Nereid Fingerless Gloves

This is a pattern for making fingerless gloves out of the Pomatomus sock pattern by Cookie A. I've added a thumb gusset and an ending hem.

First of all, get the Pomatomus sock pattern from Knitty. You will need Chart A, and the instructions for how to knit the Cuff and Leg.

Fellow knitter Jane Emley has very kindly converted the pattern into a clearer graph, with tick boxes and colours to help you keep track of the pattern. You can download the PDF of her graph here.

Materials

Yarn : Sock yarn. My feeling is the pattern looks best in a

solid colour, or only with gradual colour gradations, but that's up to you, of course.

Needles : 2.25 mm DPNs or size needed to get gauge.

Gauge : roughly 28-30 sts : 10 cm (4″) in K1 P1 rib

Glossary

- tbl = through back of the loop
- SM = slip marker
- M1 = make 1
- SSK = slip slip knit

NB : ALL knit stitches in this pattern are knit through the back of the loop (TBL).

Method

Cast on 60 stitches (ie 5 pattern repeats), using a stretchy cast on method such as long tail.

Arrange stitches to be 24 stitches on Needle 1, 12 stitches on Needle 2, and 24 stitches on Needle 3. Join in round.

To make a bigger size, cast on 72 stitches (ie 6 pattern repeats, exactly the same as the Pomatomus pattern).

Knit 7 rows of [P1, K1 tbl] ribbing. Make sure you start

with P1.

Follow the Pomatomus pattern for setting up the pattern. Knit 2 repeats of Chart A (44 rows), shifting the row starting point at the end of each pattern repeat. (I found an SSK decrease was easier than the K2tog TBL specified the Pomatomus pattern).

You can [download the PDF of a chart of the Nereid pattern,](#) courtsey of Jane Emley.

NB : at the end of each pattern repeat (ie every 22 rows), you need to shift the starting point of the rows, to offset the pattern. This is very important!

Move the first stitch from Needle 1 to Needle 3 by knitting the first stitch on Needle 1 (TBL) onto Needle 3. Move the first stitch from Needle 2 to the end of Needle 1. Finally, move the first stitch from Needle 3 to the end of Needle 2.

If you're knitting these on circular needles, then simply move the start of row marker along by 1.

Thumb Gusset

In the third repeat of Chart A, knit to Row 12 (ie Row 56).

Row 13 : Knit 12 stitches in pattern. Place marker. Make 1 (M1 – pick up 'running thread' between the stitch just knit, and the one about to be knit, place on LH needle, knit into the stitch),
place marker (1 st). Knit rest of round in pattern.

Row 14 : Knit in pattern to first marker. SM, M1, **K1**, M1, SM (3 sts). Knit rest of round in pattern.

Row 15 : Knit in pattern to marker. SM, K1, M1, **K1**, M1, K1, SM (5 sts). Knit rest of round as set.

Row 16 : Knit in pattern to marker. SM, K1, M1, **P1, K1, P1**, M1, K1, SM (7 sts). Knit rest of round as set.

Row 17 : Knit in pattern to marker. SM, K1, M1, **K1, P1, K1, P1, K1**, M1, K1, SM (9 sts). Knit rest of round as set.

Continue increasing the sitches in the thumb gusset in this manner until there are 17 stitches between the markers.

Keep the thumb gusset section in [K1 tbl, P1] ribbing. Complete the third repeat of Chart A.

Knit 7 rows of the fourth repeat of Chart A. In each row, knit across the thumb guesset stitches in ribbing.

Row 8 : Put thumb gusset stitches onto waste yarn. Knit rest of round in pattern as set.

Row 9 : Knit the round in pattern, knitting across from the end of the first pattern repeat (12 sts) to the second one, leaving the thumb gusset stitches sitting on the outside of

the glove.

Knit to end of Chart A (13 more rows). Knit in [P1, K1 tbl] ribbing for desired length (~ 7 rows). Bind off.

Put thumb stitches off waste yarn onto 2 DPNs, rejoin yarn. Knit across all stitches in [K1 tbl, P1] ribbing.

Using third DPN, pick up 6 or 8 stitches along the 'back' of the thumb opening. Knit 8 rows of ribbing in the round.

Bind off. Darn in ends.

Go on, make another one, you know you want to!

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