



1940s knitting patterns

Gloves for women

Materials

2 oz. of Jaeger "Super Spun" ("J. S." Quality) Fingering, 4 ply (9d. per oz.), and 1 pair of No. 13 Jaeger knitting needles with points at both ends.

Measurements

Size, 6.5

Tension

8 stitches to 1 inch in width, and 15 rows to 1 inch in depth measured over the pattern.

Abbreviations

K. = knit; p. = purl; sts. = stitches; tog. = together; rep. = repeat; st.-st. = stocking- st.; inc. = increase or increasing; dec. = decrease or decreasing.

Casting-on

If you cast on with two needles work into the back of all cast on sts. to produce firm edges, but if you use the thumb method this is not necessary.

The gloves

Begin at the wrist edge. Cast on 48 sts. and work 4 inches in k.2, p.2 rib. Change to the pattern as follows:

1st row - * K.3, p.3. Rep. from * to end.

2nd row - * P.3, k.3. Rep. from * to end. These 2 rows form the pattern. Continue in pattern until the work measures 8.5 inches from the beginning.

The 4th finger shaping: Next row - Pattern 31, turn (leaving the remaining sts. on a st.- holder). Next row Cast on 2 sts., p.16, turn (leaving the remaining sts. on a st. holder). Continue in st.-st. on these 16 sts. for 2.25 inches, finishing after a p. row. Now shape the top as follows:

1st row - * K.1, k.2 tog. Rep. from * to last st., k.1 (11 sts.).

2nd row - P.

3rd row - P.1, * p.2 tog. Rep. From * to end (6 sts.).

4th row - P. Cast off tightly.

The 3rd finger shaping: - K.5 sts. from the first st.-holder, pick up and k. 4 sts. from the base of the 4th finger, k. 5 sts. from the second st.-holder.

Next row - Cast on 4 sts., p. to end (18 sts.). Continue in st.-st. on these sts. for 2.75 inches, finishing after a p. row. Now shape the top as follows:

1st row - * K.1, k.2 tog. Rep. From * to end (12 sts.).

2nd row - P.

3rd row-* K.2tog. Rep. from * to end (6 sts.).

4th row - P. Cast off tightly.

The 2nd fingering shaping: - K.5 sts. from the first st.-holder, pick up and k.4 sts. From the base of the 3rd finger, k.5 sts. from the second st.- holder.

Next row - Cast on 4 sts., p. to end (18 sts.). Continue in st.-st. on these sts. for 3 inches, finishing after a p. row. Now shape the top like the 3rd finger.

The 1st finger shaping: -K. the 7sts. From the first st.- holder, pick up and k.4 sts. From the base of the 3rd finger, k. the 7 sts. from the second st.-holder (18 sts.). Work exactly like the 3rd finger. Work another glove exactly like the first.

The thumbs

Cast on 2 sts. and work in st.-st. inc. 1 st. at both ends of every 2nd and 3rd row until there are 20 sts. on the needle. Continue without inc. for 2.25 inches, finishing after a p. row. Now shape the top as follows:

1st row - * K.2 tog., k.1, Rep. from * to last 2 sts., k.2 tog (13 sts.).

2nd row - P.

3rd row -*K.1, k.2 tog. Rep. from * to last st., k.1 (9 sts.).

4th row - P. Cast off tightly. Work another thumb exactly like the first.

Making up

Press the work on the wrong side with a warm iron and damp cloth. Join the finger seams, and press them. Join the side seam, leaving a 2-inch space for the thumb, and press the seam. Join the thumb seams, then sew in the thumbs, and press the seams.

Knitting hints

Pressing: This should be done with a fairly hot iron used over a clean damp cloth. Press both sides of the work with the exception of fancy raised patterns, when only the wrong side should be pressed. Pressed garment; do not iron it, or you will stretch the knitting. Press the ribbing used for "welts" and cuffs flat, but do not stretch it out, unless stated. When the garment is pressed, leave it until dry before sewing up.

Sewing up: This should be done very neatly, in matching wool or thread, and the seams must be pressed afterwards on the wrong side. Do not sew too tightly.