

Haldir

Dots Dabbles

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Haldir is a unisex, versatile mitt pattern featuring a trendy stranded colourwork motif. The name of the pattern comes from a character from the Lord of the Rings: Haldir of Lothlórien.

Yarn: 60 grams of fingering weight sock yarn in 2 contrasting colours: 40 grams of MC and 20 grams of CC. Pick 2 solid colours with good contrast for the best effect

Yarn used in sample is Tukuwool Fingering (75% Finnsheep and 25% Texelin, 213 yards or 195 meters per 50 grams) in colourways Raku (MC) and Uupo (CC)

Gauge: 32 stitches and 40 rounds is 4 inches or 10 cm in stranded stockinette stitch

Needles: 2.5 mm (US 1.5) or size needed to obtain gauge in stranded stockinette stitch, and needles that are one size smaller

Materials needed: Needles for working small circumferences in the round, at least 3 stitch markers, 2 pieces of waste yarn, and a tapestry needle

Techniques used: Stranded colourwork

Size: Medium (54 stitches) and Large (62 stitches) to fit a hand circumference of about 7 (8) inches or 18 (20.5) cm

The stranded colourwork doesn't make these mitts very stretchy, so please pick a size with little to no negative ease



Please read before you start:

- When more than one number is given, the first applies to size Medium and the second to size Large
- For a tutorial on how to do the German twisted cast on, check <http://artemiswolf.blogspot.be/2014/07/photo-tutorial-twisted-german-old.html>
- Don't forget to keep the contrast colour in dominant position while working stranded colourwork. For more information please check the following tutorial: <http://paper-tiger.net/blog/13911317/colordominance>.
- If you have difficulty keeping your floats loose while knitting stranded colourwork, try knitting your

mitts inside out. Check this video by Melissa B to see how this is done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgU-1QiEWts>

- If you are unsure about which type of increases to use for the left and right leaning increases, please check <https://yarnsub.com/articles/techniques/m1-increase/>
- For a clean lifted bar increase in stranded knitting, try to pick a strand in the colour of your increase whenever possible
- For a tutorial on how to do Jeny's Surprisingly Stetchy Bind Off (JSSBO), check <http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php>

Abbreviations:

<i>BOR</i>	Beginning of round
<i>CC</i>	Contrast colour
<i>K</i>	Knit
<i>K2tog</i>	Knit 2 stitches together
<i>M</i>	Make stitch using backward loop cast on
<i>M1L</i>	Make 1 left leaning stitch
<i>M1R</i>	Make 1 right leaning stitch
<i>MC</i>	Main colour
<i>P</i>	Purl
<i>PM</i>	Place marker
<i>PUK</i>	Pick up and knit
<i>SM</i>	Slip marker

