

PATTERN GROLSE WANTEN (GROENLO MITTENS)

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MATERIALS

- Regia 6-ply sock yarn (125m/50g) or similar yarn
 - o 50 g dark blue
 - o 50 g white
 - o some left-over yarn in bright red
- set of 5 double pointed needles 3.5 mm
- 2 stitch markers
- darning needle

GAUGE

28 stitches and 28 rows stockinette stitch on needles size 3.5 mm is 10 x 10 cm

MEASUREMENTS

Length: 26 cm

Circumference hand: 21 cm



HOW TO KNIT THE MITTENS

Knit the left mitten according to the description and charts below. Knit the right mitten in mirror image.

CUFF

Cast on 44 stitches with dark blue. Distribute the stitches on 4 needles (11 per needles). Knit 11 rows in stockinette stitch. In the 12th row knit the stitches together with the loops from the cast-on row, thus creating a seam. Make sure the stitches are in a straight line above each other otherwise the cuff will slant.

Start knitting according to chart Cuff from row 13 with blue and white. Starting in row 25, knit three rows with red and blue.

HAND AND THUMB GORE

Continue knitting according to chart Hand. Increase 6 stitches according to chart in row 1. Place the six stitches that will be the beginning of the thumb gore between stitch markers.

Distribute the stitches as follows on the 4 needles:

1st needle: 13 stitches

2nd needle: 3 stitches, stitch marker, 6 stitches, stitch marker, 3 stitches

3rd needle: 13 stitches

4th needle: 12 stitches

Knit the stitches of the thumb gore according to chart Thumb and at the same time knit the stitches for the hand according to chart Hand in blue and white.

Do not forget to knit the star pattern! The thumb gore increases are made by picking up the bar between two stitches. Place this strand onto the left needle and knit it through the back loop.

Place the 16 stitches of the thumb gore (chart Thumb) on a stitch holder or piece of waste yarn after row 21 of chart Hand and Thumb. Knit on according to chart Hand (row 22). Cast on 12 extra stitches on the 2nd needle according to chart Thumb. In total there are 18 stitches on the 2nd needle now. Distribute the stitches again on the 4 needles (14 stitches per needle).

TOP OF THE MITTEN

Start decreasing for the top at row 46 according to chart Hand. Check the length of the mitten on your hand. If you want to shorten or lengthen the mitten you can knit (a multiple of) 4 rows less or more.

Note: all decreases are made with the white yarn. Eight stitches remain. Darn the stitches into the top according to chart Hand in the right order and thus keep the lines at the top of the mittens correct. So first the white strands from below, then the blue ones and finally the white ones from the top.

