

# Hands of Blue

by Lucy Hague



The flowing twisted rib stitch pattern of these gloves creates a warm and richly textured fabric. Options for fingerless, half-fingered or full-fingered gloves are included.

## Materials

Approx. 150 yds of DK weight yarn (sample was knitted with Debbie Bliss Prima [merino/bamboo blend], in shade 35721).

3.5mm double-pointed needles (or size needed to obtain gauge).

## Gauge

27 sts and 36 rows to four inches, measured over twisted rib, before washing.

### **Note on gauge and fit**

This pattern is deliberately knit up at a tight gauge, as the merino/bamboo blend I used relaxed and grew a lot after washing. After washing, the gauge is closer to 24 sts to four inches, over twisted rib. The gloves are designed to be very close fitting, so that the rib pattern is stretched out, and at the gauge given above these gloves will fit a hand that measures approx. 7 inches around the knuckles and approx. 6 inches around the wrist.

## Pattern notes

Most of the abbreviations I use in this pattern are standard, however there are two which require explaining:

**m1k** – make 1 knit stitch by lifting strand between sts onto needle and knitting into back of stitch.

**m1p** – make 1 purl stitch by lifting strand between sts onto needle, twisting strand on needle and purling into front of stitch.

Some parts of the lace pattern involve purling a yarn-over; to make these sts as tight as the others, I twisted the yarn-over on the needle and purlled into the front of the stitch.

Please note that every knit st in this pattern is knitted through the back of the loop.

# Left Glove

## Cuff

Cast on 40 sts (tubular cast-on used for sample), pm and join to work in round. Work in twisted rib (\*k1 tbl, p1\*) for 1.5 inches or desired length of cuff.

Work from **Chart A**. The lace pattern is repeated over 10sts and there are four complete repeats across the body of the glove (note that the yarn-overs in the lace pattern mean that the total stitch count increases from 40 sts to 44 sts). Work the 14 rounds of the chart as many times as you wish to give desired length of glove to an inch below the wrist (I worked the chart two times).

## Thumb gusset

Work rounds 1 to 3 from **Chart B**. On round 4, work first three repeats of lace pattern as charted, then: k3tbl, pm, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, pm, k2 tbl (5 gusset sts between markers).

Continuing to follow Chart B over first three lace pattern repeats, working thumb gusset sts as set. On round 8 of pattern, work inc round as follows: work three repeats of lace pattern as charted, then: k3 tbl, sl m, m1p, (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k1 tbl, m1p, sl m, k2 tbl (7 gusset sts between markers).

Continue to work from chart, working thumb gusset sts as set. On round 11 of chart, work inc round as follows: work three repeats of lace pattern as charted, then: k3 tbl, sl m, m1k, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) three times, m1k, sl m, k2 tbl (9 gusset sts between markers).

Continue to work from chart, working thumb gusset sts as set, and work inc rounds as described on rounds 14, 17 and 20, incorporating new sts into twisted rib pattern (after round 20 there will be 15 gusset sts between markers).

On round 24, work in pattern up to thumb gusset sts, remove markers and sl the 15sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder. CO 5 sts using backwards-loop cast-on and k tbl to end of round.

Continue to work from chart, working three repeats of lace pattern and k tbl to end of round. After round 29 of the chart, k tbl for all stitches, until

glove reaches your knuckles. At this point, you can decide to make fingerless gloves, or gloves with half or full fingers.

## » Fingerless gloves

Work to desired length in twisted rib (\*k1 tbl, p1\*) and BO all sts loosely. Go to directions for completing the thumb.

## » Half-fingered gloves

### Little finger

Continue to work all rounds k tbl until glove reaches the base of your little finger and ring finger (6 rounds in pictured sample). On the round where you wish to begin little finger, k25 tbl, then slip the remaining 15 sts of the round and also the 15 sts at begin of round onto waste yarn or stitch holder. The little finger is worked on the 10 sts still on the needle. CO 2 sts at the end of these 10 sts using backwards loop cast-on and join to work in the round (12 sts). Work every round k tbl until finger is desired length (in the pictured sample, I worked up to just beyond the first knuckle of each finger). Then BO all sts using a loose bind-off (in the sample, I used: k1 tbl, \*sl 1, k2tog tbl\*).

### Ring finger

Beginning with sts on palm side of glove, join in yarn and k15 tbl to end of round. K15 tbl, pick up and knit 2 sts tbl, K15 tbl to end of round (32 sts). Continue to work k tbl until glove reaches base of your ring finger and middle finger (3 rounds in pictured sample). On the round where you wish to begin ring finger, k21 tbl, then slip the rem 11 sts of the round and also the 11 sts at beg of round onto waste yarn or stich holder. CO 2 sts using backwards loop cast-on and join to work in the round (12 sts). Work every round k tbl until finger is desired length, then BO all sts.

### Middle finger

Beginning with sts on palm side of glove, join in yarn and k11 tbl to end of round. On next round, K11 tbl, pick up and knit 2 sts tbl, k5tbl then slip the next 6 sts of round and also the 6 sts at beg of round onto waste yarn or stitch holder. CO 2 sts using backwards loop cast-on and join to work in the round (14 sts). Work every round k tbl until finger is desired length, then BO all sts.

