Mitaines d'Orgue

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Fingerless mitts for an organ player. Because old churches are usually not well heated in winter. Or not at all. The mitts have a relatively large thumb gussed to allow a wide range of movement and they are very long on arm and fingers, so they keep warm while not playing. To start playing you fold back the cuff at the fingers and they are free to play.

But of course you can use it also when you want to have the fingers free to use your mobile phone.

Materials: ca. 80g 4ply sock wool, I used a silk and cashmere blend. (Lana Grossa "Meilenweit Seta/ Cashmere").

1 set of dpns US #0/ 2mm (If you prefer you can use one circ and knit with the "Magic Loop" technique or knit with two circs. Since I'm knitting quite loosely most people will have to go up one needle size, so please swatch and compare gauge.) 1 Tapestry needle

Gauge in stockinette: 31 stitches/ 45 rows = 10 cm/ 4 inch

Size: 8/ Handcircumference 20cm (The mitts were knit to measure for sliom and long hands. The ribbing pattern allows them to adapt to several sizes, the lengths can be adapted to the wearer.)



Basic Pattern: Stockinette stitch.

Cable 1: Hold one stitch in back of work, knit next stitch, knit stitch held in back.

Cable 2: Hold one stitch in front of work, knit next stitch, knit stitch held in front.

This pattern will not guide you stitch by stitch. So please read the whole instructions before you start! Some steps will happen simultaneously. ;-)

CO 64 stitches, 14 on each of the four needles. Cast on loosely. (*I did knit the stitches on, but you can use whatever technique works best for you.*)

After that the right and the left mitt are worked differently.

Right mitt:

Cuff: Knitting in 2-2 ribs, starting with k2. Cables will be worked on the knit stitches as cable 1 On the right rib 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 you work the cable pattern in round 5, 15, 25 and 35. On the right rib 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 you work the cable pattern in round 10, 20, 30 and 40.

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Work the cuff over 44 rounds.

Transition to hand: The stitches on needle 1 and 2 will be on the back of the hand later. Here you continue the cable patter, but cabeling will happen every second row.

Round 45: work 38 st in 2-2 ribs. Work cable 1 pattern on the knit stiches. For the rest until the end of the round: p2, 3x [k2tog, p2, cable1, p2], k2tog, p2. (= 60 stitches) *(If that was to confusing: 9x[cable 1, p2], 3x[k2tog, p2, cable 1, p2], k2tog., p2)* Rd 46: 9x [k2, p2], k24 Rd 47: k2, p2, 3x[cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2], cable 1, p2, k2, p2, k24.

Repeat rd 46 and 47. (As mentionned above, you work cable pattern in every other row on the back of the hand.)

At the same time start working the thumb gusset over stitches 33/34 from round 53 onwards.

Thumb gusset: Stitches for the

thumb gusset are added before stitch 33 and after stitch 34. (Knit stiches.) You continues working the cable 1 on those two stitches in round 55, 65, 75 und 85.

Set marker before stitch 33 and after stitch 34.

For the thumb gusset add one stitch before the first and after the second marker. (Use whatever technique you like. I picked up the "string" between the stitches and ktbl.) You do so in rounds



53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 77, 81, 85 and 89. (Every 4th round.) = 22 stitches for the thumb.

At the same time you change the pattern on the back of the hand from round 73 on. Continue working like so:

Rd 73: k6, 2x[p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1], p2, cable 2, p2, k2, p2, thumb gusset (= *m*1, *k*12, *m*1), p2, k24. Rd 74: k6, 6x [p2, k2], p2, thumb gusset (=*k*14), p2, k24.

Repeat rds 73 und 74. (The number of the thumb stitches will increase!)

Rd 89: k10, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k6, p2, k22, p2, k24. Rd. 90: k10, 3x[p2, k2], p2, k6, p2, k22, p2, k24. Rd 91: as rd. 89. Rd 92: as rd. 90.

Finish thumb gusset:

Rd 93: k10, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k6, p2, remove marker, put the next 22 stitches on scrap yarn or a safety pin or whatever you like, co 5 stitches, p2, k24. Rd 94: k10, 3x [p2, k2], p2, k6, p2, k5, p2, k24. Rd 95: k10, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k6, p1, p2tog, k3, p2tog, p1, k24. Rd 96: k10, 3x [p2, k2], p2, k6, p1, p2tog, k1, p2tog, p1, k24. Rd 97: k10, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k6, p1, p3tog, p1, k24.Rd 98: k10, 3x [p2, k2], p2, k6, p1, p2tog, k24. (= 56 stitches)

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Continue hand:

Rd 99: k10, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k6, p2, k24. Rd 100: k10, 3x [p2, k2], p2, k6, p2, k24. Repeat rds 99 and 100.

