



## Winter Buzz

### Part Two

### Abbreviations...

**C4B** – slip next 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in **back** of work, knit next 2 stitches from left hand needle, then knit 2 stitches from cable needle. **See “Cables” Video**

**C4F** – slip next 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in **front** of work, knit next 2 stitches from left hand needle, then knit 2 stitches from cable needle. **See “Cables” Video**

**cn** – cable needle.

**kfb** – knit into front and back of stitch. **See “kfb” Video**

**M1L** (Make One Left) – With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from **front to back**. Knit the lifted strand through the **back**. **See “Make One” Video**

**M1R** (Make One Right) – With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from **back to front**. Knit the lifted strand through the **front**. **See “Make One” Video**

**sl** – slip.

### Instructions...

#### Hand

Increase round:

\*(k2, p1, kfb, k1, p1) 3 times, k2, p1; repeat from \* to end of round. (48 stitches)

First 24 stitches of round form Top of Hand. Second 24 stitches of round form the Palm.

Change to **larger size needles**. Work Cable Pattern (see below) over Top of Hand and stockinette (all knit) over Palm stitches for 16 rounds, or to base of thumb, ending after an **even numbered** row.

#### Cable Pattern

1. Knit.
2. \*C4B, C4F; repeat from \*.
3. Knit.
4. Knit.
5. Knit.
6. \*C4F, C4B; repeat from \*.
7. Knit.
8. Knit.

**Right Mitten Only**

Work pattern across Top of Hand.

On Palm stitches: k2, place marker, M1R, k2, M1L, place marker, knit to the end of the round.

There are 4 Thumb Gusset stitches between the markers.

Next Round: Work in pattern across Top of Hand and knit across all Palm and Thumb Gusset stitches.

**Left Mitten Only**

Work pattern across Top of Hand.

On Palm stitches: k20, place marker, M1R, k2, M1L, place marker, knit to end of round.

There are 4 Thumb Gusset stitches between the markers.

Next Round: Work in pattern across Top of Hand and knit across all Palm and Thumb Gusset stitches.

**BOTH Mittens**

While continuing to knit in established pattern, increase 2 Thumb Gusset stitches every other round as follows:

Round 1. Pattern across Top of Hand. On Palm: knit to 1<sup>st</sup> marker, slip marker, M1R, knit to 2<sup>nd</sup> marker, M1L, slip marker, knit to end of round.

Round 2. Pattern over Top of Hand. Knit all Palm stitches with no increases.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until there are 12 stitches between the markers.

Next Round: Pattern across Top of Hand. Knit to 1<sup>st</sup> marker. Place 12 Thumb Gusset stitches on a stitch holder removing markers. Cast on 2 stitches onto Right Hand needle using Backward Loop Cast On. (**See “Backward Loop Cast On” Video**) Knit to end of round.

**Mittens Only:** Continue knitting in established pattern until mitten reaches 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ ” less than desired length, measured from top of tallest finger, ending after **Round 4 or 8** of Cable Pattern.

**Fingerless Mitts Only:** Continue knitting in established pattern until mitt reaches 1” less than the total desired length, generally about 6” to 7” from the cast on edge, ending after **Round 4 or 8** of cable pattern.

**STOP!**

Next week’s clue will have us finishing the mitten tops with a discriminating touch. Happy knitting!