## Asta - fingerless gloves

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Asta is a little, feminin fingerless glove with a pattern of false cables, which actually is a very simple eyelet pattern. The stitch pattern is easy to knit and quite elastic, so the fingerless glove fits snugly about the hand. As a little detail, one of the eyelet cables runs all the way up the thumb.

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## Materials

Cinnia from Filcolana (fv 286) 40 (50) 60 g
If you choose to knit the fingerless glove longer than the pattern suggest, you will probably need more yarn.
DPNs $3 ½ \mathrm{~mm}$
Sizes
S (M) L

## Measurements

The glove will fit hands with circumference (measured at the knuckles, without the thumb): 16-18 (19-21)
22-24 cm

## Gauge

9 sts and 16 rows $=5 \times 5 \mathrm{~cm}$ in stockinette stitch.

## Abbreviations

$k=$ knit
$\mathrm{p}=$ purl
st(s) $=$ stitch(es)
tbl = through the back loop
rnd $=$ round(s)


sl $1=$ slip 1 st as if you were going to knit it (with the yarn behind the st)
yo = wrap the yarn around the needle ssk $=$ sl 2 sts one after another, put the sts back on left needle and knit them together tbl
$k 2 \operatorname{tog}=$ knit 2 sts together
False cable $=$ FC (repeat of 3 sts and 4 rnd)

1. rnd: k3
2. rnd: k3
3. rnd: sl 1, k2, pull the slipped st over
4. rnd: k1, yo, k1

## Directions for knitting

The fingerless glove is knit from the wrist towards the fingers. As you knit, increases make room for the thumb. The thumb sts are put aside while the rest of the hand is knit, and the thumb is knit separately as the last thing.

## Glove

Cast on 36 (44) 52 sts and join in a round being
careful not to twist. Work as follows: [FC, p1] repeat [ ] the rest of the rnd, i.e. a total of 9 (11) 13 times

Knit the 4 rounds of the FC pattern repeat a total of 10 times. Note that you can lengthen the fingerless glove by knitting more repeats of the FC before the increases for the thumb gusset are started.

## Thumb gusset

Increase for the thumb gusset on either side of the middle FC.

1. rnd: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, yo, FC, yo, [p1, FC] 4
(5) 6 times, p1.
2. rnd: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, k1 tbl, FC, k1 tbl, [p1, FC] 4 (5) 6 times, p1.
3. rnd: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, yo, k1, FC, k1, yo, [p1, FC] 4 (5) 6 times, p1.
4. rnd: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, k1 tbl, k1, FC, k1, k1 tbl, [p1, FC] 4 (5) 6 times, p1.
5. rnd: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, yo, k2, FC, k2, yo, [p1, FC] 4 (5) 6 times, p1.
6. rnd: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, k1 tbl, k2, FC, k2, k1 tbl, [p1, FC] 4 (5) 6 times, p1.

Continue like this, i.e. increase 1 st on either side of the middle FC $=2$ sts increased every other round (by making yo's which are knitted tbl on the next round), until you have inceased 5 (6) 7 times. There are now 5 (6) 7 sts on either side of the middle FC. Make sure that the last rnd is one, where the yo's are knitted tbl.

Now work 8 (10) 12 rnds straight up, where the increased sts are knitted. Work as follows: [FC, p1] 4 (5) 6 times, k 5 (6) 7, FC, k 5 (6) 7, [p1, FC] 4 (5) 6 times, p1.

On the next round place the middle 13 (15) 17 sts ( $=$ FC +2 times 5 (6) 7 sts on either side) on a piece of leftover yarn (there are possibly only 12 (14) 16 sts, if you have just worked 3. rnd of FC). These sts now rest for the thumb. Instead cast on 3 sts in the gap between thumb and hand. These 3 sts are worked in the pattern as a FC (work k3 on these 3 sts until they naturally can be worked as a FC). Thus the rnd once more is worked: [FC, p1] 9 (11) 13 times There are again 36 (44) 52 live sts on the needle.

## Hand

Work straight up in the pattern until the fingerless glove measures approximately 3 (4) 4 cm after the division for thumb. Make sure to end with 4. rnd of the FC pattern.
Bind off the sts, where you $k$ the $k$ (i.e. the sts for FC) and $p$ the $p$.

## Thumb

Put the held 13 (15) 17 sts back on the needles. Pick up 1 st in the transition between the resting sts and the cast on edge, pick 3 sts up along the cast on
edge, and pick again 1 st up in the transition to the resting sts. There are now 18 (20) 22 sts on the needles for the thumb.
The round begins at the beginning of the thumb gusset.
A: k 5 (6) 7, FC, k 10 (11) 12.
Repeat A a total of 3 (3) 4 times
B: ssk, k 3 (4) 5, FC, k 3 (4) 5, k2tog, k5.
C: k 4 (5) 6, FC, k 9 (10) 11.
Repeat C a total of 3 (3) 3.
D: ssk, k 2 (3) 4, FC, k 2 (3) 4, k2tog, k5.
E: k 3 (4) 5, FC, k 8 (9) 10
Repeat $E$ until the next time you have worked 4. rnd of FC. Bind off the sts on the next round.

Knit another fingerless glove.

