

loumms creations

astrild

size: to fit small-
medium women's hand

finished
measurements:
wrist circumference
(flat): 7 inches
palm circumference
(flat): 7 inches

materials:
yarn MC: Koigu
KPPPM colour P803
yarn CC: Habu
Kusaki-Zome A-4 2/10
colour 22
needles: 2.25 mm
DPNs, set of 4; 2.75
mm DPNs, set of 4
notions: 2 buttons; two
stitch markers;
tapestry needle;
gauge: 24 sts/2 inches
over Twisted Rib; 18
sts/2 inches in st st, in
MC

Astrild, meaning 'love-fire', is proclaimed to be the Norse goddess of love. Unfortunately, Valhalla was a rowdy place, and with all that fighting going on she must have felt her talents were wasted.

These gauntlets were originally the swatch of a soon-forgotten sweater. The more I put them on the more I realised their strange subtlety, their electro-clash delicacy with a hint of steampunk eccentricity. When emmms suggested adding a strap for the button in place of a conventional thumb gusset, I knew I'd found my finishing touch.

I like to think these gauntlets are the sort of thing that would have kept Astrild warm on those lonely nights.



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abbreviations

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit two stitches together

sl: slip stitch

kfb: knit into the front and the back of the stitch creating an extra stitch

st st: stockinette stitch, k every stitch in the round

KT (knit twist) : k2tog, leave stitch on left-hand needle; pick up and knit top stitch of k2tog; slip both stitches to right-hand needle

CT₁ (colourwork twist 1): using CC, k2tog (i.e. knit the MC and the CC together), leave stitches on left-hand needle; using MC pick up and knit top stitch of k2tog; slip both stitches to right-hand needle

CT₂ (colourwork twist 2): using MC k2tog (i.e. knit the CC and the MC together), leave stitch on left-hand needle; using CC pick up and knit top stitches of k2tog; slip both stitches to right-hand needle

'figure eight' chainmail stitch:

Note: Only the last stitch made is transferred to the right-hand needle, the other two are dropped.

Insert needle through stitch as if to knit, making a cross with the two needles. Bring yarn back and over right-hand needle (as if to knit). Bring yarn forward and over left-needle (as if purling from the underside). Bring yarn between cross of the two needles and wrap the right-hand needle again, this time drawing stitch through and off the left-hand needle.

cuff

Using MC and 2.25 mm needles, CO 54. Join in the round and distribute over 3 needles.

round 1-3: (p2, k2) 8 times, (k2, p2) to end

round 4: (p2, k2t) 8 times, (k2t, p2) to end

Repeat rounds 1 to 4 until cuff measures 1.25 inches.

wrist

round 1: * k3, kfb, repeat from * to last st, kfb (68 st)

round 2-3: * k1, sl1, repeat from * to end

Continue working in st st until section measures 2 inches.

Next round: k32, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (66 stitches remain)

chainmail

Note: the chainmail is worked around the main wrist.

Using CC and 2.75mm needles, pick up and knit 33 slipped stitches at the beginning of the wrist (11 on each needle).

Work in 'Figure Eight' Chainmail Stitch for 2 inches (it took me 12 rounds)

wrist twist

Note: from now on, both pieces are worked together using the 2.25mm needles and working the yarn over alternating sts

round 1: * MC k2tog, CC k1, repeat from * to end

round 2-4: * MC p1, CC p1, MC k1, CC k1, repeat from * to end

round 5: * MC p1, CC p1, CT₁, repeat from * to end

round 6-8: * CC p1, MC p1, CC k1, MC k1, repeat from * to end

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round 9: * CC p1, MC p1, CT2, repeat from * to end
Cut CC.

thumb gusset

Note: the rest of the mitten is now worked with MC only.

round 1: *p2, k2, repeat from * to end
round 2: k1, kfb, pm, (k2, p2) to last 2 sts, pm, kfb, k1
round 3: k to m, slm, (k2,p2) to m, slm, k to end
round 4: k to 1 st before m, kfb, slm, (k2t, p2) to m, slm, kfb, k to end
round 5: k to m, slm, (k2,p2) to m, slm, k to end
round 6: k to one st before m, kfb, slm, (k2, p2) to m, slm, kfb, k to end

Repeat rounds 3-6 until there are 26 sts **in total** between the markers

Work rounds 3-6 without increases to thumb knuckle.

BO in pattern

thumb strap

Pick up and knit the first 5 sts from thumb gusset on the palm-side of the mitten.

row 1 (RS): sl1, k4

row 2 (WS): sl1, p4

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until 4 rows away from required strap length.

Next round: sl1, k2tog, yo twice, k2tog

Next round: sl1, p into first yo, k into back of second yo, p2

Next round: sl1, k4

Next round: sl1, p4

BO all sts

finishing

Weave in ends and block lightly, using a spray bottle to gently mist the mitts and then laying out to dry in shape.

Sew on the most stunning button you have and wear with flaunting pride.

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This pattern is a Loumms Creation.

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