

# Flip-Top Mittens

## ***Skill Level***

At least intermediate... there's Magic Loop, cabling with two cable needles (or one cable needle and some cabling-without-a-cable-needle, a tutorial for another time), lots of binding off and picking up... maybe it's harder.

## ***Materials***

Approximately 300 yards of Alpaca with a Twist Fino yarn  
Approximately 300 yards of Maple Creek Farm's 100% Alpaca  
US size 0 (2.0 mm) double-pointed needles, set of 5  
Stitch markers  
3 stitch holders  
US size 3 (3.25 mm) 32" circular needle  
1 or 2 cable needles  
Darning needle  
Four 3/4" buttons and a sufficiently small needle to attach them

## ***Gauge***

Fino: 7 sts and 10 rows per inch on US size 0 DPNs, held double  
100% Alpaca: 5 sts and 8 rows per inch on US size-3 circular needle

## ***Liners***

### ***Right Hand***

CO 48 sts on smaller needles, with yarn held double. Distribute evenly on 4 DPNs with fifth needle for active yarn. Join and place marker.

Work in k2p2 ribbing for 3".

Switch to St st, k around 2 rows. (*Needles 1 & 2: back of the hand, Needles 3 and 4: palm.*)

Next Round: Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k 3, pm, k across; Needle 4: k across

### ***Thumb Gusset***

**Round 1:** Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k1, m1, k to 1 before m, m1, k across; Needle 4: k across

**Round 2:** k around all needles

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until there are 72 sts total (12 each on Needles 1, 2 and 4, 36 on Needle 3).

If necessary, k around even until glove is desired length to base of thumb.

Next Round: Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k10, place 16 sts on holder, k 10; Needle 4: k across. (56 sts remain)

Next Round: Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k 9, k2tog, ssk, k to end; Needle 4: k across (54 sts remain)

Repeat **Rounds 1 & 2** as above three times, until there are 60 sts on all needles. Remove marker.

K around evenly until there is 1/2"-3/4" above sts on holder.

### ***Pinky***

K 7 sts, place next 23 sts on holder. Place next 23 sts on second holder. Arrange remaining active 14 sts on 3 DPNs, and k around for 1".

BO loosely - I use a Russian bind-off (or something like it): k2, slip both sts back to L needle, k2tog through back loop (TBL). \*K1, slip both sts from R needle back to L needle, k2tog TBL. Rep from \* around.

Pick up and knit 46 sts from holders. K around even for 2 rows (~1/4").

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## *Ring Finger*

K 7 sts, place next 16 sts on holder. Place next 16 sts on second holder. Arrange remaining active sts on 3 DPNS, plus pick up and k 1 st from base of pinky finger - 15 sts total.

K around for 1". BO loosely.

## *Middle Finger*

Pick up and k the first 8 sts from first holder and the 8 sts closest to ring finger from second holder - 8 sts remain on each holder. Arrange active 16 sts on 3 DPNS, plus pick up and k 2 sts from base of ring finger - 18 sts total.

K even for 1". BO loosely.

## *Index Finger*

Pick up and k the remaining sts from holders, plus pick up and k 2 sts from base of middle finger - 18 sts total.

K even for 1". BO loosely.

## *Thumb*

Pick up and k 16 sts from holder, plus 4 from loose area at base - 20 sts total.

K even for 2 1/2" or length of thumb.

Dec rnd: K2tog around. Cut yarn with 10" tail, thread through 10 remaining sts and pull tight. Thread end to inside of thumb.

## ***Left Hand***

CO 48 sts on smaller needles, with yarn held double. Distribute evenly on 4 DPNS with fifth needle for active yarn. Join and place marker.

Work in k2p2 ribbing for 3".

Switch to St st, k around 2 rows. (Needles 1 & 2 will be the back of the hand, Needles 3 and 4 will be the palm.)

Next Round: Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k across; Needle 4: k to 3 before end, pm, k 3

## *Thumb Gusset*

**Round 1:** Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k across; Needle 4: k to m, sl m, m1, k to 1 before end, m1, k 1

**Round 2:** k around all needles

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until there are 72 sts on all 4 needles (12 each on Needles 1, 2 and 3, 36 on Needle 4).

If necessary, k around even until glove is desired length to base of thumb.

Next Round: Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k across; Needle 4: k10, place 16 sts on holder, k 10

Next Round: Needles 1 & 2: k across; Needle 3: k across; Needle 4: k 9, k2tog, ssk, k to end

Repeat **Rounds 1 & 2** as above three times, until there are 60 sts on all needles. Remove marker.

K around evenly until 1/2 - 3/4" above sts on holder.

Remainder of Left Hand is the same as Right Hand.

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## Mittens

### Right Hand

With Maple Creek Farm alpaca and US size 3 32-inch circular needle, CO 48 sts. Mittens are done with Magic Loop method - KnitPicks has a good tutorial here.

Work k2p2 rib for 4" (or desired length for cuff).

### Buttonholes

Round 1: Needle 1: Continue ribbing for 11 sts, BO 2 sts, continue ribbing for 11 sts; Needle 2: As Needle 1.

Round 2: Needle 1: Continue ribbing for 11 sts, cable cast on 2 sts, cont ribbing for 11 sts; Needle 2: As Needle 1.

Return to k2p2 ribbing around for 1/2".

Change to St st for 1 round. Needle 1 will be the back of hand, Needle 2 will be the palm.

