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128 Superwash

Birch Creek Fingerless Mitts & Hat

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Skill Level:

Intermediate

Size:

Mitts: S (M, L)
7¼ (7¾, 8¼)" [18 (20, 21) cm] hand circumference.
Hat: S (M, L)
21¼ (22½, 23¾)" [54 (57, 60) cm] head circumference.

Finished Measurements:

Mitts: 6¼ (6¾, 7¼)" [16 (17, 18) cm] palm circumference x 6¾ (7¼, 7½)" [17 (18, 19) cm] from lower cuff to upper cuff; design has 1" [2.5 cm] of negative ease.
Hat: 19¼ (20½, 21¾)" [49, (52, 55) cm] x 8 (9, 9½)" [20, (23, 24) cm] from brim to top; design has 2" [5 cm] of negative ease.

Materials:

Cascade Yarns® 128 Superwash
100% Superwash Merino Wool
100 g (3.5 oz)/ 128 yds (117 m)
2 (2, 2) skeins for the set in color #232 (Grape Compote)
US 10 (6 mm)/16" (40 cm & DPN Knitting Needles (set of 4) or size to obtain gauge.
US 8 (5 mm)/16" (40 cm) & DPN Knitting Needles (set of 4) or needles 2 sizes smaller than larger needle.
Cable Needle
8 Stitch Markers
8" scrap yarn or stitch holder (mitts)
Yarn Needle

Gauge:

With larger needles
14 sts x 20 rnds = 4" (10 cm) Blocked in the rnd, in Reverse Stockinette stitch.
20 sts x 20 rnds = 4" [10 cm] Blocked in the rnd, Birch Creek Left-Cross pattern.
With smaller needles
19 sts x 22 rnds = 4" [10 cm] Blocked in the rnd, in 1x1 rib.

Abbreviations

1/1 LC	= 1 over 1 Left Cross
1/1 LPC	= 1 over 1 Left Purl Cross
1/1 RC	= 1 over 1 Right Cross
1/1 RPC	= 1 over 1 Right Purl Cross
CN	= Cable needle

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CO	= Cast On
BO	= Bind Off
M	= Marker
M1PL	= Make 1 left purl
M1PR	= Make 1 right purl
K	= Knit
P	= Purl
P2tog	= Purl 2 together
P2tog tbl	= Purl 2 together through back loop
PM	= Place marker
Rnd(s)	= Round(s)
SM	= Slip Marker
Sl	= Slip
St(s)	= Stitch(es)

Notes for Stitch Patterns: *Patterns are worked over 14 sts for mitts and hat. It may be helpful to place a stitch marker at the far edge of the Birch Creek Stitch pattern to mark the sts designated for the pattern. Birch Creek Left Cross pattern is worked on the right mitt and on the hat. Birch Creek Right Cross pattern is worked on the left mitt. Charts are also provided for Birch Creek Left Cross and Birch Creek Right Cross stitch patterns.*

Birch Creek Left Cross stitch pattern (BCLC)
Rnd 1: 1/1 LC, [P2, 1/1 LPC] 3 times.
Rnd 2: K1, 1/1 LPC [P2, 1/1 LPC] twice, P2, K1.
Rnd 3: K1, P1, 1/1 LPC [P2, 1/1 LPC] twice, P1, K1.
Rnd 4: K1, P2, 1/1 LPC [P2, 1/1 LPC] twice, K1.
Repeat Rnds 1-4 for pattern.

Birch Creek Right Cross stitch pattern (BCRC)
Rnd 1: [1/1 RPC, P2] 3 times, 1/1 RC.
Rnd 2: K1, P2, [1/1 RPC, P2] twice, 1/1 RPC, K1.
Rnd 3: K1, P1, [1/1 RPC, P2] twice, 1/1 RPC, P1, K1.
Rnd 4: K1 [1/1 RPC, P2] 3 times, K1.
Repeat Rnds 1-4 for pattern.

1 over 1 Left Cross (1/1 LC): Sl 1 st onto to CN, hold to front, K1, K1 from CN
1 over 1 Left Purl Cross (1/1 LPC): Sl 1 st onto to CN, hold to front, P1, K1 from CN
1 over 1 Right Cross (1/1 RC): Sl 1 st onto to CN, hold to back, K1, K1 from CN
1 over 1 Right Purl Cross (1/1 RPC): Sl 1 st onto to CN, hold to back, K1, P1 from CN
Make 1 Left (M1PL): Using the left needle, make 1 st by lifting the strand between st just worked and next st from front to back, and then purl into the back of this thread – increase 1 st.
Make 1 Right (M1PR): Using the left needle, make 1 st by lifting the strand between st just worked and next st from back to front, and then purl into the front of this thread – increase 1 st.

Mitts Pattern:
Right Mitt:
Lower Cuff:
With smaller DPNs and long tail CO method, loosely CO 26 (28, 30) sts, and divide sts over 3 needles. PM and join in the rnd, being careful not to twist work.

