



GLOVES

(For Service Men)

Equipment Needed:

Yarn—4-oz. 4/8 sweater yarn, dark Navy blue, or olive drab.

Needles—Four double-pointed needles to fit Red Cross Needle Gauge for socks. Gauges available from Area Offices.

Scale:

Six stitches to the inch, 8 rows to the inch. Make a sample to find out how many stitches are required for you to knit an inch. If your scale is not that given here, try a smaller or larger needle until you obtain this scale. If you have to use a different size needle from that called for above, it will not in any way alter the garment provided you knit 6 stitches to the inch and 8 rows to the inch.

Measurements: 5" across hand. 10½" from bottom to tip of third finger.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING

RIGHT HAND GLOVE: Cast on 56 stitches, 20 on each of two needles and 16 on the third. Knit 2, purl 2 for 3 inches, increasing one stitch on first and last stitches of third needle in the last round. Proceed as follows:

1st round: P 1, K 5, P 1, knit plain to the end of the round. Repeat this round twice. (The purled stitches mark gusset for thumb.)

4th round: P 1, increase once in the next stitch, K 3, increase once in the next stitch, P 1, knit plain to end of round.

5th round: P 1, K 7, P 1, knit plain to end of the round. Repeat this round 4 times.

10th round: Increase 2 sts. between the 2 purled sts. in this and every 6th round following until there are 13 sts. between the purled stitches. Work 6 rounds without increasing, casting on 3 sts. at the end of the last round.

In the next round slip the first 15 sts. on to a thread or stitch holder for the thumb, continue the round in plain knitting. Work 13 rounds without shaping.

NOTE: In casting on stitches at the base of the fingers in the following directions, be sure to pull your thread lightly so as to avoid forming holes. Any holes which do appear should be darned.

1st FINGER: Knit the first 5 sts., slip all but the last 11 sts. on to a thread or stitch holder, cast on 2 sts. and knit the last 11 sts. Divide these 18 sts. evenly on three needles. Work 26 rounds in plain knitting.

27th round: K 2 tog. 9 times. Break off wool. Run the end through the remaining stitches, draw up tightly and darn in securely on wrong side.

2nd FINGER: Knit the next 7 sts. of the round, cast on 2 sts., knit the last 7 sts. of the round, and knit up the 3 sts. at the base of 1st Finger. Divide these 19 sts. on three needles. Work 30 rounds in plain knitting.

31st round: K 2 tog. 9 times, K 1. Finish off as given for 1st Finger.

3rd FINGER: Knit the next 7 sts. of the round, cast on 2 sts., knit the last 7 sts. of the round and knit up 2 sts. at the base of the 2nd Finger. Divide these 18 sts. evenly on three needles. Continue and finish off as given for 1st Finger.

4th FINGER: Knit the remaining stitches and knit up 4 sts. at the base of the 3rd Finger. Divide these 14 sts. on to three needles. Work 19 rounds in plain knitting.

20th round: K 2 tog. 7 times. Finish off as given for the 1st Finger.

THE THUMB: Knit the 15 sts. which were left for the thumb and knit up 4 sts. from the opening. Divide these sts. on three needles. Work 21 rounds in plain knitting.

22nd round: K 2 tog. 9 times, K 1. Finish off as given for 1st Finger.

Weave in on the wrong side a portion of the thread left hanging at the base of each finger and thumb. Also weave in thread left hanging when stitches were cast on to start the glove.

LEFT HAND GLOVE: Work as given for Right Hand Glove until fingers are reached.

1st FINGER: Knit the first 11 sts., slip all but the last 5 on to a thread, cast on 2 sts. and knit the last 5 sts.

Work the remainder of the glove as given for the Right Hand Glove, but commencing at the back to knit up stitches for the fingers.

With a damp cloth and hot iron press carefully.

Chapter Label should be sewed inside one of the gloves at wrist.

Fasten gloves together to form a pair.

Do not start another pair of gloves with left over yarn.

Please return all unused yarn to Chapter.

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