

Sharks of October

With the 2019 Washington Nationals still playing for a wild card slot, my optimism that they will still be playing deep into October led me to create these fingerless mitts. As any fan knows, sharks (particularly the baby kind) helped turn this team around. And we will need them in the spring when the new season starts.



Because this is a free pattern, I have provided the instructions for one size only, a 7.5-inch hand. The mitts can be adjusted for size in a couple of ways.

- To change the width, subtract or add stitches (multiples of 8)
- To change the length, subtract or add repeats (each chart is 6 rows)

This pattern uses an afterthought thumb. I have provide simple instructions and there are lots of great tutorials available.

Materials:

Jamieson and Smith 2 play Jumper Weight

MC: Red (93)-2 balls

CC1 Black (77)-1 ball

CC2 White (01)-1 ball

Needles:

Size 2.5 circular or double pointed as you prefer for working small circumferences in the round.

Gauge:

30 stitches equals 4 inches/ 10 centimeters

36 rows equals 4 inches/10 centimeters

Instructions:

Both Mitts:

With CC1 cast on 52 stitches.

Change to MC, join, and work 20 rounds in K2, P2 rib.

On next round, working in MC, increase 4 stitches evenly spaced (56 stitches).

Begin colorwork: (Chart A followed by Chart B) twice, then the first 5 rounds of Chart A.

Right Mitt:

Continuing with round 6 of Chart A, work 3 stitches in MC, work next 8 stitches with waste yarn, slide them back to left needle and, working in MC, finish round.

Continue colorwork: (Chart B followed by Chart A), then the first five rounds of Chart B

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On round 6, decrease 4 stitches evenly spaced.
 Work 10 rounds K2, P2, rib and then bind off in rib.

Left Mitt

Continuing with round 6 of Chart B, work 45 stitches in MC, work next 8 stitches with waste yarn, slide them back to left hand needle and, working in MC, finish round.

Continue colorwork: (Chart B, Chart A) then the first five rounds of Chart B.

Chart B, Chart A, Chart B first five rounds

On round 6, decrease 4 stitches evenly spaced.

Work 10 rounds K2, P2, rib and then bind off in rib.

Afterthought thumbs (worked the same)

Remove the stitches from the waste yarn, picking up 16 live stitches and divide them on your needles. Using the MC, join and work in the round, picking up 1 stitch from the body of the mitt, at each end (18 stitches) to close any holes. Work for 10 rounds, then 5 rounds of K1, P1, rib. Bind off in rib.

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								3
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8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

CHART A

								6
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								4
								3
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								1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

CHART B