

Da Xiong Mao mittens knitting pattern

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The Da Xiong Mao mittens are designed by me with a special thought. As the giant panda is one of protected species on this planet which we have to protect, this idea came to me when i was able to see two giant panda's for real. Of course besides panda's, there are so many other species that needs to be protected, but as the giant panda is also the icon for WNF that fights for all these species i thought it was the perfect thing to take the panda as the inspiration. For a full background story you can also visit my blog :

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We have to take care of our planet and make sure we pass it through in a good way to the next generation of human beings. So if you make this pattern for free, please take in mind that instead of paying for a pattern you also could give a small gift to a fund that fights for these kind of things. I give this away for free to the world in hope the gratitude for it will return in this way.

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Materials :

- Scheepjes Invicta Extra sockyarn (75% wool / 25 % polyamide) on balls of 50 grams with a length of 210 meters. You need two colors for these mittens, in this pattern is used :

Color A : Scheepjes Invicta Extra color 1331 – black x 1 ball

Color B : Scheepjes Invicta Extra color 1342 – off-white x 1 ball

Needles :

2,5mm dp sock needles 20cm or shorter if you prefer.

Other materials needed :

Tapestry needle

Stitch holders or some waste yarn.

Gauge :

A testknit with 32 sts x 42 rows will be approx. 10 cm x 10 cm on 2,5 mm needles.

Finished Size :

It is a one size pattern which will fit a regular adults hand. The finished sizes are :

Total length of mitten including cuff : 22,5 cm / 8,8 inches

Total length of thumb : 7 cm / 2,7 inches

Total width of mitten measured flat : 10 cm / 3,9 inches

However, if you have a larger hand, you can just gain up your needles with 0,5 mm. The end results will evolve in length and width with approx. 2 – 2,5 cm / 1 inch. If you have a smaller hand, it works the reversed way by taking a needle size smaller.

Take note that a mitten is made to be comfortable so a little extra space is just normal when wearing it. Mittens are actually multifunctional as they are fitting a width arrangement of hand sizes by the form and design of it.

Abbreviations :

K – knit

Inc – increase one st.

Dec – decrease one st.

K2tog – knit 2 sts together.

() – repeat part

[] – total number of sts on a round.

Pattern notes :

- when working a chart you always read them from right to left just as the counting is written down. However, if you are a lefthanded knitter it is easier to work the chart from left to right. In the end result there will be no difference.
- in the chart there is a righthanded and a lefthanded version. Both are made once to obtain two mittens with thumbs. The thumb chart will be applied to both mittens the same.
- in the chart the red line just shows the line between the front side and the backside of the mitten. The red line is **not a stitch** so just skip it when working your rounds.
- in the chart you will find a 'I', this means you have to increase a stitch. As you also will notice the stitch count will grow on both sides when increasing in the chart.
- the same goes for decreasing. There are no marks for a decrease in the chart, however if you encounter a part in the chart where the next block is missing, it means you have to make a decrease.
- as it is a fair isle mitten you will work with two colors of yarn on and off along the entire mitten. If you don't know how to knit with two colors, just take a look on Youtube or the internet. There are so many tutorials and explanations of it that i found it not necessary to write it all down.
- the mittens are worked in rounds on four needles, the whole pattern will be in stockinette stitch.
- when the thumb is set aside, you have to create some new stitches. I prefer to cast them on by hand but anyway will work. Just take the method you like best, and if you don't know how to do it, just check a Youtube video. A video says more than a thousand words sometimes.

Instructions :

Cuff :

With color B, cast on 56 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 needles.[14 sts on each needle]

Join circularly, taking care not to twist sts. Now work in ribbing : K2,P2 on entire round.

Keep working ribs for another 20 rounds.

Knit 3 rounds, increasing on the second round as follows : K2, (Inc, K9) 6 times. [62 sts]

Lower hand and Thumb Gusset :

Begin Chart A, work it up to Round 12 with increasing sts as they are written down in the chart. [72 sts]

When Round 12 is worked, it is time to set aside the thumb. Start Round 13 and knit as charted up to the empty bar above the thumb increasing part. Slip the 17 sts on a stitch holder or a piece of waste yarn and keep them aside. Cast on 17 new sts and continue working the rest of the chart of Round 13. It is fine to put all sts for the lower hand and thumb side on one needle now. This means you would continue working on three needles. However, if you like four better, just continue with four needles.





Now continue working Round 14 to 54 to complete the mid hand part.

Finger part :

You now gonna work Round 55 to 70 from Chart A to complete the mitten and so the finger part. As you will see you will decrease 4 sts on each round now. When you completed Round 70 you will have 8 sts left. Divide them onto 2 needles so you have 4 sts on each needle. Fasten off Color B and finish the last sts with Color A by knitting 4 times 2 sts together.



Now you will have 4 sts left. Fasten off the yarn with a long thread and pull it through all 4 sts. Pull it tight and sew a few times over the pulled sts to close the top for sure. Then pull the thread to top to the inside of the mitten. Weave in the ends.