## Index finger

Beginning with sts on palm side of glove, join in yarn and k12 tbl, pick up and knit 2 sts tbl, join to work in round (14 sts). Work every round k tbl until finger is desired length, then BO all sts.

## » Full-fingered gloves

Follow directions for half-fingered gloves, but continue knitting until finger is just short of covering fingertip, then k2tog tbl all sts on final round, break yarn and thread through remaining sts, drawing them tightly together and weave ends in securely.

## Thumb

Sl 15 sts on waste yarn back onto needles, join in yarn and, (p1, k1 tbl) seven times, p1. Pick up 1 st and k tbl, pick up 5 sts from backwards loop CO and (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1, then pick up 1 st and k tbl, join to work in round (22 sts). Work in twisted rib as set for 3 rounds, and then work a dec round as follows: (p1, k1 tbl) seven times, p1, sk2pss0, p1, sk2pss0 (18 sts). Work every round k tbl until thumb is desired length, then BO all sts.

## Right Glove

### Cuff

Cast on 40 sts, pm and join to work in round. Work in twisted rib (\*p1, k1 tbl\*) for 1.5 inches or desired length of cuff.

Work from **Chart C**, following directions for left glove up to the thumb gusset.

## Thumb gusset

Work rounds 1 to 3 from **Chart D**. On round 4, k2tbl, pm, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, pm, k3 tbl (5 gusset sts between markers). Then work three repeats of lace pattern to end of round.

Continuing to follow Chart D, beginning each round by working thumb gusset sts as set. On round 8 of pattern, work inc round as follows: k2 tbl, sl m, m1p, (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k1 tbl, m1p, sl m, k3 tbl (7 gusset sts between markers). Then work three repeats of lace pattern to end of round.

Continue to work from chart, beginning each round by working thumb gusset sts as set. On round 11 of chart, work inc round as follows: work three repeats of lace pattern as charted, then: k2 tbl, sl m, m1k, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) three times, m1k, sl m, k3 tbl (9 gusset sts between markers).

Continue to work from chart, working thumb gusset sts as set, and work inc rounds as described on rounds 14, 17 and 20, incorporating new sts into twisted rib pattern (after round 20 there will be 15 gusset sts between markers).

On round 24, k2tbl, remove markers and sl the 15sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder. CO 5 sts using backwards-loop cast-on and k3 tbl. Work three repeats of lace pattern to end of round.

Continue to work from chart, beginning each round with k10 tbl followed by three repeats of lace pattern. After round 29 of the chart, k tbl for all stitches, until glove reaches your knuckles. Follow directions given for left glove to finish fingers and thumb.

## Chart Key

Blank square	knit tbl
–	purl
○	yarn over
/	knit two together
\	knit two together tbl

Chart A

				-	-		14
				-	-		13
				-	-		12
			o	-	-	/	11
		o	-	-	/		10
	o	-	-	/			9
o	-	-	/				8
	-	-					7
	-	-					6
	-	-					5
\	-	-	o				4
	\	-	-	o			3
		\	-	-	o		2
			\	-	-	o	1

Chart B

						o /	29
						o /	28
				o /	-		27
			o /	-			26
		o	-	-	/		25
	o	-	-	/			24
o	-	-	/	-			23
o	-	-	/	-			22
	-	-	-	-			21
	-	-	-	-			20
	-	-	-	-			19
\	-	-	o	-			18
	\	-	-	o	-		17
	-	\	-	-	o		16
	-		\	-	-	o	15
	-	-	-	-	-		14
	-	-	-	-	-		13
	-	-	-	-	-		12
	-	o	-	-	/		11
	-	o	-	-	/		10
	o	-	-	/			9
o	-	-	/				8
	-	-					7
	-	-					6
	-	-					5
\	-	-	o				4
	\	-	-	o			3
		\	-	-	o		2
			\	-	-	o	1

Chart C

-	-									14
-	-									13
-	-									12
\	-	-	o							11
\	-	-	-	o						10
	\	-	-	-	o					9
		\	-	-	-	o				8
			-	-						7
			-	-						6
			-	-						5
		o	-	-	/					4
	o	-	-	/						3
o	-	-	/							2
o	-	-	/							1

Chart D

\	o										29
\	o										28
-	\	o									27
-	\	o									26
\	-	-	o								25
\	-	-	-	o							24
-	\	-	-	-	o						23
-	\	-	-	-	-	o					22
-	-	-	-	-	-						21
-	-	-	-	-	-						20
-	-	-	-	-	-						19
-	o	-	-	/							18
-	o	-	-	/							17
o	-	-	/	-							16
o	-	-	/	-							15
-	-	-	-	-							14
-	-	-	-	-							13
-	-	-	-	-							12
\	-	-	o	-							11
\	-	-	-	o	-						10
	\	-	-	-	o						9
		\	-	-	-	o					8
			-	-							7
			-	-							6
			-	-							5
		o	-	-	/						4
	o	-	-	/							3
o	-	-	/								2
o	-	-	/								1