

Cruiser

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- **Finished Size:** Small (circumference 6.5" x length 5.5") [Medium (7.5" x 7"), Large (8.5" x 7.75")]
- **Needles:** Size 6 (4.00 mm) double-point needles
- **Yarn:** Road to China, Lapis; 2 [2, 3] skeins
- **Yardage:** 130 [140, 170] yards
- **Gauge:** 24 sts/24 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch
- **Extras:** Cable needle, tapestry needle, 6" piece of smooth scrap yarn

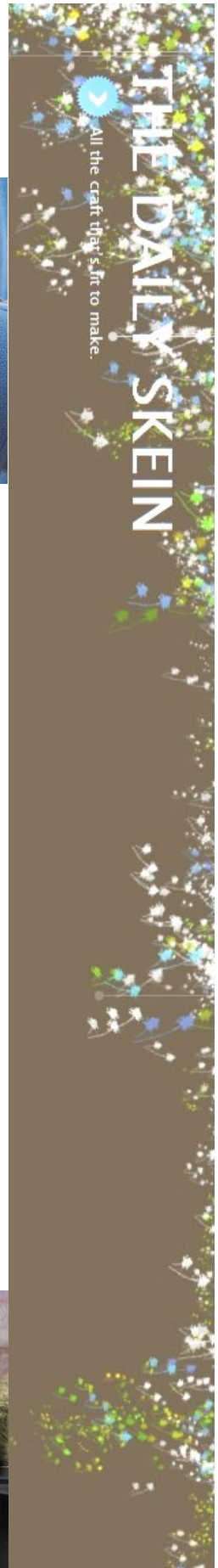


These mittens are easy and quick to make and they're so incredibly soft and warm. I named the mittens after a ski run on Blackcomb Mountain, since we're going to be wearing our mittens after a long day of skiing. The cable in the center is nicely unisex, making this pattern a good addition to the "how could I forget so-and-so's gift?" pattern pile. The cable is just enough to keep things interesting and, as an added bonus, easy to memorize. Another bonus: after the ribbing, there's no more purling! The cuffs of these mittens are kind of loose, so if you like snug mitten cuff, try going down a needle size. You can also cast on fewer stitches and add more increases to the hand. These mittens can be scaled to any size and the pattern offers instructions in three sizes. Small will fit small women's hands or large kids' hands. Medium will fit most women and small men's hands. Large will fit large women's hands and medium men's hands.



The instructions for left and right mittens are the same except for the placement of the thumb stitches. The top is decreased and then the last few stitches are grafted together, like a sock toe, giving the mittens an almost square tip.

Please Note: If you find any typos, errors, or have any questions, please let me know by posting a comment at dailyskein.wordpress.com or email me, dailyskein@gmail.com.



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Special Stitches

1x1 Rib: K1, p1 to the end of the round.

m1: Insert the tip of the left needle from front to back under the strand of yarn between the stitches and knit into the back of this new stitch.

C4F: Slip next 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front. K2, then k2 from cable needle.

C4B: Slip next 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back. K2, then k2 from cable needle.

Cuff

CO 34 [40, 46] sts. **Join in the round, being careful not to twist.**

Work 1x1 rib for 1.5 [1.75, 2.25] inches

Next round: k5 [5, 6], m1, *k8 [10, 11], m1* three times, k5 [5, 7]. *4 sts increased; 38 [44, 50] sts*

Hand

Round 1: K2 [3, 5], [[C4F, k8, C4B, k2[3,5]], knit to the end of the round.

Round 2, 4, 6: Knit

Round 3: K4 [5,7], [[C4F, k4, C4B, k4[5,7]], knit to the end of the round.

Round 5: K6 [7,9], [[C4F, C4B, k6[7,9]], knit to the end of the round.

Repeat Round 1-6 until the mitten measures 2.25 [2.5, 2.75] inches from the cuff, ending on any round.

Right Mitten: Next round, continuing the pattern as established, work to the end of the double brackets [[]] then knit the next 4 [5, 6] sts with the scrap yarn; slide scrap yarn sts back to the left needle and knit them again with the working yarn.

Left Mitten: Next round, continuing the pattern as established, work to the last 4 [5,6] sts **of the round**, then knit the next 4 [5,6] sts with the scrap yarn; slide scrap yarn sts back to the left needle and knit them again with the working yarn.

Continue working Rounds 1-6 as established until mitten is about 1.5 [2, 2.25] inches short of desired length (about 4 [5, 5.5] inches) not including cuff, trying to end on Round 5. If not, continue working the instructions in the double brackets [[]] if possible during the decreases.

Top Decreases

Round 1: K1, ssk, k13 [16, 19], k2tog, k2, ssk, k13 [16, 19], k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 34 [40, 46] sts*

Round 2, 4, 6: Knit

Round 3: K1, ssk, k11 [14, 17], k2tog, k2, ssk, k11 [14, 17], k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 30 [36, 42] sts*

Round 5: K1, ssk, k9 [12, 15], k2tog, k2, ssk, k9 [12,15], k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 26 [32, 38] sts*

Round 7: K1, ssk, k7 [10, 13], k2tog, k2, ssk, k7 [10, 13], k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 22 [28, 34] sts*

Round 8: K1, ssk, k5 [8, 11], k2tog, k2, ssk, k5 [8, 11], k2tog,

k1. *4 sts decreased; 18 [24, 30] sts*

Round 9: K1, ssk, k3 [6, 9], k2tog, k2, ssk, k3 [6, 9], k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 14 [20, 26] sts*

Size M and L: Round 10: K1, ssk, k4 [7], k2tog, k2, ssk, k4 [7], k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 16 [22] sts*

Size L only: K1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k2, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1. *4 sts decreased; 20 sts*

Cut working yarn, leaving an 8" long tail and graft the remaining stitches together using Kitchener Stitch.

Thumb

Carefully remove scrap yarn from the thumb stitches, placing live stitches on two needles. There will be 4 [5, 6] stitches below the hole and 3 [4,5] above.

Join yarn at the the thumb on back of the hand. K4 [5, 6], pick up 3 [3, 4] sts along the gap, k3 [4, 5], pick up 3 [3, 4] sts along the second gap. *13, [15, 19] sts*

Join in the round and knit until thumb measures .75 inches shorter than desired length.

Size S and L only: K2tog, knit to the end of the round. *1 st decreased; 12 [18] sts*

Round 1: *K3 [3, 4], k2tog* three times. *3 sts decreased; 9 [12, 15] sts*

Round 2: *K1 [2, 3], k2tog* three times. *3 sts decreased; 6 [9, 12] sts*

Size S only: *K2tog* three times. *3 sts decreased; 3 sts*

Size M and L: *K1 [1, 2], k2tog* three times. *3 sts decreased; 6 [9] sts*

Size M only: *K2tog* three times. *3 sts decreased; 3 sts*

Size L only: *K1, k2tog* three times. *3 sts decreased; 6 sts*

Cut working yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread the tail through the remaining stitches and fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

