

Canadian Gloves

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For those hoping to find maple leaves or hockey sticks, I apologise. Really, the only thing Canadian about these gloves are the fact that I made them for my trip to Canada.



Yarn

Approximately 8-ply/DK weight. Unfortunately, I don't have exact specifications as the yarn was a hand-dyed gift with no ball band. I only know it's made from merino wool.



Needle

US 8 or 5.00mm DPNs (I only used four needles, but you can use five if you like)

Other tools

Cable needle, stitch marker, 4 stitch holders (or scrap yarn)

Gauge

17 sts and 24 rows/4 inch or 10cm

Size

adult female (might be between a small and a medium)

Tips for knitting better gloves: (from *Knitter's Handy Book Of Patterns* by Ann Budd)

- To avoid the ladder: When you reach the end of a DPN, always work two or three stitches from the next needle onto the working needle. Doing so will move the boundary between needles and will help prevent a line of loose stitches between needles.
- As you knit, poke the finished fingers into the hand to keep them out of your way.
- To help eliminate holes at the base of fingers, pick up and knit one or two more stitches than required when you begin a finger, then decrease the extra stitch or stitches on the first round of knitting.

Cable pattern

There is a very simple cable design in the pattern what will show up quite nicely on the back of your hand. Feel free to simply knit in stockinette stitch if you prefer not to have the cables.

C8b: Cross 8 back – slip next 4 stitches onto cable needle and hold at the back of work, knit next 4 stitches from left hand needle, then knit the 4 stitches from cable needle.

C8f: Cross 8 front – slip next 4 stitches onto cable needle and hold at the front of work, knit next 4 stitches from left hand needle, then knit the 4 stitches from cable needle.



RIGHT GLOVE

Cast on 36 sts, divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Row 1 – 15: K2, p2 rib

Row 16: K1, C8b, C8f, K19

Rows 17 – 27: Knit every row

(make thumb hole)

Row 28: K1, C8b, C8f, K1, [begin thumb gusset: K1, M1, K1, M1, K1], K15

Row 29: Knit

Row 30: K18, [continue thumb gusset: K1, M1, K3, M1, K1], K15

Row 31: Knit

Row 32: K18, [continue thumb gusset: K1, M1, K5, M1, K1], K15

Row 33: Knit

Row 34: K18, [create thumb hole: place next 9 stitches on a stitch holder/scrap yarn; CO3 stitches in the gap*], K15

* I find this technique works best when you want to CO in the middle of your work -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54pM6aV4Bil>

Rows 35-39: Knit

(make hole for pinky)

Row 40*: K1, C8b, C8f, K15, place the next 8 stitches on a stitch holder/scrap yarn (4 of the stitches will be from back of hand and 4 will be from the front). CO1 across the gap, K24.

* At this point of time, the row numbers are only a rough estimate and to help you move ahead in the pattern. In order to make the holes for the fingers, you will be working in "half rows" (ie: 4 stitches from front, 4 stitches from back), so instead of relying on the row numbers, make sure you keep track of the number of stitches within the rows.

(make hole for ring finger)

Row 41: Place the next 9 stitches on a stitch holder/scrap yarn (4 from back + cast on stitch + 4 from front). CO1 across the gap, K15.

(make hole for middle finger)

Row 42: Place the next 11 stitches on a stitch holder/ scrap yarn (5 from back + cast on stitch + 5 from front). CO1 across the gap.

(make index finger)

You should now have 11 stitches remaining on the needles. Divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Knit in stockinette stitch for 15 rows.

Row 16: K1, K2tog [repeat till 2 stitches remain], K1, K1

Row 17: K1, K2tog [repeat till 4 stitches remain], K2tog, K2tog

Break the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in the end.

(make middle finger)

Transfer the 11 stitches from the stitch holder/scrap yarn and pick up 2 stitches from the inside gap between the index and middle fingers. Divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Knit in stockinette stitch for 18 rows.

Row 19: K1, K2tog [repeat till 1 stitch remain], K1

Row 20: K1, K2tog [repeat to end of row]

Break the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in the end.

(make ring finger)

Transfer the 10 stitches from the stitch holder/scrap yarn and pick up 2 stitches from the inside gap between the middle and ring fingers. Divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Knit in stockinette stitch for 17 rows.

Row 18: K1, K2tog [repeat till 2 stitches remain], K1, K1

Row 19: K1, K2tog [repeat till 2 stitches remain], K1, K1

Break the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in the end.

(make pinky finger)

Transfer the 9 stitches from the stitch holder/scrap yarn and pick up 2 stitches from the inside gap between the middle and ring finger. Divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Knit in stockinette stitch for 11 rows.

Row 12: K1, K2tog [repeat till 1 stitch remain], K1

Row 13: K1, K2tog [repeat till 1 stitch remain], K1

Break the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in the end.

(make thumb)

Transfer the 9 stitches from the stitch holder/scrap of yarn and pick up 4 stitches from the cast on section for the thumb. Divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Knit in stockinette stitch for 17 rows.

Row 18: K1, K2tog [repeat till 1 stitch remain], K1

Break the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in the end.

LEFT GLOVE

Cast on 36 sts, divide evenly on your needles. Join in the row, making sure not to twist. Place marker so that you know when you've finished a row.

Row 1 – 15: K2, p2 rib

Row 16: K1, C8b, C8f, K19

Rows 17 – 27: Knit every row

(make thumb hole)

Row 28: K1, C8b, C8f, K1, K15, [begin thumb gusset: K1, M1, K1, M1, K1]

Row 29: Knit

Row 30: K33, [continue thumb gusset: K1, M1, K3, M1, K1]

Row 31: Knit

Row 32: K33, [continue thumb gusset: K1, M1, K5, M1, K1]

Row 33: Knit

Row 34: K33, [create thumb hole: place next 9 stitches on a stitch holder/scrap yarn; CO3 stitches in the gap*]

Rows 35-39: Knit

Row 40: K1, C8b, C8f, K19

(make hole for pinky)

Row 41*: K14, place the next 8 stitches on a stitch holder/scrap yarn (4 of the stitches will be from back of hand and 4 will be from the front). CO1 across the gap, K24.

* At this point of time, the row numbers are only a rough estimate and to help you move ahead in the pattern. In order to make the holes for the fingers, you will be working in "half rows" (ie: 4 stitches from front, 4 stitches from back), so instead of relying on the row numbers, make sure you keep track of the number of stitches within the rows.

(make hole for ring finger)

Row 41: Place the next 9 stitches on a stitch holder/scrap yarn (4 from back + cast on stitch + 4 from front). CO1 across the gap, K15.

(make hole for middle finger)

Row 42: Place the next 11 stitches on a stitch holder/ scrap yarn (5 from back + cast on stitch + 5 from front). CO1 across the gap.

You should now have 11 stitches remaining on the needles. Follow instructions for RIGHT GLOVE on how to make fingers and thumb .

Weave in any loose ends to finish off project.

Find a pair of hands to keep warm in gloves.



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