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Highland Duo  
Japanese Lace Mitts



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**Yarn:** Highland Duo(70% Baby Alpaca,30% Merino Wool;197 yards [180m]/3.5oz[100g]:#2314 Meadow, 2 skeins. If you want shorter cuffs you can use 1 skein.

**Needles** Size 5 (3.75 mm): circular (cir) or straight needles, Size 5 (3.5 mm) double point needles (dpn), Size H8 (5mm) crochet hook.

**Gauge** 5.5 sts per inch, 6.75 rows per inch  
22sts and 27 rows =4"

**Notions** Tapestry needle, stitch markers, 30 Buttons of a size that will fit snugly in the yo edge holes.

## Notes

- Japanese Lace Triangle Charts are below for pattern repeats and edges  
Multiples of 10. Note if you want to increase the size of these gloves please additional stitches to the moss stitch edging and the stockinette stitch buttonhole border according to your gauge.
- Slipped stitches are slipped purlwise unless otherwise specified.
- Take time to check gauge, lace is especially sensitive to gauge prior to blocking.
- Swatch to check gauge and get familiar with the pattern. It will save you time and make decreasing and increasing easier to work in pattern.
- Knitted from the forearm to the top (hand), back and forth.
- The Stitch Pattern is Japanese Lace. The chart icons are unique since their stitch icons conflicts with one already established and in use in American Knitting.
- Decreasing with Lace patterns can be difficult unless you decide on a consistent way to do it. Choose stitches that blend well with the pattern such as an additional knit 2 together or skipping a yarn over. I choose to decrease within the solid parts of the triangle closest to the Moss Stitch boarder. When you get to the yo "ladder" (this is the double yo in the pattern repeat) keep the outer yo and decrease with the one in the pattern repeat not on the outer edge.
- Increases are worked with a M1 after the yo "ladder" closest to the Moss stitch boarder. Place marker on your increase stitches to make it easier to see your pattern repeats and when to start a new pattern.
- Consider knitting both pieces at once. This will help you match your decrease and increase rows. You can work two skeins of yarn at once, or wind one ball into two even balls.
- Place markers for decrease rows and make sure to count your stitches on yo rows so that you don't inadvertently add back stitches.

## **Stitch Guide**

k2tog – Knit 2 together

p2tog – Purl 2 together

sl1, k1, pss0 – Knit 1, slip 1, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch

yo – Yarn over

m1 – Make one, slip the bar between two stitches from the previous row onto your left

needle, knit into the back of the loop.

## **Fingerless Arm Cuffs – Knit two**

Using Size 5 needles, CO 50 sts. Place marker on Right hand if you are knitting both gloves at once. Note there are different charts for Right and Left hand lace. Work rows 1-6 of lace chart. Start **Decease (Dec)** on row 7 Right side (RS). Work decrease stitch at Moss stitch border. Dec 1 st every 4th row 6 times – 44 sts remain (rem). Then Dec 2 sts every 4th row 2 times – 40 sts rem. Then 1 st every other row 6 times – 34 sts rem.

Next RS row Dec 2 sts, then 1 st every other row 2 times - 30 sts rem. Note- At this point your work length is from the arm to the wrist.

Work in pattern for 6 more rows on next RS row Increase (Inc.) M1. Then M1 stitch every row 9 more times. - 40 sts rem.

When piece measures 10 inches create thumbhole by knitting a tulip button hole, read this entire paragraph before starting. On the RS knit 17 stitches in lace pattern, work 6 stitches Tulip Buttonhole, when the buttonhole is complete knit remaining 17 stitches in lace pattern. The Tulip Buttonhole is demonstrated on the Interweave website at the following URL <http://www.knittingdaily.com/blogs/daily/archive/2010/05/31/a-better-buttonhole.aspx>

It can also be found in Interweave Knits magazine in the Summer 2010 edition. Here is my version of this technique:

**Step 1:** Knit 17 stitches, yarn to the front slip one stitch from your left needle to the right needle.

wrap yarn around slipped stitch clockwise yarn to the back of your work. Slip slipped stitch back to your left needle, move yarn to the front.

**Step 2:** Hook the tip of the size 4 dpn into the loop of the wrapped stitch and put it onto your dpn (now your working needle), pass original slipped stitch over the picked up stitch. Bind off 5 additional stitches by slipping to the right hand dpn and passing the slipped stitch over the previous stitch. One stitch remaining on dpn. Put this stitch back onto your right hand needle.

**Step 3:** Go back to your working yarn and unwrap stitch, re-wrap stitch counter clockwise with yarn in the back. Place stitch onto dpn, insert crochet hook into the stitch on the needle with hook to the back, yo dpn, hook the yarn and pull a loop through, keep it on the crochet hook.

**Step 4:** repeat the yo, and chain bind off stitches on the crochet hook. You will do this creating 7 stitches on your dpn.

**Step 5:** Pass one stitch from your left needle onto dpn. Turn work to WS, p2tog, purl remaining stitches on dpn until last stitch. Pass one stitch from your right hand needle to dpn, p2tog. Turn and work in lace pattern to the end of the row.

Work until you have finished the last row of the lace pattern repeat. 4 pattern repeats total. Bind off in Picot Bind Off.

### **Finishing**

Pickup 50 stitches at Forearm edge on WS facing using US 5 dpn, then bind off in Picot Bind off.

Block your finished pieces. Make sure to measure the circumference of your forearm and hand. When you block lace you can adjust up an inch, so it's important for a good fit to know your measurements.

Sew on buttons, mark first YO on knitted band, place marker 1" apart for 15 buttons. Verify that these markers match yarn over button hole edge. For additional reinforcement you can Sew sides together except at wrist, these buttons should be left workable so that they are easy to put on and take off.

### **Special Instructions**

#### Picot Bind Off

Multiples of 3 +2

Bind Off 2, \*slip remaining stitch from right needle back to left needle. Cast on 2 sts using knit cast on method. Bind off 1 st, k3tog, bind off one more st.\* Repeat from \* to thumb opening, then replace the k3tog with a k2tog 4 times. Resume K3tog to last stitch, k2tog and lock last stitch.

### **Japanese Lace Triangles - Left Hand**

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Moss St.

Pattern Repeat


Button Hole Edge


**Japanese Lace Triangles - Right hand**


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**Chart Legend**

 Yo


 Sl1, k1, pss0

 Knit 2 together

 Purl on right side, knit on wrong side

 Knit on right side, purl on wrong side

 Slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit1, pass slipped stitches over

 Pattern Repeat

**Dimensions:**

Unblocked:

Length: 14"

Upper forearm circumference: 9.5

Hand circumference: 7.5"

