

# TRADITIONAL MITTENS

Charming mittens reminiscent of the traditional mittens of Gotland, an island off the south eastern coast of Sweden. Featuring a small, easy-to-memorize, three-color, geometric pattern (a variation of motif 10, page 52) and a simple peasant thumb. Only every fourth round uses all three colors, making it a great first project for using more than two colors. You may duplicate stitch the third color if desired.

Make two.

With smaller needles and color A cast on 48 sts. Place 24 sts on one needle, divide the rem sts onto two needles and join without twisting. Work in k1, p1 rib for 2" (5 cm).

**Increase rnd:** \* Rib 5 sts, M1; rep from \*

8 more times; end p1, k1, p1, M1—58 sts.

Change to larger needles. Work rnds 1–8 of Chart A two times.

**Thumb placement right mitt**

**Next rnd:** K1, place foll 8 sts on stitch holder, with backward loop method, loosely cast 8 sts onto RH needle, work to end of row.

**Thumb placement left mitt**

**Next rnd:** (Rnd 1) K 20, place foll 8 sts on stitch holder, with backward loop method, loosely cast 8 sts onto RH needle, work to end of row. Work rnds 2–8 of Chart A. Work Chart A one more time.

**Mitten Top** Work Chart B—10 sts rem.

Combine last 5 sts onto one needle. Turn work inside out and with color A work 3-needle bind-off. Turn right side out.

**Thumb** Place 8 sts from stitch holder onto a double-pointed needle with color A and another needle knit across these 8 sts, with another

## MATERIALS

### Yarn

100% Norwegian wool (Dale of Norway, Heilo), 50 g ball = 109 yd (100 m)

- 1 ball color A, red (4018 Red)
- 1 ball color B, white (0020 Natural)
- 1 ball color C, gray (0083 Charcoal)

### Needles

- set of size 4 (3.5 mm) double-pointed needles
- set of size 5 (3.75 mm) double-pointed needles

### Notions

- tapestry needle
- 2 stitch holders

### Gauge

25 sts and 27 rnds = 4" (10 cm) in colorwork pattern on larger needle

### Finished size

Hand circumference 9¼" (23.5 cm), length 9¼" (23.5 cm)

CHART A

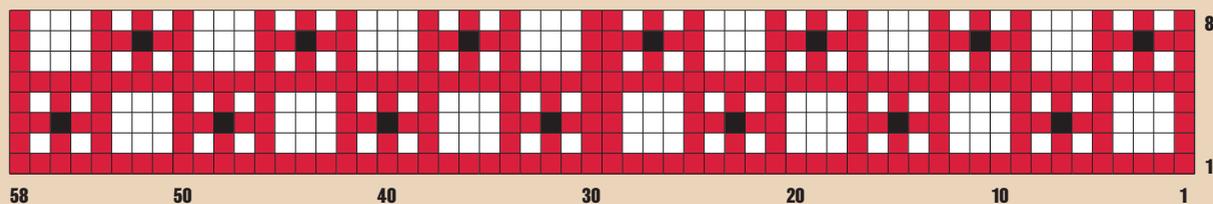
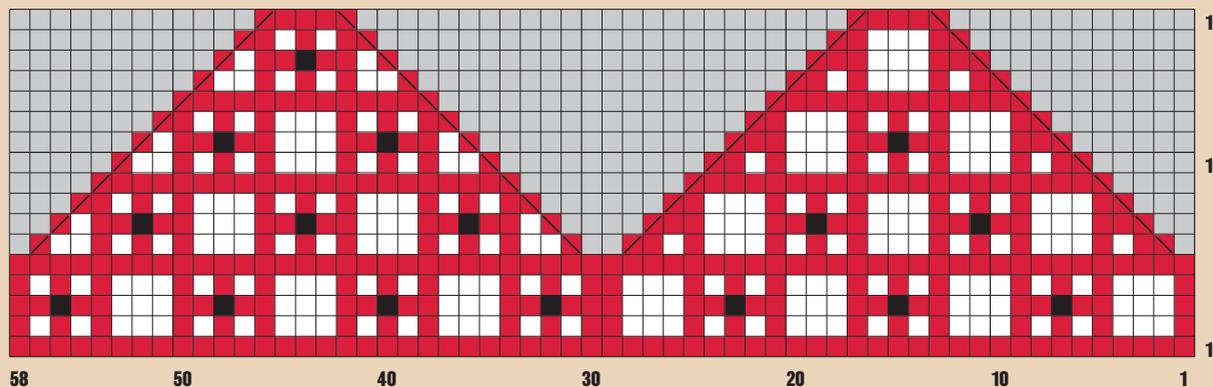


CHART B



- A
- B
- C
- no stitch
- ssk
- k2tog