

April Showers Mittens

Size: Woman's Medium (7.5 inches)

For the right hand work the umbrella chart before the thumb. For the left hand work the chart after the thumb.



Supplies:

- fingering weight yarn in blue (230 yards), yellow (5 yards) and black (scrap), I used Knit Picks Palette and Opal Heather, Canary and Black
- four size 00 double-pointed needles (or size needed to get gauge)
- stitch markers
- 38 blue seed beads
- tapestry needle
- scrap yarn or stitch holder

Gauge: 10 stitches and 12 rows in one inch

Abbreviations:

- k – knit
- p – purl
- m1 – make one
- m1r – make one stitch right
- m1l – make one stitch left
- ssk – slip, slip, knit
- k2tog – knit two stitches together

Beading:

String the beads on the yarn before you start knitting. I turned the end of the yarn into a “needle” to make the stringing easy. I trimmed the end to a point and then coated it in glue (just a school glue will work). I twisted it into a tight point. Once dry, I was able to slip the beads right on.

When you come to a stitch where you want to add a bead, bring the yarn to the front. Slip the stitch purlwise. Pull a bead up and place it as close to the right needle as you can. Bring the yarn to the back and continue working the row.

Cuff:

Cast on 70 stitches. Divided between three needles. Join together to knit in the round placing a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to make rows.

Work in k1,p1 ribbing for 24 rows (2 inches)

Hand:

Row 1 on the chart starts here. (The umbrella handle is shown on the chart, but you will duplicate stitch it on when the mittens are finished.)

Row 1 – 12: k

Row 13: (k10, m1) 7x (doesn't matter whether you use m1r or m1l) (77 stitches)

Row 14: k38, m1l, k1, m1r, k38 (79 stitches) You may find it easier to keep track of where the thumb stitches are if you place a stitch marker before the m1l and after the m1r.

Row 15: k

Row 16: k38, m1l, k3, m1r, k38 (81 stitches)

Row 17: k

Row 18: k38, m1l, k5, m1r, k38 (83 stitches)

Row 19: k

Row 20: k38, m1l, k7, m1r, k38 (85 stitches)

Row 21: k

Row 22: k38, m1l, k9, m1r, k38 (87 stitches)

Row 23: k

Row 24: k38, m1l, k11, m1r, k38 (89 stitches)

Row 25: k

Row 26: k38, m1l, k13, m1r, k38 (91 stitches)

Row 27: k

Row 28: k38, m1l, k15, m1r, k38 (93 stitches)

Row 29: k

Row 30: k38, m1l, k17, m1r, k38 (95 stitches)

Row 31: k

Row 32: k38, m1l, k19, m1r, k38 (97 stitches)

Row 33: k

Row 34: k38, m1l, k21, m1r, k38 (99 stitches)

Row 35: k

Row 36: k38, m1l, k23, m1r, k38 (101 stitches)

Row 37: k

Row 38: k38, m1l, k25, m1r, k38 (103 stitches)

Row 39: k

Row 40: k38, m1l, k27, m1r, k38 (105 stitches)

Row 41 - 43: k

Row 44: k38, put the next 29 stitches on a piece of scrap yarn or a stitch holder, k38 (76 stitches on the needles, 29 on the stitch holder)

Row 45 – 82: k (or until the mittens hits the top of the little finger)

Row 83: ssk, k34, k2tog, ssk, k34, k2tog (72 stitches)

Row 84: k

Row 85: ssk, k32, k2tog, ssk, k32, k2tog (68 stitches)

Row 86: k

Row 87: ssk, k30, k2tog, ssk, k30, k2tog (64 stitches)
Row 88: k
Row 89: ssk, k28, k2tog, ssk, k28, k2tog (60 stitches)
Row 90: k
Row 91: ssk, k26, k2tog, ssk, k26, k2tog (56 stitches)
Row 92: ssk, k24, k2tog, ssk, k24, k2tog (52 stitches)
Row 93: ssk, k22, k2tog, ssk, k22, k2tog (48 stitches)
Row 94: ssk, k20, k2tog, ssk, k20, k2tog (44 stitches)
Row 95: ssk, k18, k2tog, ssk, k18, k2tog (40 stitches)
Row 96: ssk, k16, k2tog, ssk, k16, k2tog (36 stitches)
Row 97: ssk, k14, k2tog, ssk, k14, k2tog (32 stitches)
Row 98: ssk, k12, k2tog, ssk, k12, k2tog (28 stitches)
Row 99: ssk, k10, k2tog, ssk, k10, k2tog (24 stitches)
Row 100: ssk, k8, k2tog, ssk, k8, k2tog (20 stitches)
Row 101: ssk, k6, k2tog, ssk, k6, k2tog (16 stitches)
Row 102: ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, k4, k2tog (12 stitches)
Row 103: ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog (8 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving about a 10-inch tail. Finish the hand with either kitchener stitch or by weaving the tail through the remaining stitches and pulling tight. I used kitchener stitch.

