

FLORAL FAIR-ISLE GLOVES

design by CAROL WASSSELL

AT LAST! HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS for Carol Wassell's fabulous Fair Isle gloves. The gloves were submitted to our online Glove Gallery and a photograph was shown in the Fall 2004 issue of *Interweave Knits* (page 7). Carol used a variety of sport-weight yarns that she happened to have on hand; use your own mixture of leftover yarns for a pair of gloves that are distinctly yours.

Finished Size About 8" (20.5 cm) hand circumference and 9" (23 cm) long from cuff to base of middle finger.

Yarn Sportweight yarn in 13 colors: natural, black, green, blue-violet, medium blue, light blue, medium turquoise, light turquoise, red-violet, fuchsia, coral, orange, and yellow-orange. Carol used an assortment of Rauma Finullgarn, Jamieson & Smith Jumper Weight, Harrisville Designs Shetland Weight, and Alice Starmore Campion.

Needles Hand and fingers—Size 2 (2.75 mm): set of 5 double-pointed (dpn). Ribbing—Size 1 (2.25 mm): set of 5 dpn. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Markers (m); stitch holders or waste yarn; tapestry needle.

Gauge 16 sts and 16 rnds = 2" (5 cm) in St st color work patt from charts, worked in the rnd on larger needles.

Right Glove

Cuff: With black and size 2 (2.75 mm) needles, CO 64 sts. Divide sts on four size 1 (2.25 mm) dpn so that there are 16 sts on each needle. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Knit 1 rnd with black. Join natural and work corrugated ribbing as foll: *K1 black, p1 natural; rep from * until a total of 6 rnds of rib have been worked—piece should measure about ¾" (2 cm) from beg. Change to size 2 (2.75 mm) dpn, and work Rnds 1–28 of Cuff chart—piece should measure about 4" (10 cm) from CO. **Hand:** Change to Right Glove chart and work Rnds 1–4, placing markers (pm) on Rnd 4 at each side of the single st at the base of the thumb gusset. *Next rnd:* (Rnd 5 of chart) Cont in patt, work to marked thumb gusset st, slip marker (sl m), M1 (see page 4) with blue-violet, knit the marked st with green, M1 with blue-violet, sl m, work in patt to end of rnd—3 gusset sts bet markers. Work 1 rnd (Rnd 6 of chart) even. *Inc rnd:* Work in patt to first gusset m, sl m, M1 with color indicated, work in colors as shown to second gusset m, M1 with color indicated, sl m, work in patt to end—2 gusset sts inc'd between markers. Work 1 rnd even. Cont as charted, rep the shaping of the last 2 rnds 9 more times, ending with Rnd 25 of chart—23 gusset sts between markers; 86 sts total. Work Rnd 26 even. *Next rnd:* (Rnd 27 of chart) Work 33 sts in patt for back of hand to first gusset m, remove m, place 23 gusset sts onto holder or waste yarn, remove second m, use the backward loop method (see page 4) to CO 1 st with blue-violet over gap, work 30 sts in patt for palm of hand—64 sts; CO st is shown next to the palm sts on chart. Work Rnds 28–40 of chart—piece should measure about 8¾" (22 cm) from CO.

Little finger: With green, k8, place next 48 sts onto a holder or waste yarn to be worked later, use the backward loop method to CO 2 sts over gap, k8—18 little finger sts. Rearrange sts as evenly as possible on 4 dpn and join for working in the rnd. Work even until little finger measures 1" (2.5 cm), or ¼" (3.2 cm) less than desired total length. Dec for top of little finger as foll:

Rnd 1: [K7, k2tog] 2 times—16 sts rem.

Rnds 2–5: Knit.

Rnd 6: [K6, k2tog] 2 times—14 sts rem.

Rnd 7: Knit.

Rnd 8: [K5, k2tog] 2 times—12 sts rem.

Rnd 9: [K4, k2tog] 2 times—10 sts rem.

Rnd 10: [K3, k2tog] 2 times—8 sts rem.

