Jazz Age Mitts

by Shannon Squire

Warm your hands in style with these mitts made of squishy garter stitch and big loopy cables.

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MATERIALS

Yarn: approximately 175-250 yards/161-230 m DK or worsted-weight yarn. I used Knitted Wit DK in Glazed Over Carrots (orange) and Tugboat (blue).
Needles: US5/3.75 mm needle for small-circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge.
Notions: Cable needle, stitch markers, tapestry needle.

GAUGE

20 sts = 4"/10 cm in garter stitch in the round, measured after blocking.

SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Small (Medium, Large). Circumference just above base of thumb 6 (7.5, 9)"/15 (19, 23) cm, measured after blocking. All sizes are as long as you wanna make 'em!

ABBREVIATIONS

cn: cable needle.
k: knit.
m: marker.
m1l: make one, left leaning. Bring the tip of the left needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Knit through the back of the loop to twist it. (1 stitch increased)
m1r: make one, right leaning. Bring the tip of the left needle under the strand between stitches, from back to front. Knit through the front of this loop to twist it. (1 stitch increased)
p: purl.
pm: place marker.
R(s): Row(s), Round(s).
sl: slip stitch (unless otherwise noted, always slip stitch as if to purl with yarn in back).
sm: slip marker.
st(s): stitch(es).

CABLE MOTIF

Worked over 8 sts where indicated.
R1 (cable round): sl 4 to cable needle and hold to back, k4, k4 from cable needle.
Rs 2-8: k8.

PATTERN NOTES

Directions are given for small, with medium and large in parenthesis ( ). If only one number is given, it applies to all sizes.

These mitts are meant to be a little bit loose and slouchy. If you'd like them tighter than shown, knit one size smaller.

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Pattern Instructions: RIGHT MITT

SET UP SECTION

Using stretchy-ish cast on of your choice, cast on 32 (36, 40) sts and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist.
Note: you can place a marker to indicate beginning of round if desired, but it won't be referenced in the pattern.

R1: k to end.
R2: p1, k8, p to end.

Work Rs 1 & 2 for 2"/5 cm.

CUFF

R1: k1, pm, work R1 of Cable Motif, pm, k to end.
R2: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p to end.
R3: k1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k to end.

Work Rs 2 & 3, until piece measures 7"/18 cm from cast on edge. Be sure to end having just worked an odd-numbered R of the Cable Motif (note that this means not ending after working a full repeat of the motif).

THUMB GUSSET

R1: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p9 (11, 13), pm, p1, pm, p to end.
R2: k1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k9 (11, 13), sm, m1r, k to m, m1l, sm, k to end.
Note: The first time you work R2, there will only be one st between thumb gusset markers.
R3: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p to end, slipping markers as you come to them.

Work Rs 2 & 3 four (five, six) more times. You should have 11 (13, 15) thumb gusset sts. Then work the following eight Rs (note that you will be making one more gusset increase):

R1: k1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, k to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
R2: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, p to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
R3: k1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k to m, sm, m1r, k to m, m1l, sm, k to end.
R4: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, p to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
Rs 5&6: Work Rs 1 and 2 again. You should have 13 (15, 17) thumb gusset sts.
R7: k1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k to m, remove m, place all thumb sts onto waste yarn, remove m, cast on 1 st, k to end.
Note: You are removing the Thumb Gusset markers, but keeping the Cable Motif markers in place.
R8: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p to end.

TOP OF HAND

R1: k1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k to end.
R2: p1, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p to end.

Work Rs 1 & 2 until piece measures 1.5"/4 cm from thumb gusset (or until it's as tall as desired).

Bind off loosely knitwise after working a purl rnd.

Now head on over to the end of the pattern for instructions on working the thumb.

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Pattern Instructions: LEFT MITT

SET UP SECTION

Using stretchy-ish cast on of your choice, cast on 32 (36, 40) sts and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist.
Note: you can place a marker to indicate beginning of round if desired, but it won't be referenced in the pattern.

R1: k to end.
R2: p 23 (27, 31), k8, p1.

Work Rs 1 & 2 for 2"/5 cm.

CUFF

R1: k 23 (27, 31), pm, work R1 of Cable Motif, pm, k1.
R2: p to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.
R3: k to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k1.

Work Rs 2 & 3, until piece measures 7"/18 cm from cast on edge. Be sure to end having just worked an odd-numbered row of the Cable Motif (note that this means not ending after working a full repeat of the motif).

THUMB GUSSET

R1: p13 (15, 17), pm, p1, pm, p to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.
R2: k to m, sm, m1r, k to m, m1l, sm, k to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k1.
Note: The first time you work R2, there will only be one st between thumb gusset markers.
R3: p to 3rd m (the one marking the Cable Motif), sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.

Work Rs 2 & 3 four (five, six) more times. You should have 11 (13, 15) thumb gusset sts. Then work the following eight Rs (note that you will be making one more gusset increase):

R1: k to 3rd m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k1.
R2: p to 3rd m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.
R3: k to m, sm, m1r, k to m, m1l, sm, k to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k1.
R4: p to 3rd m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.
Rs 5 & 6: work Rnds 1 and 2 again. You should have 13 (15, 17) thumb gusset sts.
R7: k to m, remove m, place all thumb sts onto waste yarn, remove m, cast on 1 st, k to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k1.
Note: You are removing the Thumb Gusset markers, but keeping the Cable Motif markers in place.
R8: p to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.

TOP OF HAND

R1: k to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, k1.
R2: p to m, sm, work next R of Cable Motif, sm, p1.

Work Rs 1 & 2 until piece measures 1.5"/4 cm from thumb gusset (or until it's as tall as desired). Bind off loosely knitwise after working a purl rnd.

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Thumb Instructions: BOTH MITTS

Place held sts on needles, remove scrap yarn, and arrange thumb sts evenly on needles. Knit thumb sts, then pick up and knit 1 st where base of thumb joins hand. Join to work in the round. Work in garter stitch (purl one round, knit one round) until thumb is .75"/2 cm (or until it's as tall as desired).

Bind off loosely knitwise after working a purl round.

Finishing
Weave in all ends and block.

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