Finish the Thumb.

The Thumb is worked on two needles. With Color B, pick up 19 sts onto one needle on the side of the empty bar in chart A where you casted on 17 new sts in Round 13. Pick up 1 st on the side, pick up the 17 new sts and the last st on the other side of it. This is the backside of the thumb.



Now take the second needle and pick up the 17 sts which you hold aside on your stitch holder or waste yarn. This will be the front side of the thumb and also the part where you will start on the first st.

Keep in mind that you always start at this side. Now you are gonna work Chart B over these sts, keep in mind you start on the front side needle as you will increase two sts in the first round on this side.

Work the Chart till you reach Round 23. Fasten off Color B. You will have 4 sts left. As you already will have 2 sts on each needle left, fasten off the yarn with a long thread. Pull the thread to all 4 sts and pull it tight so you close the top. Sew a few times over the top and when finished pull the thread to the top to the inside of the thumb. Weave in the end.

Now the mitten will be finished. Make a matching one in the reversed version. So if you made a left handed first, now make a right handed version and exact the same for the opposite.

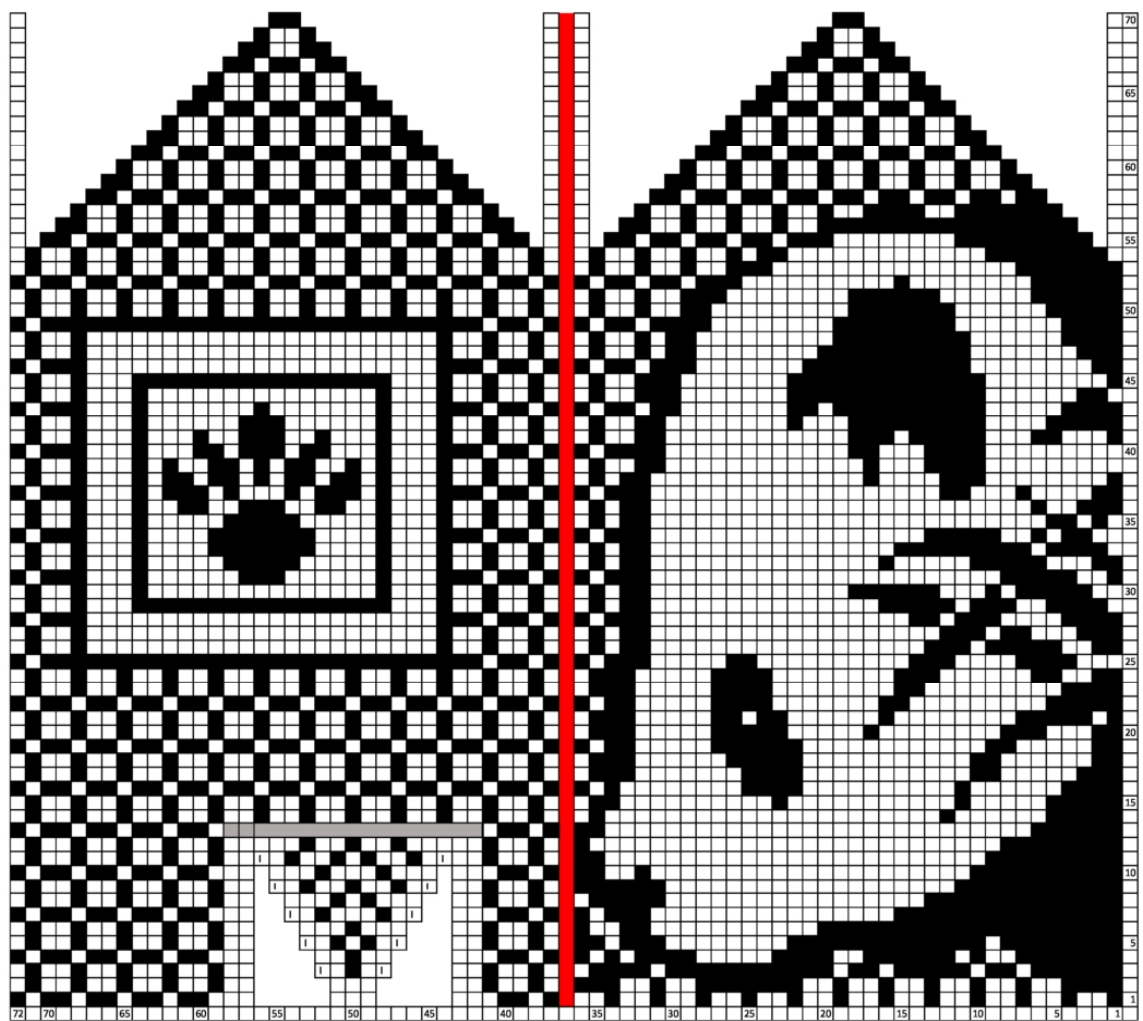
Chart A right hand version :

Black square = Color A

White square = Color B

I = increase

Red line = no stitch (just a border to show the back- and front side of the mitten)