Cut yarn, thread tail on a tapestry needle, draw through rem sts twice, pull tight, and fasten off. To raise the rest of the hand ¼" (6 mm) to the base of the rem fingers, return 48 held sts to 4 dpn with RS facing. Join for working in the rnd, and beg at base of little finger, work 1 rnd even, picking up and knitting 2 sts at base of CO for little finger to eliminate any gap—50 sts. Work 1 rnd even. Work rem fingers as foll:

Ring finger: K8, place next 34 sts on holder, use the backward loop method to CO 2 sts over gap, k8—18 ring finger sts. Rearrange sts as evenly as possible on 4 dpn and join for working in the rnd. Work even until ring finger measures 1½" (3.8 cm), or ¼" (3.2 cm) less than desired total length. Dec as for top of little finger—8 sts rem. Cut yarn, and finish as for little finger.

Middle finger: Place next 8 sts on dpn for back-of-hand sts, then place last 8 sts from palm on a separate dpn. With RS facing, join green at center of 2 sts CO at base of ring finger. Pick up and knit 1 st in sts CO at base of ring finger, k8 from first dpn, use backward loop method to CO 2 sts, k8 from second dpn, pick up and knit 1 st in rem st CO at base of ring finger—20 middle finger sts. Rearrange sts evenly on 4 dpn and join for working in the rnd. Work even until middle finger measures 2" (5 cm), or 1" (2.5 cm) less than desired total length. Dec for top of middle finger as foll:

Rnd 1: [K8, k2tog] 2 times—18 sts rem.

Rnds 2 and 4: Knit.

Rnd 3: [K7, k2tog] 2 times—16 sts rem.

Rnd 5: [K6, k2tog] 2 times—14 sts rem.

Rnd 6: [K5, k2tog] 2 times—12 sts rem.

Rnd 7: [K4, k2tog] 2 times—10 sts rem.

Rnd 8: [K3, k2tog] 2 times—8 sts rem.

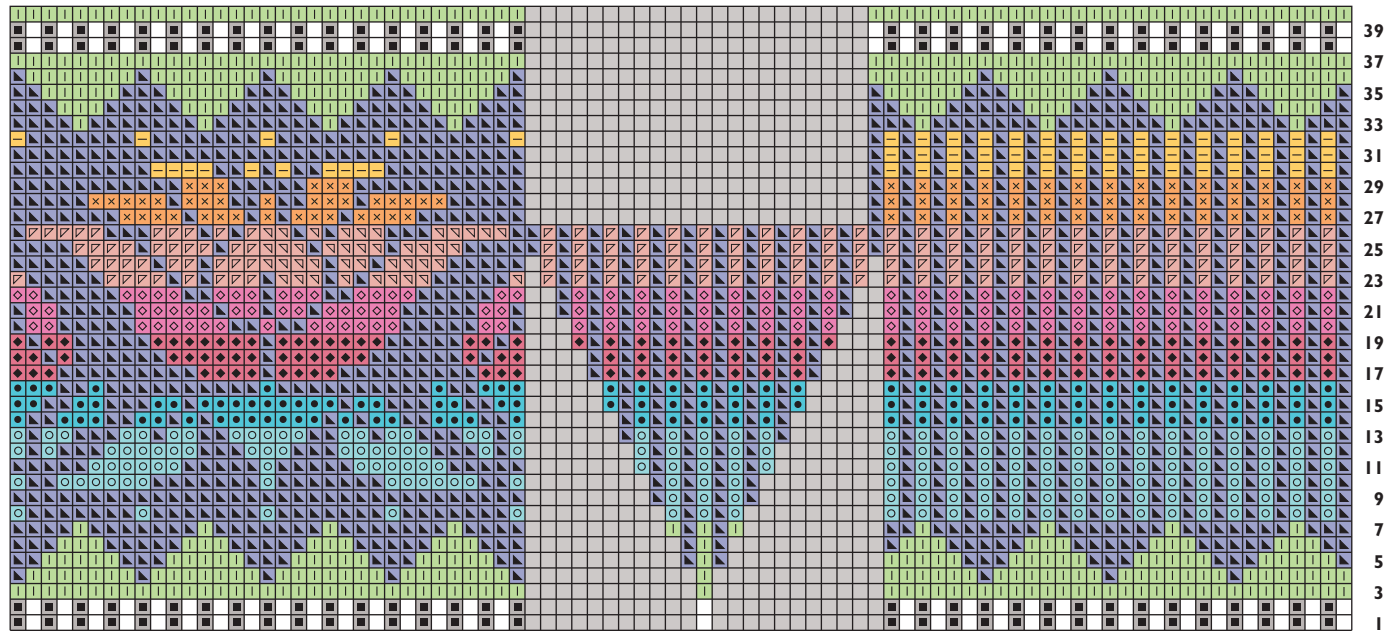
Cut yarn, and finish as for little finger.



