

# McGregor Mitts

Mary Henderson's Fair Isle mitts combine red, white and blue



**MARY HENDERSON** created these mitts after a visit to the Shetland Museum and Archives, which houses many examples of traditional Shetland knitting, including the Sheila McGregor Collection. Mary's design, worked in red, white and blue Shetland 4ply wool, features a different pattern on the front and back of the mitts, and can be worn either way round.

## PATTERN NOTE

Both mitts are worked the same so that each mitt shows a different side when worn. If you prefer your mitts to be mirrored, place the thumb increases at stitch 1 of the Hand Chart on the second mitt.

## MITTS (both alike)

### CUFF

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 58 sts.

Pm and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

Work cuff in rib as foll:

**Rnds 1 to 5:** (K1tbl, P1) to end.

Change to yarn B.

**Rnd 6:** Knit.

**Rnds 7 to 11:** (K1tbl, P1) to end.

Change to yarn A.

**Rnd 12:** Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 to 11 once more.

### HAND

Change to 3mm needles.

Begin working Hand and Thumb Chart as foll:

(Note: stitch 31, rnd 1 of Hand Chart is the start of the Thumb Chart.)

**Rnd 1:** Work Hand Chart sts 1-30, pm, work st 31 of Hand Chart as row 1 of Thumb



Chart, pm, work Hand Chart to end. Continue in patt as set, working Thumb Chart between the mrks until row 24 of Thumb Chart is complete. Place 21 thumb sts on a holder.

**Next rnd:** Continue working Hand Chart, casting on 1 st over gap left by thumb sts. Continue working Hand Chart until 4 full repeats (40 rnds) have been worked.

Change to 2.75mm needles and yarn A. Work rnds 1 to 12 of (K1tbl, P1) rib as for cuff. Cast off in rib.

### THUMB

Place 21 sts from holder onto 3 DPNs. Using yarn A, pick up and knit 1 st into the cast-on st at the gap. Join for working in the round. 22 sts.

**Next rnd:** Knit.

Change to yarn B.

**Rnds 1-5:** Work (K1tbl, P1) rib for 5 rounds. Cast off in rib.

## FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Block by steaming lightly, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. ☺

## SIZE

Hand circumference: 19½cm (7¾in)  
Length: 20cm (8in)

## YARN

**Jamieson & Smith** Shetland Heritage (4ply weight; 100% Shetland wool; 110m/120yds per 25g ball)  
**A** Madder; 1 x 25g ball  
**B** Indigo; 1 x 25g ball  
**C** Snaa White; 1 x 25g ball

## NEEDLES & ACCESSORIES

1 set 2.75mm (UK 12/US 2) double-pointed needles (DPNs) or circular needles, 80cm long for the Magic Loop method  
1 set 3mm (UK 11/US 2-3) DPNs, or circular needles, 80cm long for the Magic Loop method  
3 stitch markers (1 different to designate beginning of round)  
Small stitch holder for thumb stitches

## TENSION

30 sts and 35 rows to 10cm over Fair Isle patt on 3mm needles

## YARN STOCKISTS

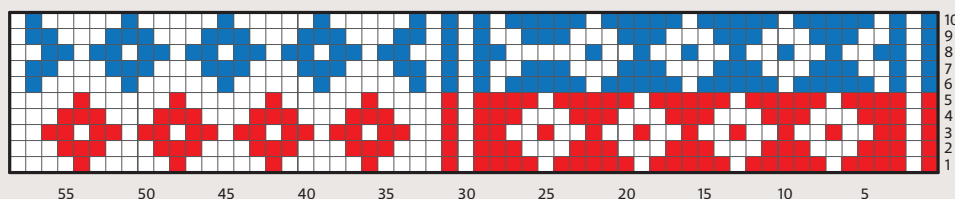
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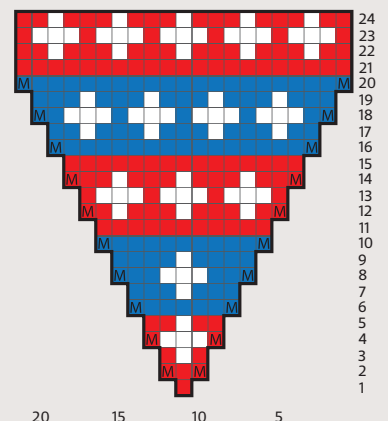
## CHARTS

### Hand Chart



**KEY** ■ Yarn A  
■ Yarn B  
[M] M1

### Thumb Chart



20 15 10 5