

# Lovely Lacy Cuff Mittens

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The pretty lacy cuffs can be worn down or folded up.

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**MEASUREMENTS:** 20 cm (10") around by 19 cm (7 ½") long not including the cuff, 29 cm (11 ½") with the cuff.

**YARN:** Worsted Weight (Medium #1)   
Seen here: Patons Canadiana 100% Acrylic; approx 192 yds / 100g, deep orchid – 1 ball used

**MATERIALS:** 3.25mm (US 3); 3.75mm (US 5); 4.5 mm (US 7) set of dpns OR for the magic loop method use a circular needle, cable needle, tapestry needle, 3 markers (optional), waste yarn

**GAUGE:** 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5 cm (1") working in stockinette st in the rnd.

**NOTES:** This mitten is knit from the fingertips down to the lace edging.

**THUMBS:** (Knit both the same) using a closed cast-on method (such as Judy's Magic Cast-On) cast on 3 sts each side for a total of 6 sts.

Rnd 1: knit 3 / side = 6 sts

Rnd 2: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1; rep for side 2 = 5 sts / side

Rnd 3: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1, m1, k1, m1, k1; rep for side 2 = 9 sts / side

Rnd 4: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1; rep for side 2 = 11 sts

Rnds 5 – 22: knit. Thumb should measure 7.5 cm (2 ¾") or until the thumb fits your thumb. Leave a tail about 15 cm and cut yarn.

**LEFT MITTEN:** using a closed cast-on method (such as Judy's Magic Cast-On) cast on 5 sts each side for a total of 10 sts. You can place a marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Rnd 1: knit.

Rnd 2: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Rep for the second side. = 7 sts each side.

Rnd 3: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1. Rep for the second side. = 9 sts each side.

Rnd 4: k1, m1, k2, m1, k3, m1, k2, m1, k1. Rep for the second side. = 13 sts each side.

Rnd 5 - 8: k1, m1, knit until one st remains, m1, k1. Rep for second side.

Rnd 9: knit (21 sts each side).

Rnd 10: k1, m1, k19, m1, k1. Rep for second side. = 23 sts each side.

Rnd 11: knit (23 sts each side).

Rnd 12: k1, m1, k21, m1, k1. Rep for second side. = 25 sts each side.

Knit 32 rnds. Mitten should measure 7.5 cm (2 ¾") or until it fits over your hand and to the thumb.

**INSERT LEFT THUMB:** Pick up your knitted thumb. Each side has 11 sts. Do not remove the waste yarn from the sts. Do not pick up the first three sts on side 1. Using your cable needle, pick up the center 5 sts on side 1, leave the final 3 sts. Leave all the sts on side 2. You should have the center 5 sts on one side on a cable needle. The waste yarn should still be threaded through all the sts of the thumb. *HINT: If you don't have a cable needle, use your tapestry needle to hold your stitches instead.*

On the mitten, knit 26 sts (back of hand side and first st from palm side). Hold the thumb so that the sts on the cable needle are against the mitten and the rest of the sts face away from the mitten. (Fig. 1). The Wrong Side of the thumb should be facing you. Slip the st on the right of the cable needle to your left working needle. Knit 2 sts together. (You have knitted one thumb st and one mitten st together.)



*Fig 1. (This is obviously not the Lovely Lacy Cuff Mitten, but the way to hold the thumb is clearly shown)*

\*Slip the st on the right of the cable needle to your left working needle. Knit 2 sts together. Now pass the first st over the second st and off the needle\*. (You will have 5 sts, a space, then 1 st for a total of 6 sts on your left needle).\* Repeat from the \* to the \* 4 times. There will be no more sts on the cable needle.

Now slip the 6<sup>th</sup> st from your right needle to your left needle. Using your right needle pick up the remaining 17 thumb sts. Slip the first st from your left needle back to your right needle. Knit to the end of the rnd = 63 sts. (You may now carefully remove the waste yarn from the thumb.)

Next rnd: knit back of hand side; place marker, ssk, k15, k2tog, place marker, k to end of rnd = 61 sts.

Knit next 2 rnds, slipping markers as you get to them.