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Rnd 1: *[K1, P1]; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 for 17 rnds or until cuff measures 3” [7.6 cm].

Gusset Shaping:

Switch to larger DPNs.
Set up Rnd: [K1, P1] seven times, P1 (2, 3) PM, M1PL, PM purl to end of rnd. – 27 (29, 31) sts.
Rnd 1: Work Birch Creek Left-Cross pattern over 14 sts, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 2: Continue in BCLC pattern, P1 (2, 3), SM, M1PL, purl to next M, M1PR, SM, purl to end of rnd – 29 (31, 33) sts.
Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 until there are 9 (11, 11) sts between thumb gusset markers – 35 (39, 41) sts.
Work Rnd 1 once more.
Final Gusset Rnd: Continue in BCLC pattern, P1 (2, 3) remove M, then Sl the next 9 (11, 11) sts to scrap yarn or stitch holder, remove next M, purl to end of rnd – 26 (28, 30) sts.

Upper Mitt

Rnd 1: Continue in BCLC pattern over 14 sts, purl to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 two (4, 6) more times.

Upper Cuff:

Switch to smaller DPNs.
Rnd 1: *[P1, K1]; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 three more times.
BO sts using basic BO method in [P1, K1] pattern.

Left Mitt:

Lower Cuff:

With smaller DPNs and long tail CO method, loosely CO 26 (28, 30) sts, and divide sts over 3 needles.
PM and join in the rnd, being careful not to twist work.
Rnd 1: *[P1, K1]; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 for 17 rnds or until cuff measures 3” [7.6 cm].

Gusset Shaping:

Switch to larger DPNs
Set up Rnd: [P1, K1] 7 times, purl until 1 (2, 3) sts remain, PM, M1PL, PM purl to end of rnd. – 27 (29, 31) sts.
Rnd 1: Work Birch Creek Right-Cross pattern over 14 sts, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 2: Continue in BCRC pattern, purl to M, SM, M1PL, purl to next M, M1PR, SM, purl to end of rnd. – 29 (31, 33) sts.
Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 until there are 9 (11, 11) sts between thumb gusset markers. – 35 (39, 41) sts.
Work Rnd 1 once more.
Final gusset Rnd: Continue in BCRC pattern, purl to M, remove M, then Sl the next 9 (11, 11) sts to scrap yarn or stitch holder, remove next M, purl to end of rnd. – 26 (28, 30) sts.

Upper Mitt:

Rnd 1: Work in BCRC pattern over 14 sts, purl to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 two (4, 6) more times.

Upper Cuff:

Switch to smaller DPNs.
Rnd 1: *[K1, P1]; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 three more times.
BO sts using basic BO method in [K1, P1] pattern.

Thumb (Right & Left):

With larger DPNs, Sl thumb sts from scrap yarn or stitch holder, distributing over 2 needles.
Then pick up 3 sts across gap. – 12 (14, 14) sts.
Begin a new ball of yarn, and leave 6” (15 cm) tail in order to weave together gaps at bottom of thumb.
Set up Rnd: P4 (5, 5), P2tog, P4 (5, 5), P2tog. – 10 (12, 12) sts.

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Purl 1 (1, 2) rnds.
Loosely BO sts using basic knit BO and weave in ends.
Close gaps at bottom of thumbs.

Hat Pattern:
Brim:
With smaller circular needles, loosely CO 72 (76, 80) sts using the long tail CO. PM and join in the rnd, being careful not to twist work.

Small size only:
Rnd 1: *[K1, P1]; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 for 8 (-, -) rnds or until brim measures 1½ (-, -)" [3.8 (-, -) cm].

Medium and Large sizes only:
Rnd 1: *[P1, K1]; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnd 1 for - (8, 11) rnds or until brim measures - (1½, 2)" [- (3.8, 5) cm].

Main Hat (all sizes):
Switch to larger DPNs
Rnd 1: P2 (3, 3), work Rnd 1 BCLC pattern over 14sts, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 2: P2 (3, 3), work Rnd 2 BCLC pattern over 14sts, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 3: P2 (3, 3), work Rnd 3 BCLC pattern over 14sts, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 4: P2 (3, 3), work Rnd 4 BCLC pattern over 14sts, purl to end of rnd.
Repeat Rnds 1-4 four (5, 5) more times ending on Rnd 4.

Crown Shaping:
Small and Large sizes:
Set up Rnd: P2 (-, 3), [1/1LPC, P2] three times, 1/1 RPC, P19 (-, 22), PM, [P18 (-, 20), PM] twice, P1.

Medium size:
Set up Rnd: P2tog, P1, [1/1 LPC, P2] three times, 1/1 RPC, P2, P2tog, P16, PM, [P1, P2tog, P16, PM] twice, P1. – - (72, -) sts.