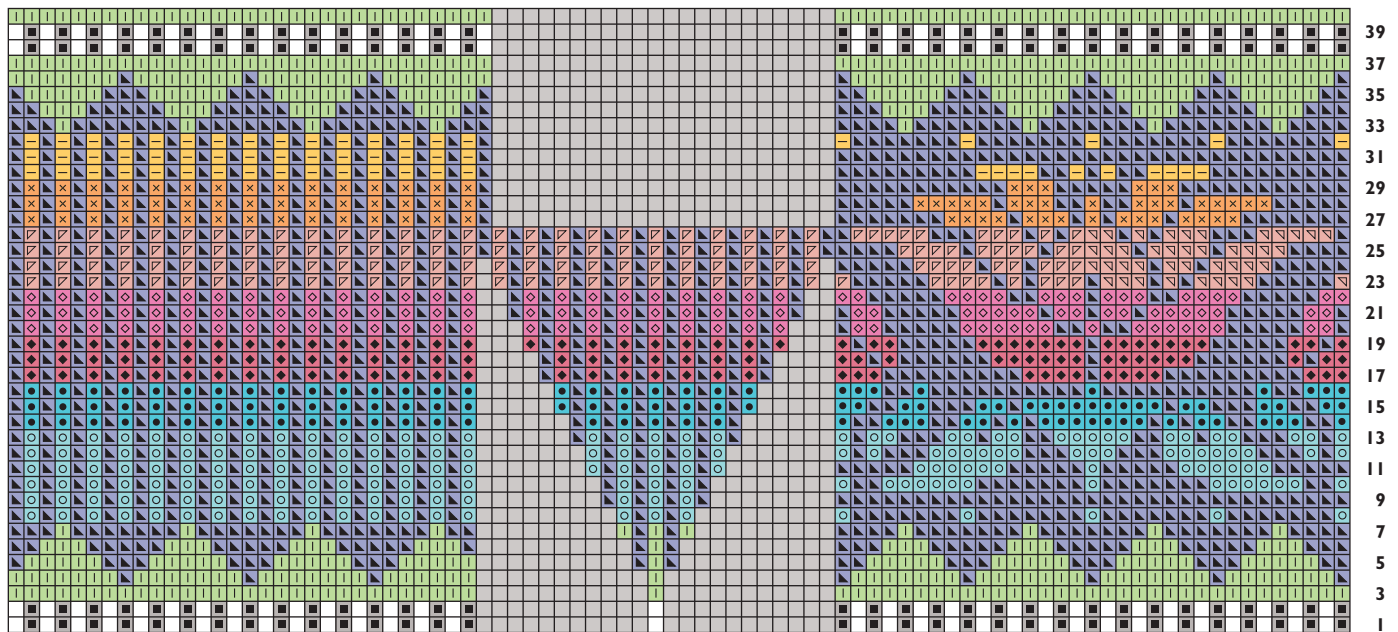
Index finger: Place next 9 sts for back of hand on a dpn, then place rem 9 sts from palm on a separate dpn. With RS facing, join green in center of 2 CO sts at base of middle finger. Pick up and knit 1 st in sts CO for base of middle finger, k9 from first dpn, k9 from second dpn, pick up and knit 1 st in rem st CO at base of middle finger—20 sts. Rearrange sts evenly on 4 dpn and join for working in the rnd. Work even until index finger measures 1¼" (4.5 cm), or 1" (2.5 cm) less than desired total length. Dec as for top of middle finger—8 sts rem. Cut yarn and finish as for little finger.