### Increase Round

Needle 1: kfb twice, (k5, m1) three times, k5, kfb twice - 31 sts total.

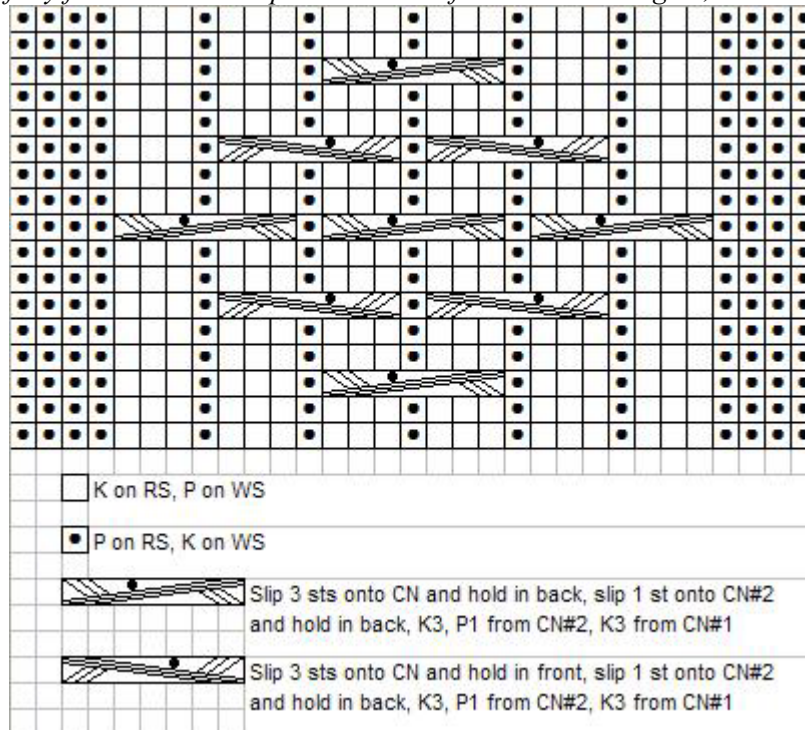
Needle 2: K across - 24 sts.

Needle 1: Begin 6-strand cable chart, work four repeats of chart even throughout.

Needle 2: Work St st even for 1 1/2".

### Six-Strand Cable Chart

Adapted gratefully from Melissa Leapman's wonderful *Cables Untangled*, Panel 43 on Page 147.



### Thumb Gusset

Needle 1: Continue cable chart.

Needle 2: K1, pm, k1, pm, k across.

Round 1: Needle 1: work in cable chart; Needle 2: k1, sl m, m1, k to m, m1, sl m, k to end.

Round 2: Work even around.

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Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 18 sts between markers - 42 sts on palm.

Work even if necessary until mitten reaches base of thumb.

Next round: Needle 1: Continue cable chart; Needle 2: k1, sl m, k1, place 16 sts on holder, k1, sl m, k to end.

Next round: Needle 1: Continue cable chart; Needle 2: k1, remove m, k2tog, ssk (remove marker), k to end - 24 sts remain on Needle 2.

### *Mitten slit*

Work even for 1/2" after thumb sts placed on holder. Switch to garter stitch on Needle 2 for 3 rows, then BO 24 palm sts loosely.

Next row: Needle 1: work even; Needle 2: Pick up and k 2 sts, CO 20 sts LOOSELY (I cast on a size-5 needle and slipped sts back to Needle 2), pick up and k 2 sts - 24 sts on Needle 2.

Next 3 rows: Needle 1: work even; Needle 2: Garter stitch.

Continue with cable on Needle 1 and St st on Needle 2 for 2" past slit, or until cable chart is completed.

### *Top Decrease*

Round 1: Needle 1: p1, p2tog, p1, k3, (p1, k3, k2tog, k2) twice, p1, k3, p1, p2tog, p1; Needle 2: k across.

Round 2: Needle 1: k6, k2tog, (k5, k2tog) twice, k5 - 24 sts remain on Needle 1; Needle 2: k across.

Round 3: Needle 1: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: Repeat Needle 1.

Round 4: k around.

Repeat Rounds 3 & 4 until 40 sts remain, then repeat Round 3 only until 24 sts remain. Kitchener Stitch closed.

### *Thumb*

Pick up 14 sts from holder, plus 2 sts from loose area at base. K around for 2".

Next round: k1, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k1.

Next round: K around.

Next round: K1, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k1.

Next round: K around.

Kitchener stitch closed.

***Left Hand*** – Repeat as Right Hand, except on Thumb Gusset:

### *Thumb Gusset*

Needle 1: Continue cable chart.

Needle 2: K to 2 sts from end, pm, k1, pm, k1.

Round 1: Needle 1: work in cable chart; Needle 2: k to m, sl m, m1, k to m, m1, sl m, k 1.

Round 2: Work even around.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 18 sts between markers - 42 sts on palm.

Work even if necessary until mitten reaches base of thumb.

Next round: Needle 1: Continue cable chart; Needle 2: k1, sl m, k1, place 16 sts on holder, k1, sl m, k to end.

Next round: Needle 1: Continue cable chart; Needle 2: k to m, remove m, k2tog, ssk (remove marker), k 1 - 24 sts remain on Needle 2.

*Remainder of Left Hand is the same as Right Hand.*

### *Finishing*

Sew buttons on liners even with buttonholes on mittens. Weave in ends. Insert liners into mittens and button in place. Wear happily.