



*Free Knit Pattern*

**LION BRAND® BASIC STITCH ANTI-PILLING- BASIC STITCH PREMIUM™  
GRUMPY CHIC MITTENS**

Pattern Number: M21035



## **SKILL LEVEL - EASY**

### **SIZE**

Adult Medium (Adult Large)

**Finished Hand Circumference** About 8 (10) in. (20.5 (25.5) cm)

**Finished Length** About 10 1/2 (12) in. (26.5 (20.5) cm)

Pattern is written for smaller size with changes for larger size in parentheses.

When only one number is given, it applies to both sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

### **MATERIALS**

- LION BRAND® BASIC STITCH  
ANTI-PILLING (Art. #202)
  - #402 Taupe Heather 1 ball (A)
  - #098 Ecu 1 ball (B)
- LION BRAND® BASIC STITCH  
PREMIUM™ (Art. #201)
  - #153 Black 1 ball (C)
- LION BRAND® double pointed knitting needles size 6 (4.25 mm)
- LION BRAND® double pointed knitting needles size 8 (5 mm)
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® stitch holder
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



### **GAUGE**

18 sts + 26 rnds = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st in the rnd (k every st of every rnd) with larger needles

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

### **STITCH EXPLANATIONS**

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal thread lying between the needles and placing it onto the left needle. Work this new stitch through the back loop.

**ssk (slip, slip knit)** Slip the next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time to right needle; insert the left needle into the fronts of these 2 sts and k them together.

### **NOTES**

1. Mittens are worked in rnds from wrist edge upwards.
2. Stranded colorwork is worked on Mitten back, following a chart. When working from chart, read each rnd of chart from right to left.

3. Do not cut yarn between color changes. Carry unused color(s) across wrong side of Mitten. Keep even tension on the carried strands of yarn – don't pull them too tightly or allow them to hang loosely.
4. When following the chart across the Mitten back, all of the sts outside the chart are worked with yarn color A. Carry unused color(s) across these A sections, twisting yarns every 4-5 sts to keep them in place on inside of Mitten. This technique makes the Mittens extra warm and cozy!
5. Sts are increased to shape thumb gusset then gusset sts are placed on a holder and top of hand is completed. Gusset sts are later returned to needles and thumb is worked.
6. When you see 'as established' in the instructions, this means to continue in the current pattern st.

## **RIGHT MITTEN**

### **Cuff**

With smaller needles and A, cast on 38 (46) sts. Divide sts as evenly as possible onto 4 needles. Place a marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle and being careful not to twist sts.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 until piece measures about 3 (3 1/2) in. (7.5 (9) cm) from beg.

Change to larger needles.

Knit 2 (4) rnds.

### **Beg Charted Pattern**

**Rnd 1:** K1 (3), place marker (pm), work in St st in the rnd (k every st of every rnd), changing yarn color following Rnd 1 of chart over next 17 sts, pm, with A, k to end of rnd.

#### **Note**

Don't forget to carry unused yarn color(s) across the A sections, twisting yarns every 4-5 sts to keep them in place on inside of Mitten.

Continue in St st in the rnd, changing yarn color following chart as established between markers and working remaining sts with A, for 4 (6) more rnds, slipping markers as you come to them.

#### **Note**

As you continue to work the chart rnds, continue to keep remaining sts in yarn color A, carrying unused yarn color(s) across WS of Mitten. Check the WS of the Mitten every few rnds to make sure you are maintaining an even tension.

## **Thumb Gusset**

**Next Rnd:** With A, k to marker, slip marker (sm), work chart as established to next marker, sm, with A, k1 (3), pm, M1, k1, M1, pm for thumb gusset, k to end of rnd – you will have 40 (48) sts in this rnd (with 3 sts between thumb gusset markers).

**Next Rnd:** With A, k to marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, with A, k to end of rnd slipping gusset markers as you come to them.

**Next Rnd:** K to marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to next marker, sm, M1, k to next gusset marker, M1, sm, k to end of rnd – 42 (50) sts (with 5 sts between thumb gusset markers).

**Next 10 (12) Rnds:** Rep last 2 rnds until there are 15 (17) sts between gusset markers – 52 (62) sts (with 15 (17) sts between thumb gusset markers).

**Next Rnd:** K to marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd slipping gusset markers as you come to them.

### Hand

**Next Rnd:** K to marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to next marker, remove marker, place next 15 (17) sts on holder for thumb, remove marker, k to end of rnd – 37 (45) sts remain on needles.

Continue in St st, working chart as established between markers and sts outside of markers with A until chart Rnd 36 has been completed.

Remove chart markers.

With A only, continue in St st in the rnd until piece measures about 9 (10) in. (23 (25.5) cm) from beg.

### Shape Top of Hand

**Rnd 1 (Decrease Rnd):** Ssk, k15 (19), k2tog, pm, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 33 (41) sts.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3:** Ssk, k to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, sm, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 29 (37) sts.

Rep Rnds 2 and 3 for 3 (4) more times – 17 (21) sts.

**Next Rnd:** Knit

**Next Rnd:** K1, (k2tog) 8 (10) times – 9 (11) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail.

Thread tail through remaining sts twice then pull to close opening at top of hand. Knot securely.

### Thumb

**Note:** Use yarn color A only for thumb.

From RS, return sts from holder to larger needles. Divide sts as evenly as possible onto 4 needles. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

**Next Rnd:** Knit.

**Next Rnd:** K6 (7), k2tog, k7 (8) – 14 (16) sts.

**Next 4 (6) Rnds:** Knit.



**Next Rnd:** (K2tog) 7 (8) times – 7 (8) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail.

Thread tail through remaining sts twice then pull to close opening at top of thumb.