All sizes:
Rnd 1: P1, P2tog, P0 (0, 1), [1/1 LPC, P2] twice, 1/1 LPC, 1/1 RPC, P0 (0, 1), P2tog tbl, [P2, P2tog, purl to 2 sts before M, P2tog tbl, SM] three times, P1. – 64 (64, 72) sts.
Rnd 2: P3 (3, 4), [1/1 LPC, P2] twice, 1/1 RPC, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 3: P1, P2tog, P1, (1, 2), 1/1 LPC, P2, 1/1 LPC, 1/1 RPC, P1 (1, 2), P2tog tbl, [P2, P2tog, purl to 2 sts before M, P2tog tbl, SM] three times, P1. – 56 (56, 64) sts.
Rnd 4: P4 (4, 5), 1/1 LPC, P2, 1/1 RPC, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 5: P1, P2tog, P2 (2, 3), 1/1 LPC, 1/1 RPC, P2 (2, 3), P2tog tbl, [P2, P2tog, purl to 2 sts before M, P2tog tbl, SM] three times, P1. – 48 (48, 56) sts.
Rnd 6: P5 (5, 6), K2, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 7: P1, P2tog, P2 (2, 3), K2, P2 (2, 3), P2tog tbl, [P2, P2tog, purl to 2 sts before M, P2tog tbl, SM] three times, P1. – 40 (40, 48) sts.
Rnd 8: P4 (4, 5), K2, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 9: P1, P2tog, P1 (1, 2), K2, P1 (1, 2), P2tog tbl, [P2, P2tog, purl to 2 sts before M, P2tog tbl, SM] three times, P1. – 32 (32, 40) sts.

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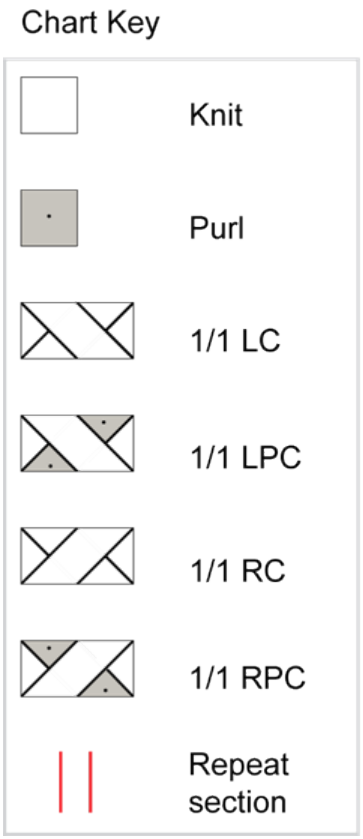
Rnd 10: P3 (3, 4), K2, purl to end of rnd.
Rnd 11: P1, P2tog, P0 (0, 1), K2, P0 (0, 1), P2tog tbl, [P2, P2tog, purl to 2 sts before M, P2tog tbl, SM] three times, P1. – 24 (24, 32) sts. Remove st markers.
Rnd 12: [P2tog] 12 (12, 16 times) – 12 (12, 16) sts.

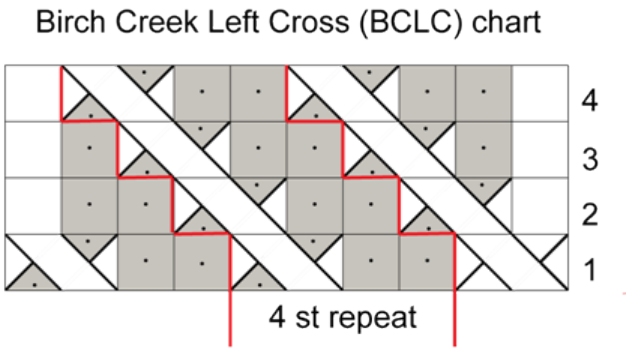
Break yarn, leaving 6” (15 cm) of waste yarn.
Thread a yarn needle with attached strand of yarn.
Then slip needle purlwise through the live sts remaining on the needle, starting with the 1st st in the rnd.
Slip sts off needle after all sts are threaded with the attached yarn.
Pull tight, break yarn and weave in ends.

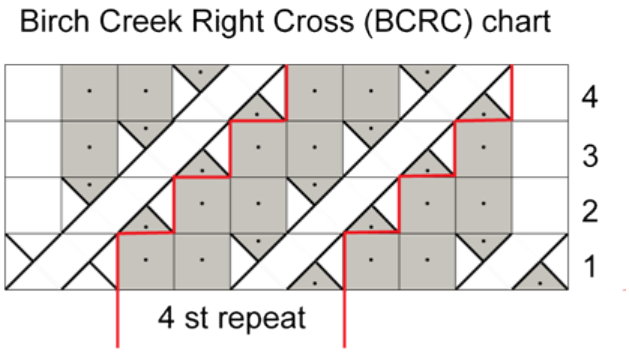
Blocking and Finishing (Hat & Mitts):

Lightly block mitts and hat to finished measurements.

Charts:







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