

Tilda mittens

You'll need

- Fingering weight wool, two contrasting colours, less than 50 grams each.
- Size 2-2,5 mm DPN's or needles and yarn that combined suit the size of your hand. The mittens are knit with 60 sts and are supposed to fit the hand snugly.
- Needle and thread to attach the hem.

General notes about the pattern

- Be careful with the floats – you don't want them to be too tight, especially in the thumb area.
- The decreases in the tip of the mitten are done a bit differently than normally – they lean outward towards the white stripes in the main mitten. But it doesn't really matter that much, does it?



Pattern

CO 60 with the main colour (MC), divide the sts to four needles. Knit 5 rows in the round with 5 needles.

Attach the contrasting colour (CC), purl 1 row and knit 1 row.

Begin the pattern. Repeat **box A** from chart 10 times per row for 7 rows. Then knit the pattern from **box B**, 10 times each row. 27 rows total in pattern.

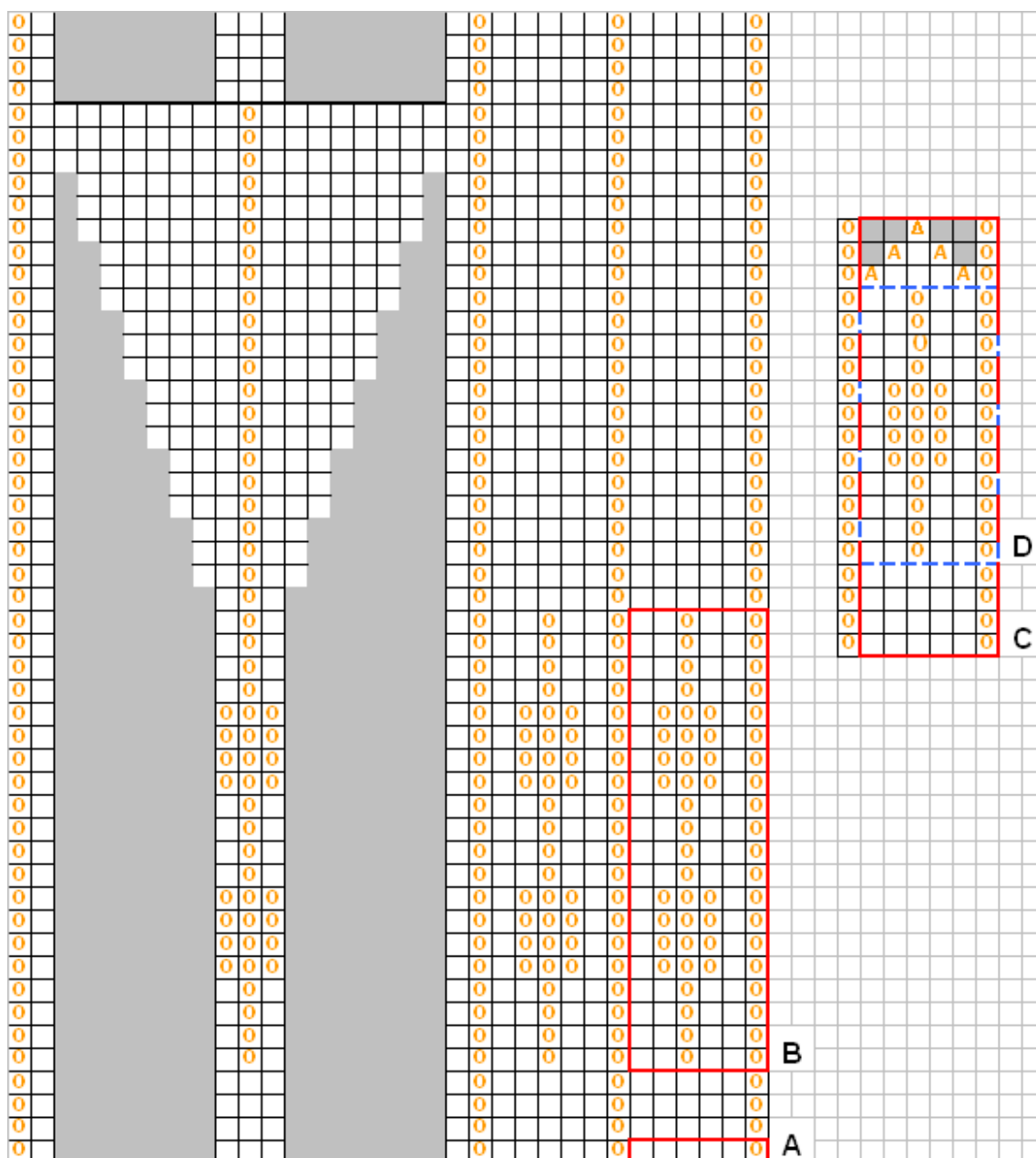


Start making the thumb gusset. Make the gusset for the first mitten in 5th repeat, for the second in 6th repeat. In the first row of gusset don't increase but make sure to keep on knitting one stitch with CC, other nine repeats knit as in **box A**.

On next row, start increasing by M1 (picking and knitting one stitch from the lower row floats) on each side of the gusset every 3rd row (see the chart). Work as shown on the chart until you come to the point where there is a thick black line shown. Move the 17 gusset stitches on holder or scrap yarn and cast on 3 stitches using long tail cast-on with CC on thumb side and MC on index finger side – the cast on stitches should be of MC.

Keep on knitting as in the beginning, repeating **box A**, until the mitten measures 5 cm from the cast-on edge of gusset, or 7,5 cm from the tip of middle finger. Work the **box D** (inside box C, shown with blue dashed line), repeating it for 10 times each row.

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Knit 3 more rows as in **box A**. Start decreasing both before and after the 5th and 10th vertical stripes (thumb gusset should be next to one of the decreases). Make 4 decreases every row. Finish patterning the vertical stripes one row before they will be bound off.

When you only have 8 stitches left, *slip on (CC st), slip 2 as in K2tog, k1 with CC, pass-over the three sts*, repeat. Thread a tapestry needle with CC, sew remaining two stitches off.

Thumb

Move the stitches from holder to 2 DPNs. Use a third one to pick up and knit 2 sts from each side of the gusset and 3 sts from the cast on edge. 24 stitches in total. Work the thumb as shown in **box C** of the chart (*A indicates a decrease leaning away from the vertical lines*).

Weave in all ends, whip-stitch the hem down with sewing thread, carefully press through a damp cloth.

Wear with happiness!

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