Rd 105: k14, p2, cable 2, p2, k10, p2, k24. Rd 106: k14, p2, k2, p2, k10, p2, k24. Repeat rds 105 and 106.

Rd 120 – Rd 130: k30, p2, k24.

Cuff:

Rd 131 – Rd 135: 2-2 ribbing (k2, p2). **BO** in pattern losely.

Thumb:

Pick up 1 st between the thumb stitches and the co stitches, 5 stitches from the 5 newly co stitches, again 1 stitch between those and then thumb stitches, knit the 22 thumb stitches. (= 29 st/ rd 1) Rd 2: ssk, k4, k2tog, k21. Rd 3: ssk, k2, k2tog, k9, cable 1, k10. Rd 4: ssk, k2tog, k21. Rd 5: k2tog, k20. (= 22 st) Rds 6 - 8: knit. Rds 9 - 12: 1-1 ribbing (k1,p1). **BO** in pattern.



Left Mitt:

Cuff: Knitting in 2-2 ribs, starting with p2.

Cables will be worked on the knit stitches as cable 1

On the right rib 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 you work the cable pattern in round 5, 15, 25 and 35. On the right rib 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 you work the cable pattern in round 10, 20, 30 and 40. Work the cuff over 44 rounds.

Transition to hand: The stitches on needle 1 and 2 will be on the back of the hand later. Here you continue the cable patter, but cabeling will happen every second row.

Round 45: work 32 st in 2-2 ribs. Work cable 1 pattern on the knit stiches. For the rest until the end of the round: p2, 3x [k2tog, p2, cable1, p2], k2tog, p2, cable 1. (= 60 stitches) (*If that was to confusing: 8x[p2, cable 1], 3 x[p2, k2tog., p2, cable 1], p2, k2tog., p2, k2tog.*

Rd 46: 8x [p2, k2], k24, p2, k2.

Rd 47: 3x[p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2], p2, cable 1, p2, k26, p2, k2.

Repeat rds 46 and 47. (As mentionned above, you work cable pattern in every other row on the back of the hand.)

At the same time start working the thumb gusset over stitches 33/34 from round 53 onwards.

Thumb gusset: Stitches for the thumb gusset are added before stitch 59 and after stitch 60. (Knit stiches.) You continues working the cable 1 on those two stitches in round 55, 65, 75 und 85. Set marker before stitch 59 and after stitch 60.

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Rd 73: p2, k2, 2x [p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1], p2, cable 2, p2, k30, p2, thumb gusset (=*m*1, *k*12, *m*1). Rd 74: 6x [p2, k2], p2, k30, p2, thumb gusset (=*k*14). Repeat rds 73 und 74. (The number of the thumb stitches will increase!)

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Finish thumb gusset:

Rd 93: p2, k6, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k34, p2, remove maker, put the next 22 stitches on scrap yarn or a safety pin or whatever you like, co 5 stitches.

Rd 94: p2, k6, 3x [p2, k2], p2, k34, p2, k5.

Rd 95: p2, k6, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k34, p1, p2tog, k3, p2tog the last stitch from needle 4 with first stich of needle 1. (*So the beginning of the round shifts by one stitch.*) Rd 96: p1, k6, 3x[p2, k2], p2, k34, p1,

p2tog, k1, p2tog.

Rd 97: p1, k6, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k34, p1, p3tog, p1. *(Beginning of the round shifts again by 1 stitch.)* Rd 98: k6, 3x[p2, k2], p2, k34, p2tog, p1. (= 56 stitches)

Continue hand:

Rd 99: k6, p2, cable 1, p2, cable 2, p2, cable 1, p2, k34, p2. Rd 100: k6, 3x[p2, k2], p2, k34, p2. Repeat rds 99 and 100.

Rd 105: k10, p2, cable 2, p2, k38, p2. Rd 106: k10, p2, k2, p2, k38, p2. Repeat rds 105 and Rd 106.



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Rd 120 – Rd 130: k54, p2.

Cuff:

Rd 131 – Rd 135: 2-2 ribbing (k2, p2). **BO** in pattern losely.

Thumb:

Work as right tumb.

Finish:

Weave in ends.

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