MITTEN CHART RIGHT HAND - CHART A

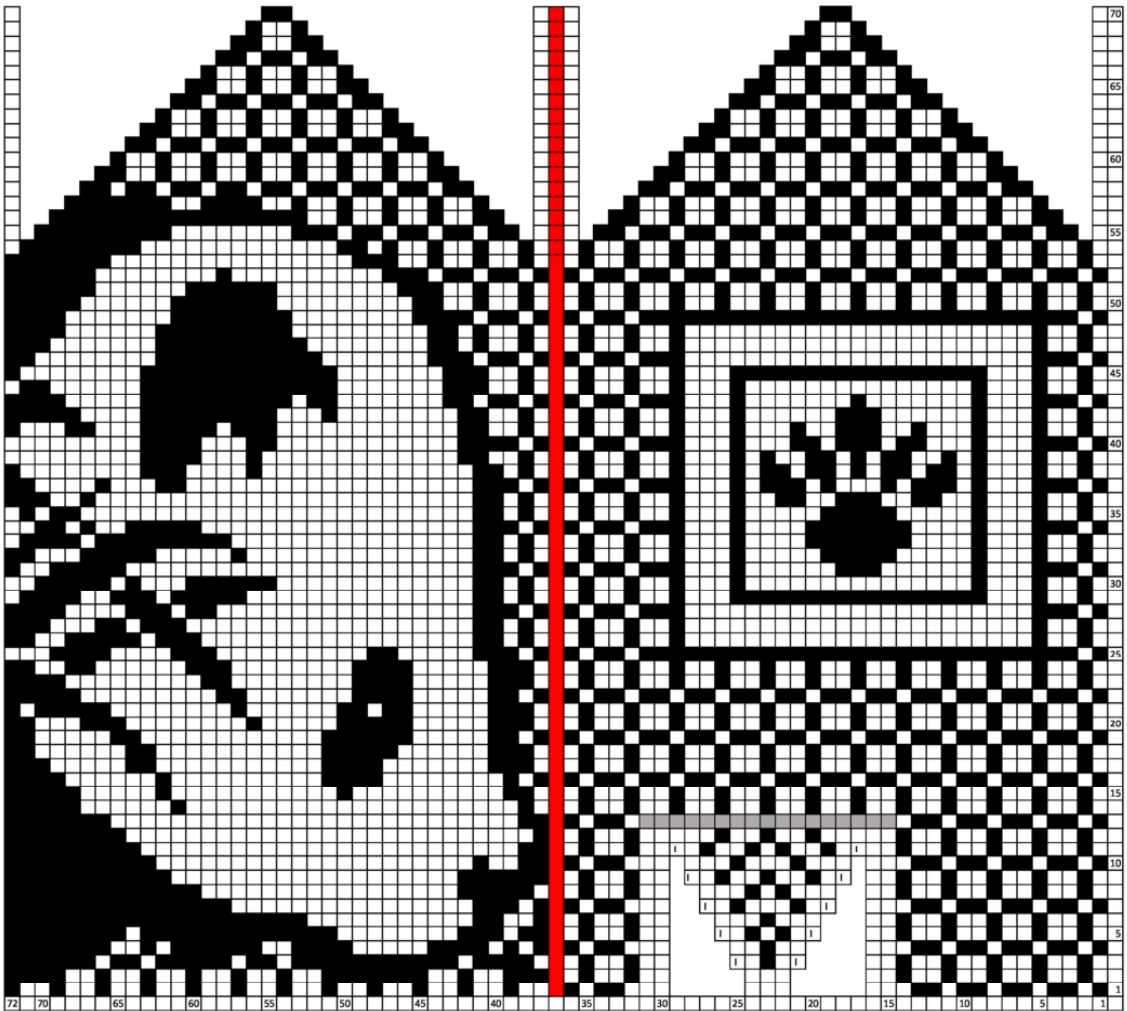
Chart A left hand version :

Black square = Color A

White square = Color B

I = increase

Red line = no stitch (just a border to show the back- and front side of the mitten)



MITTEN CHART LEFT HAND - CHART A

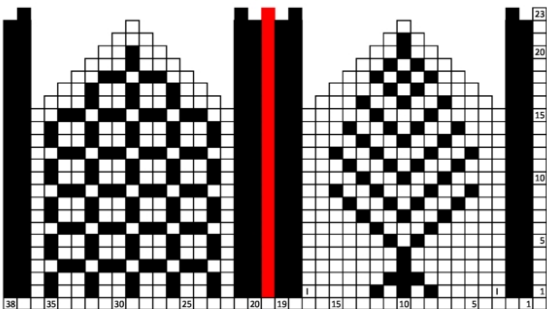
Chart B thumb :

Black square = Color A

White square = Color B

I = increase

Red line = no stitch (just a border to show the back- and front side of the mitten)



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Last but not least, thank you so much for making this pattern. A lot of effort, time and creativity are in this little piece of art and every single thing that comes out of it makes it all the work so worth it.