



# Opening Day Mittens

Women's Medium (7.5") Version by Kathy Lewinski

Notes: If you want to make these for a man, knit it at a gauge of 9 stitches and 10 rows per inch for an 8.5" men's medium size.

After knitting and blocking these mittens, embroider diagonal stitches along the edges to imitate the stitching on a baseball. See the blog post that goes with these mittens for tips on making your own team's logo chart.

## Supplies:

- Approx. 70g/325 yards of fingering weight yarn in two colors for the main pinstripe pattern and other colors as needed for the logo. (I used three colors of Knit Picks Palette: Serrano 40g/185yds, White 20g/93yds, Jay 10g/47yds for the 7.5" size)
- Size 1 needles (or size needed to get gauge) You can use 4 double points, two circulars or magic loop, whichever is your choice for knitting in the round.
- 1 stitch marker
- Scrap fingering yarn
- Tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 10 stitches and 11 rows per inch. It is important to get gauge to get the stated sizes. Do a swatch in stranded color work.

## Abbreviations:

K – knit

P – purl

Kfb – knit front and back

Ssk – slip, slip, knit

K2tog – knit two together

Follow the chart for color changes and the written directions for shaping.

## Cuff:

Cast on 72 stitches. Divide between three needles. Join together to knit in the round placing a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rows.

Row 1 – 24: Work in k2, p1 ribbing

## Hand:

Row 25: k17, kfb, k17, kfb, k17, kfb, k17, kfb (76 stitches)

Row 26 – 55: k

Row 56 (right hand): k6, knit the next 15 stitches with a piece of scrap yarn, move them back to the left needle and reknit them with the working yarn, k55

Row 56 (left hand): k18, knit the next 15 stitches with a piece of scrap yarn, move them back to the left needle and reknit them with the working yarn, k43

Row 57 -92: k

### **Shape top:**

Row: 93: k1, ssk, k33, k2tog, k1, ssk, k33, k2tog (72 stitches)

Row 94: k

Row 95: k1, ssk, k31, k2tog, k1, ssk, k31, k2tog (68 stitches)

Row 96: k

Row 97: k1, ssk, k29, k2tog, k1, ssk, k29, k2tog (64 stitches)

Row 98: k

Row 99: k1, ssk, k27, k2tog, k1, ssk, k27, k2tog (60 stitches)

Row 100: k

Row 101: k1, ssk, k25, k2tog, k1, ssk, k25, k2tog (56 stitches)

Row 102: k1, ssk, k23, k2tog, k1, ssk, k23, k2tog (52 stitches)

Row 103: k1, ssk, k21, k2tog, k1, ssk, k21, k2tog (48 stitches)

Row 104: k1, ssk, k19, k2tog, k1, ssk, k19, k2tog (44 stitches)

Row 105: k1, ssk, k17, k2tog, k1, ssk, k17, k2tog (40 stitches)

Row 106: k1, ssk, k15, k2tog, k1, ssk, k15, k2tog (36 stitches)

Row 107: k1, ssk, k13, k2tog, k1, ssk, k13, k2tog (32 stitches)

Row 108: k1, ssk, k11, k2tog, k1, ssk, k11, k2tog (28 stitches)

Put the first 14 stitches on one needle and the second 14 on another. Seam with Kitchener stitch using the yarn that matches the center stripe down the sides.

### **Thumb:**

Note: On the first row, you are picking up stitches on either side of the thumb. I like to pick up two stitches on each side and knit them together to prevent larger holes to sew up later.

Put the 15 stitches above the waste yarn and the 15 stitches below the waste yarn on two needles. Carefully remove the waste yarn. Divide the 30 stitches between three needles. Place a stitch marker on the right side between the top and bottom stitches to mark row.

Row 56: k15, pick up and knit one stitch from the hand, k15, pick up and knit one stitch from the hand (32 stitches)

Row 57 – 77 (or until the thumb reaches about mid-thumbnail): k

Row 78: ssk, k12, k2tog, ssk, k12, k2tog (28 stitches)

Row 79: k

Row 80: ssk, k10, k2tog, ssk, k10, k2tog (24 stitches)

Row 81: ssk, k8, k2tog, ssk, k8, k2tog (20 stitches)

Row 82: ssk, k6, k2tog, ssk, k6, k2tog (16 stitches)

Row 83: ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, k4, k2tog (12 stitches)

Row 84: ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog (8 stitches)

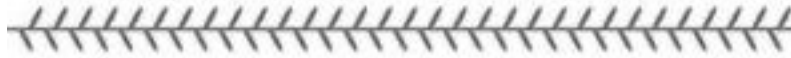
Put the first 4 stitches on one needle and the second 4 on another. Seam with Kitchener stitch using main color.