Knot securely.

## LEFT MITTEN

Work same as Right Mitten to *Beg Charted Pattern*.

Note that on Left Mitten you'll be carrying the unused yarn color(s) just as you did for the Right Mitten.

## Beg Charted Pattern

**Rnd 1:** K20 (26), pm, work in St st and change yarn color following Rnd 1 of Chart over next 17 sts, pm, k1 (3).

Continue working in St st and change yarn color following chart as established between markers for 4 (6) more rnds, slipping markers as you come to them.

## Thumb Gusset

**Next Rnd:** K18 (22), pm, M1, k1, M1, pm, k to next marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd – 40 (48) sts (with 3 sts between thumb gusset markers).

**Next Rnd:** Slipping gusset markers as you come to them, k to 3rd marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd.

**Next Rnd:** K to marker, sm, M1, k to next gusset marker, M1, sm, k to next marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd – 42 (50) sts (with 5 sts between thumb gusset markers).

**Next 10 (12) Rnds:** Rep last 2 rnds until there are 15 (17) sts between gusset markers – 52 (62) sts (with 15 (17) sts between thumb gusset markers).

**Next Rnd:** Slipping gusset markers as you come to them, k to 3rd marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd.

## Hand

**Next Rnd:** K to marker, remove marker, place next 15 (17) sts on holder for thumb, remove marker, k to next marker, sm, work chart as established to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd – 37 (45) sts remain on needles.

Continue in St st, working chart as established between markers, until chart Rnd 36 has been completed.

Remove chart markers.

With A only, continue in St st in the rnd until piece measures about 9 (10) in. (23 (25.5) cm) from beg.

Shape Top of Hand and work Thumb same as for Right Mitten.

## FINISHING

Sew gap at base of thumb closed.

Weave in ends.

If Mittens appear lumpy due to carried strands, soak them in warm water with a small amount of wool wash for about 20 minutes. Remove from water and roll Mittens in a thick towel to remove as much water as possible.  
Lay Mittens flat onto a dry towel and allow to dry thoroughly.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = beginning

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

rep = repeat(ing)

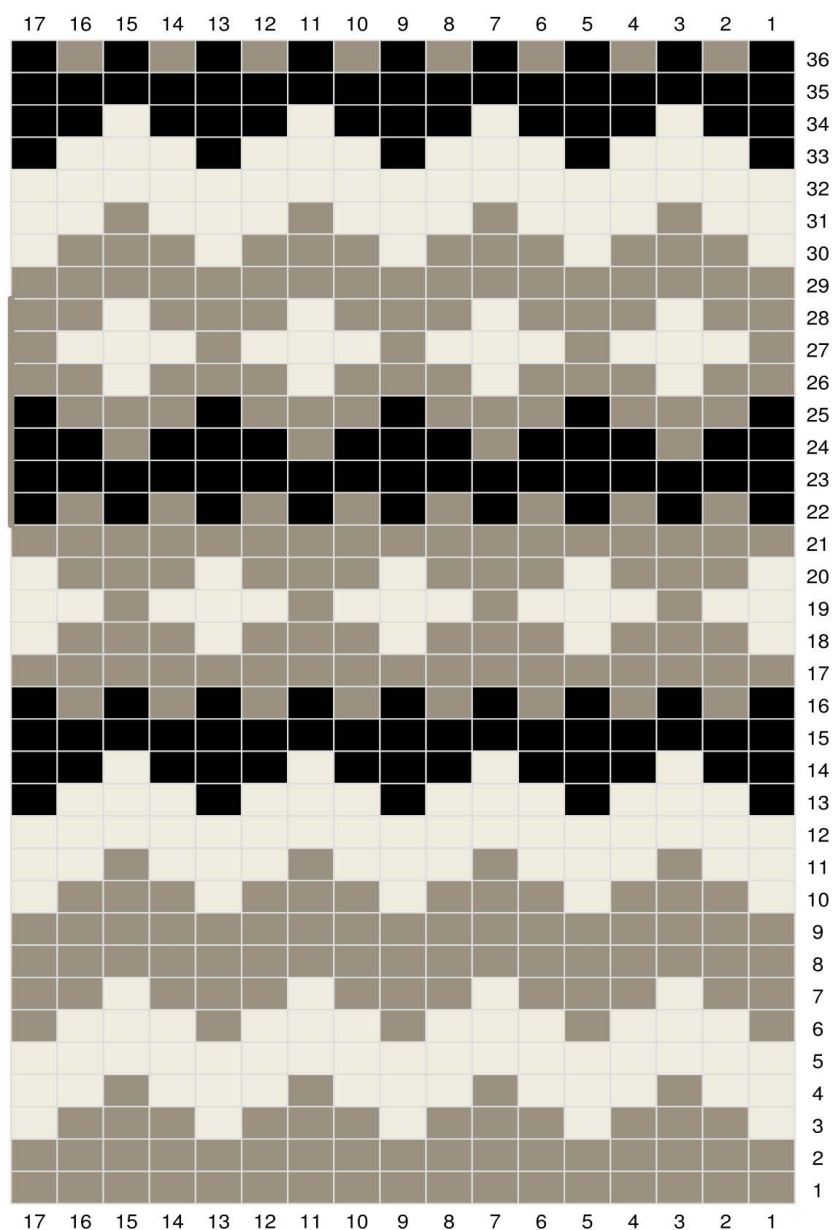
RS = right side

St st = Stockinette stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

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