\*Dec rnd: knit back of hand side; ssk, sl m, knit until 2 sts before marker, k2tog, sl m, knit to end of rnd. Knit next 2 rnds.\*

Rep from \* to \* until 7 sts remain between markers

Next dec rnd: knit back of hand side; remove marker, knit 5, k2tog, remove marker, knit to end of rnd. = 50 sts

**LACE SET UP RND:** \*k3, k2tog\*; rep from \* to end of rnd = 40 sts.

Lace rnd 1: \* k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog \* rep from \* to end of rnd = 40 sts

Lace rnd 2: \*p2tog, yo, p2tog, yo, p1 \* rep from \* to end of rnd. = 40 sts

Rep lace rnds 1 and 2 eight more times (for a total of 18 lace rnds).

Change to US 5 needles and repeat lace rnds 1 and 2 three times (for a total of 24 lace rnds).

Change to US 7 needles and repeat lace rnds 1 and 2 four more times (for a total of 32 lace rnds).

Edging: \*k1, turn work, CO 3, turn work, k2tog, turn work, CO 3, turn work, k2tog, turn work, CO 3\* rep from \* to end of rnd. = 48 sts each side (96 sts). *NOTE: I use a cable cast-on.*

**STRETCHY LACE BIND OFF:** \* k2tog, k1, return two sts from right needle to left needle \* rep from \* to end. Final 2 sts: k2tog, cut yarn and thread tail through. Weave in ends. If there are any small holes at the thumb join, sew them closed with one of the tail ends.

**RIGHT MITTEN:** Work the right mitten as the left mitten until you need to insert the thumb.

**INSERT RIGHT THUMB:** Pick up your knitted thumb. Each side has 11 sts. Do not remove the waste yarn from the

sts. Do not pick up the first three sts on side 1. Using your cable needle, pick up the center 5 sts on side 1, leave the final 3 sts. Leave all the sts on side 2. You should have the center 5 sts on one side on a cable needle. The waste yarn should still be threaded through all the sts of the thumb.

On the mitten, knit 20 sts. Hold the thumb so that the sts on the cable needle are against the mitten and the rest of the sts face away from the mitten. (Fig. 1). The Wrong Side of the thumb should be facing you. Slip the st on the right of the cable needle to your left working needle. Knit 2 sts together. (You have knitted one thumb st and one mitten st together.)

\*Slip the st on the right of the cable needle to your left working needle. Knit 2 sts together. Now pass the first st over the second st and off the needle.\* (You will have 5 sts, a space, then the remaining sts on your left needle). Repeat from the \* to the \* 4 times. There will be no more sts on the cable needle.

Now slip the last st from your right needle to your left needle. Using your right needle pick up the remaining 17 thumb sts. Slip the first st from your left needle back to your right needle. Knit to the end of the rnd = 63 sts. (You may now carefully remove the waste yarn from the thumb.)

Next rnd: k19; place marker, ssk, k15, k2tog, place marker, k to end of rnd = 61 sts.

Knit next 2 rnds, slipping markers as you get to them.

\*Dec rnd: k19; ssk, sl m, knit until 2 sts before marker, k2tog, sl m, knit to end of rnd. Knit next 2 rnds.\*

Rep from \* until 7 sts remain between markers

Next dec rnd: k19; remove marker, knit 5, k2tog, remove marker, knit to end of rnd. = 50 sts  
Work lace set-up rnd and the lacy cuff as for left mitten.

**QUESTION:** I want to make my thumb narrower.

**ANSWER:** Work rounds 1 – 3, ignore rnd 4, then knit to the desired length. You will have 9 sts per side. When inserting the thumb, you will still pick up the center 5 sts on side 1. After you have followed the directions to insert the thumb, you will pick up 15 rem thumb sts.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED:**

BO – Bind off

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 together (knit 2 stitches together as if they were a single stitch)

m1 – make 1 usually by knitting in the bar in-between the sts

p – purl

patt - pattern

pm – place marker

pwise – purlwise

rep – repeat

RS – right side (the side usually viewed)

sl – slip

sl m – slip marker

st(s) – stitch(es)

ssk – slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, return sts to the left needle and knit them together through the back loops

tbl – through the back loop

WS – wrong side (the side not usually viewed)

yo – yarn over