

Pinneguri's latvian mittens



These mittens look more complicated than they actually are. Sure, just a few rows are one-color only, but if you have tried stranded knitting earlier you recognize the methods of having the two yarn over your left hand index finger (if you are a regular knitter).

As others before me, I have not invented this pattern. It is a plain copy of one of the mittens in the classic Latvian mittens book *Cimdu Raksti*, a book very difficult to get by anymore. I am sure they have a nice name, but as I don't now it I just call it Pinneguri's latvian mittens until someone tells me otherwise.

Yarn

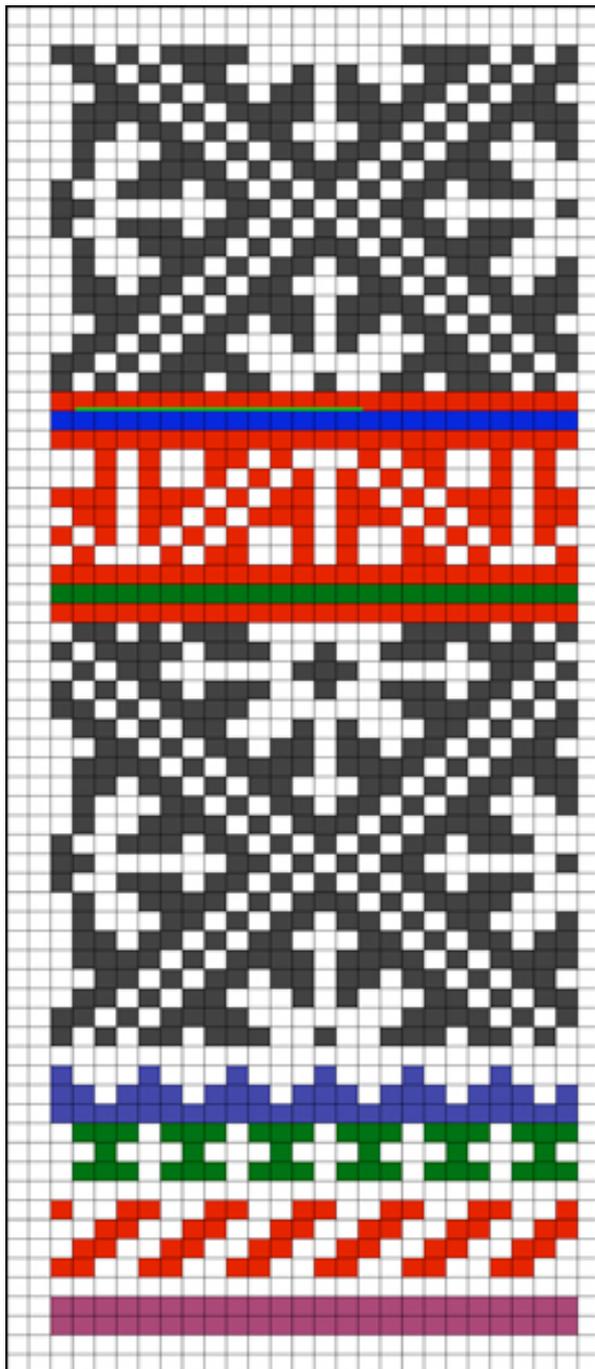
I used 6 different colors of Sandnes Lanett, the black and off white mostly. Dps needles 2 mm. And a tapestry needle.

The pattern goes over 24 stitches, so it's not easy to adjust the pattern if it's too large or small for you. I have regular ladies' hands, and they are just a little bit too big, but will fit a small mans hands perfectly. So these mittens are made for a small male hand.

Left mitten

Cast on 60 st (15 st per needle) with purple yarn. Join to work in the round. Knit 2 rows 1k, 1p., change color to white and follow the chart while increasing 4 stitches per row times 3. Before the main pattern you should have 72 stitches.

I prefer to knit in the ends as I go along, but if this is new land to



you, leave the yarn ends and use the tapestry needle when you have finished off the mitten.

On the last row of red in the main pattern knit 22 stitches, set 13 stitches on a provisional tread and cast on 13 new stitches which you knit as usual on the next row. You have now a hole for the thumb.

Continue pattern until your mitten is long enough for the destined hands, usually when it covers the smallest finger.

Decrease as follows:

1 stitch is knitted in white, the next two SSK, knit until 2 stitches left, k2tog,

repeat this on the other side of the mitten.

When there is 6 stitches left pull the yarn through the remaining stitches.

Knit the right mitten as the left one, but set 13 stitches on the provisional yarn after 37 stitches.

Thumb

Remove the provisional yarn for the thumb, and pick up stitches on both sides of it. Pick up 13 stitches below the provisional yarn, and 13 stitches above it, and 1 stitch between these = 28 stitches for the thumb.

When the thumb is totally covered start to decrease as described above, until you have a total of 8 remaining stitches. Pull the yarn end through the stitches.

Steam gently

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I got help with the pattern by the excellent NupiSnowJog ☺

If you encounter any problems, please don't hesitate to contact me.