 sts left.



Cut the yarn leaving a small tail. Pull the tail through all the stitches left. Thumb finished!

Embellishment

Cast on 32 sts. Divide stitches between 4 needles. Mark the beginning of the round. Join the stitches into round. Be careful not to twist!

Knit 1 round.

Purl 1 round.

K2Tog, K6, repeat until the end of round.

Knit 1 round.

K 1, K2Tog, K 1, K2Tog, K 1, repeat until the end of round.

Knit 1 round.

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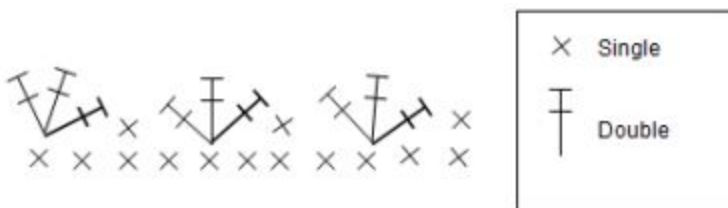
Cut the yarn leaving a tail (you will use that tail later to sew the embellishment onto the mitten). Pull the tail through all the stitches left.

Attaching the embellishment

Attach the tail to the tapestry needle. Place the button into the middle of embellishment. Sew the embellishment with the button in the middle on the mitten.

Crochet edging

Crochet edging is added when the mitten is finished.



First row marks the knitted edge. So treat each knit stitch as if it was crochet single stitch.. Actually you need to crochet only one round. Join the round using slip stitch.

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.