Weave in ends. Block

**Baseball Stitching:**



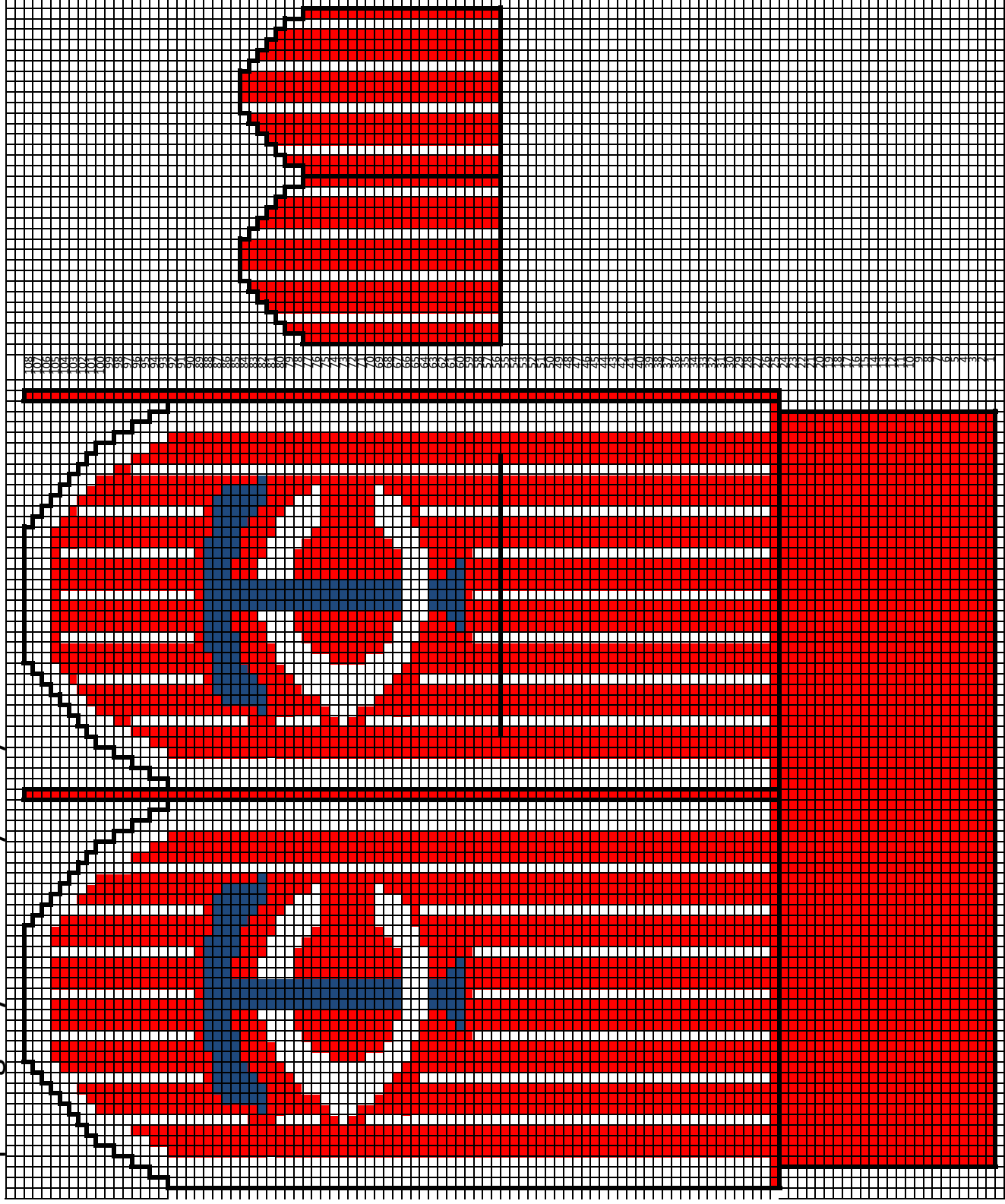
Use the main color yarn and a tapestry needle to embroider diagonal stripes in the white sections along the sides and top of the mittens to imitate the look of stitching on a baseball.



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