THUMB

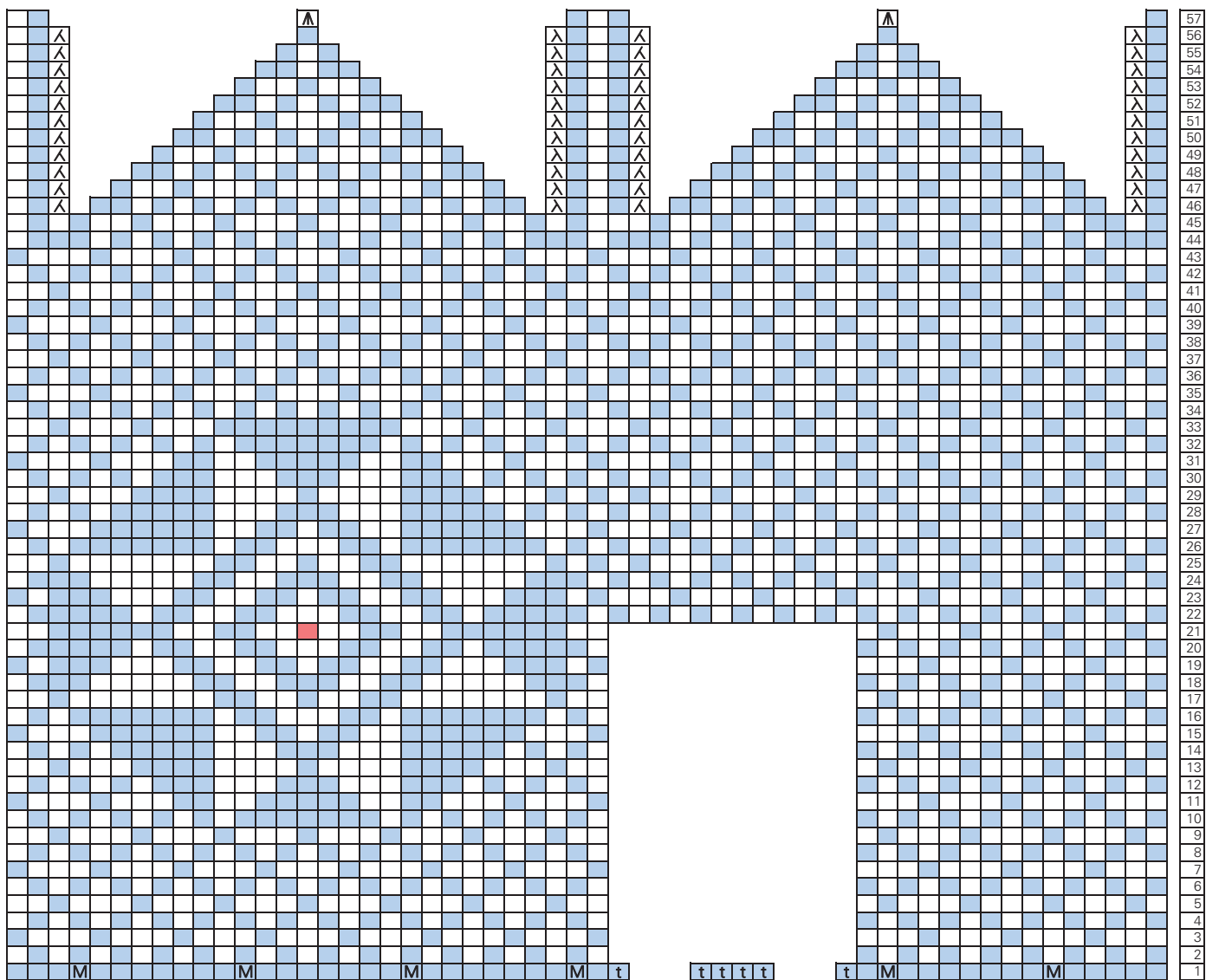
Knit further on the thumb according to chart Thumb. Place the 16 stitches from the stitch holder on a needle and pick up 12 stitches (in pattern) from the newly cast-on stitches of the hand. Avoid making holes at the corners (or close them afterwards).

Distribute the stitches on 3 needles. Start the decreases in row 38. Check the length of the thumb. The knitting should reach the nail bed of the thumb. If you want to shorten or lengthen the mitten you can knit a few rows less or more. Seven stitches remain after decreasing. Cut the strands and draw the blue strand firmly through the 7 stitches. Pull it tight and weave in the ends of the blue and the white strand.

