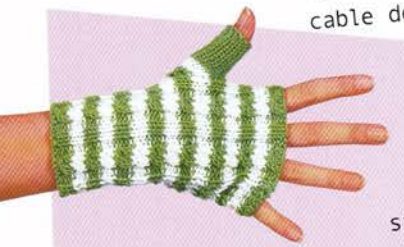
Fingerless gloves



These gloves are knitted using a twisting cable design, producing a rich vertical texture to complement the horizontal stripe pattern. There are no separate finger pieces, making them much easier to knit than normal gloves, and the thumb is worked in stockinette stitch rather than cable to make things simpler still. Refer to page 45 for guidance on carrying multiple yarns up the side of the work.

THE KNITTY GRITTY

Size: To fit average-sized adult's hands. Length: 7⅞" (19.5 cm). Circumference around widest part of hand: 5½" (14 cm).
Yarn: DK-weight blend (50% merino wool, 50% cotton; 123 yd [113 m] per 50 g ball): green (yarn A), 1 ball; cream (yarn B), 1 ball.
Needles: Size 3 (3.25 mm); size 5 (3.75 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.
Notions: Tapestry needle.
Gauge: 24 sts x 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch using size 5 (3.75 mm) needles.

Abbreviations
2/2RC—right-cross cable; see step-by-step sequence on page 63
k—knit
m1—make 1 stitch by picking up horizontal strand before next stitch with right needle, slipping it onto left needle, and knitting through back of loop
p—purl
RS—right side
st(s)—stitch(es)

Wrist section

Using size 3 (3.25 mm) needles and yarn A, cast on 50 sts.
Row 1: (RS) (K2, p2, k4, p2) twice, (k2, p2) twice, (k2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2.
Row 2: (P2, k2, p4, k2) twice, (p2, k2) twice, (p2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2.
Row 3: (K2, p2, 2/2RC, p2) twice, (k2, p2) twice, (k2, p2, 2/2RC p2) twice, k2.
Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Rows 1–4 form the cable pattern repeat.
Rows 5–16: Join yarn B and work the above pattern repeat three more times, alternating four rows using yarn B, four rows using yarn A, and 4 rows using yarn B (12 rows).
Rows 17–32: Change to size 5 (3.75 mm) needles and continue the pattern repeat four more times, again alternating yarns A and B every four rows.

Thumb gusset

The thumb and gusset are worked in stockinette stitch, while the hand part of the glove continues in the cable pattern.
Row 33: (RS) (K2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2, p2, m1, k2, m1, p2, (k2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2 (52 sts).
Row 34: (P2, k2, p4, k2) five times, p2.
Row 35: (K2, p2, 2/2RC, p2) twice, k2, p2, m1, k4, m1, p2, (k2, p2, 2/2RC, p2) twice, k2 (54 sts).
Row 36: (P2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2, k2, p6, k2, (p2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2.
Row 37: (K2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2, p2, m1, k6, m1, p2, (k2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2 (56 sts).
Row 38: (P2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2, k2, p8, k2, (p2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2.
Row 39: (K2, p2, 2/2RC, p2) twice, k2, p2, m1, k8, m1, p2, (k2, p2, 2/2RC, p2) twice, k2 (58 sts).
Row 40: (P2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2, k2, m1, p10, m1, k2, (p2, k2, p4, k2) twice, p2 (60 sts).

Right-cross cable (2/2RC)

The cable pattern on the gloves crosses two stitches to the right.

1 Slip two stitches from the left needle onto a cable needle and hold the cable needle at the back of the work. Knit the next two stitches from the left needle.

2 Bring the cable needle into knitting position and knit the two stitches. You have now completed a 2/2 right-cross cable.

Thumb

Next row: (RS) (K2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2, p2, k12, turn, leaving remaining stitches unworked until later.
Next row: P12, turn.
Next row: Cast on 2 sts at beginning of row, k14, turn (14 sts).
Starting with a purl row, work nine rows in stockinette stitch on these 14 sts.
Bind off purlwise.
Cut yarn, leaving a tail long enough to sew the thumb seam.
Thread a tapestry needle with the long yarn tail and sew the thumb seam using backstitch or mattress stitch.

Hand

With RS facing, pick up and knit 2 sts from the base of the thumb, then using the remaining stitches on left needle (these are the unworked stitches from the first thumb row), p2, (k2, p2, k4, p2) twice, k2 (26 sts on left side of thumb, 24 stitches on right—50 sts).

Using all 50 stitches, work another 17 rows in cable pattern—that is, repeat rows 1–4, starting and ending with row 2.
Bind off in pattern.

To finish

With a tapestry needle, weave in the loose yarn tails to WS of work and sew the side seam using backstitch or mattress stitch. Repeat to make a second glove.