Thumb: Divide 23 held gusset sts as evenly as possible on 4 dpn. With RS facing, join green at st CO above thumb gusset, and join for working in the rnd. Pick up and knit 1 st in base of CO st, pick up and knit 1 st from edge of back-of-hand sts to eliminate any gap, k23 thumb sts, pick up and knit 1 st from edge of palm sts—26 sts. *Dec rnd:* K1, ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—24 sts rem. Work 3 rnds even. Rep dec rnd, then work 1 rnd even—22 sts rem. Rep the last 2 rnds 2 more times—18 sts rem. Rep dec rnd every rnd 5 more times (no rnds worked even in between)—8 sts rem. Cut yarn, and finish as for little finger.

Left Glove



Right Glove



	natural
	black
	green
	blue-violet
	medium blue
	light blue
	medium turquoise
	light turquoise
	red-violet
	fuchsia
	coral
	orange
	yellow-orange
	no stitch

Cuff

	27
	25
	23
	21
	19
	17
	15
	13
	11
	9
	7
	5
	3
	1

Left Glove

Cuff: With black and size 2 (2.75 mm) needle, CO 64 sts. Work as for right glove until Rnds 1–28 of Cuff chart have been completed—piece should measure about 4" (10 cm) from beg. **Hand:** Change to Left Glove chart and work Rnds 1–4, pm on either side of the single st at the base of the thumb gusset on Rnd 4. Work thumb gusset shaping as for right glove until Rnd 25 of Left Glove chart has been completed—23 gusset sts between markers; 86 sts total. Work Rnd 26 even. **Next rnd:** (Rnd 27 of chart) Work 30 sts in patt for palm to first gusset m, remove m, use backward loop method to CO 1 st with blue-violet, place 23 gusset sts on holder or scrap yarn, remove second m, work 33 sts in patt for back of hand—64 sts; CO st is shown next to the palm sts on chart. Work Rnds 28–40 of chart—piece should measure about 8¾" (22 cm) from beg. **Little finger:** Work little finger as for right glove. To raise the rest of the hand ¼" (6 mm) to the base of the rem fingers, return 48 held sts to 4 dpn with RS facing. Join for working in the rnd, and beg at base of little finger work 1 rnd even, picking up 2 sts at base of sts CO for little finger to eliminate any gap—50 sts. Work 1 more rnd even. **Ring finger:** Work ring finger as for right glove. **Middle finger:** Place next 8 sts for palm on a dpn, then place last 8 sts from back of hand on a separate dpn. Complete as for right glove. **Index finger:** Place next 9 sts for palm on a dpn, then place rem 9 sts from back of hand on a separate dpn. Complete as for right glove. **Thumb:** Divide 23 held thumb sts as evenly as possible on 4 dpn. With RS facing, join green at st CO above thumb gusset, and join for working in the rnd. Pick up and knit 1 st in base of CO st, pick up and knit 1 st from edge of palm sts knit to eliminate

Backward Loop Cast-On



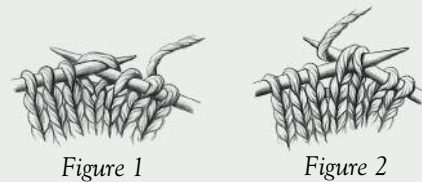
*Loop working yarn and place it on needle backward so that it doesn't unwind. Repeat from *.

Raised (M1) Increases



With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the back (Figure 2).

Ssk Decrease



Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

any gap, k23 thumb sts, pick up and knit 1 st from edge of back-of-hand sts—26 sts. Complete as for right glove.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends. Wash in mild soap and rinse several times. Roll in a bath towel to remove excess moisture. Pat into shape and lay flat to dry. ∞

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