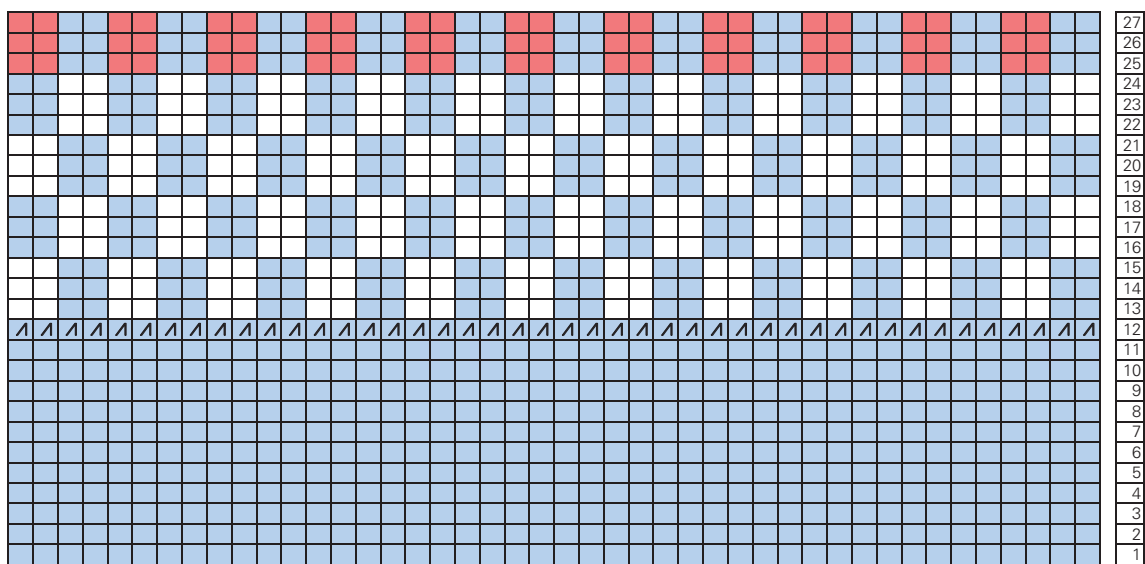
FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

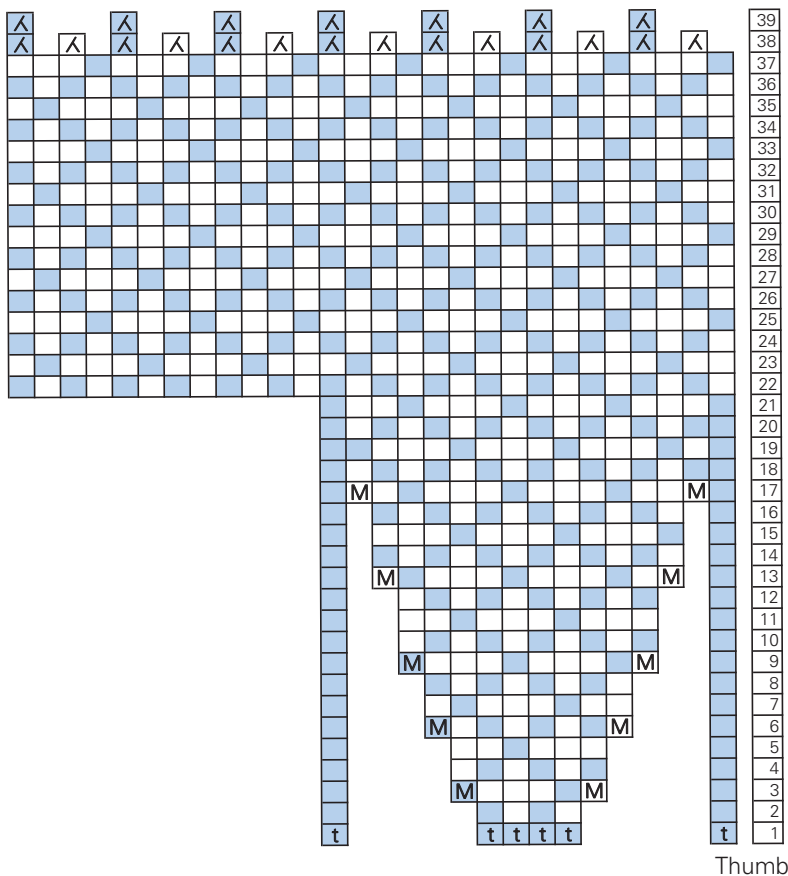
Block the mittens.



Hand



Cuff



Symbols

- t Stitches that form the beginning of the thumb gore.
- M Make 1 stitch by picking up the bar between two stitches.
Place this strand onto the left needle and knit it through the back loop
- ⋈ Knit two stitches together
- ⋈ SSK
- ⋈ K2tog psso
- ⋈ Knit one stitch together with one loops from the cast-on row.



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