Thumb:

Place the 29 stitches from the stitch holder on three needles. Pick up and knit two stitches from the hand of the mitten. Place a stitch holder after those two stitches to mark rows.

Row 44: k29, k2tog (30 stitches)
Row 45 – 63: knit (or until thumb reached the middle of the thumbnail)
Row 64: ssk, k11, k2tog, ssk, k11, k2tog (26 stitches)
Row 65: k
Row 66: ssk, k9, k2tog, ssk, k9, k2tog (22 stitches)
Row 67: ssk, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, k2tog (18 stitches)
Row 68: ssk, k5, k2tog, ssk, k5, k2tog (14 stitches)
Row 69: ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog (10 stitches)
Row 70: ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog (6 stitches)

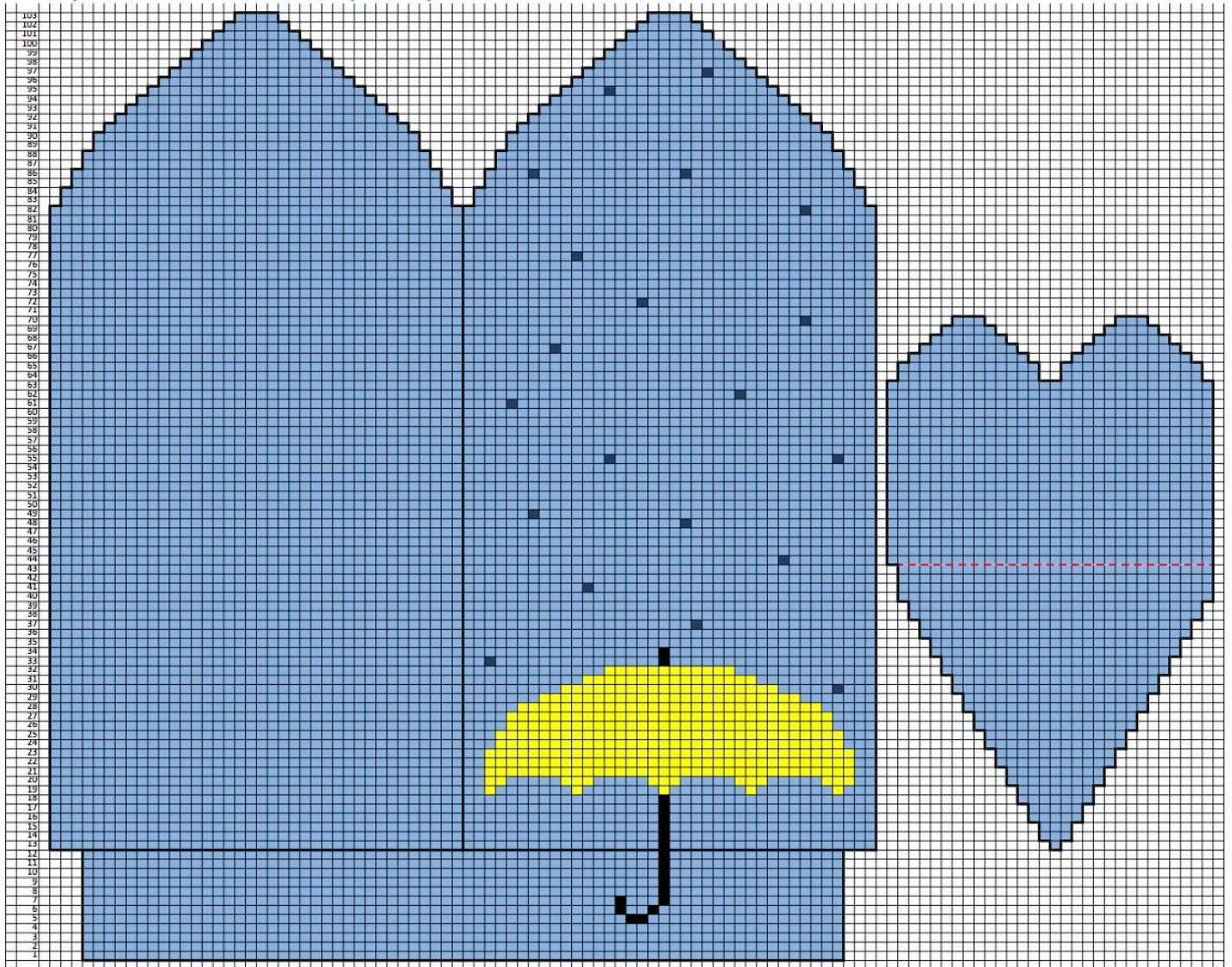
Cut the yarn leaving about a 10-inch tail. Finish the hand with either kitchener stitch or by weaving the tail through the remaining stitches and pulling tight.

Finishing:

Weave in ends. Use the chart to duplicate stitch the handle of the umbrella on in black.

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■ Beads
 Umbrella handle is duplicate stitched on after knitting
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