

Squirrel and Oak Mittens



You'll need:

- *yarn: Dale of Norway Hauk in charcoal (contrast color) and oatmeal (main color)- one skein each, or 100 meters each of 2 colors of equivalent sport weight wool, plus a bit of scrap yarn for thumb placement
- *needles: US 3 double pointed needles, or whatever size you need for gauge
- * size: to fit a small/medium woman's hand , 8" circumference, 12" tip to bottom edge
- * gauge: 6 sts. and 6 rows = 1" in stockinette

Pattern:

Loosely cast on 48 stitches in main color. Join into round and knit one round plain. Join in contrast color and knit 1x1 ribbing, with CC as knits and MC as purls, for 1". Begin charts, starting with one of the backs, followed by the palm chart, working one row from each chart to form the round.

When you get to the red line drawn into the chart for thumb placement, knit a bit of scrap yarn for those 9 stitches, then slide those 9 stitches back onto the left needle and knit them again in pattern, following the chart. Continue with charts until line 53. Cut yarn, leaving 6" tail. Thread through all live stitches and weave in ends.

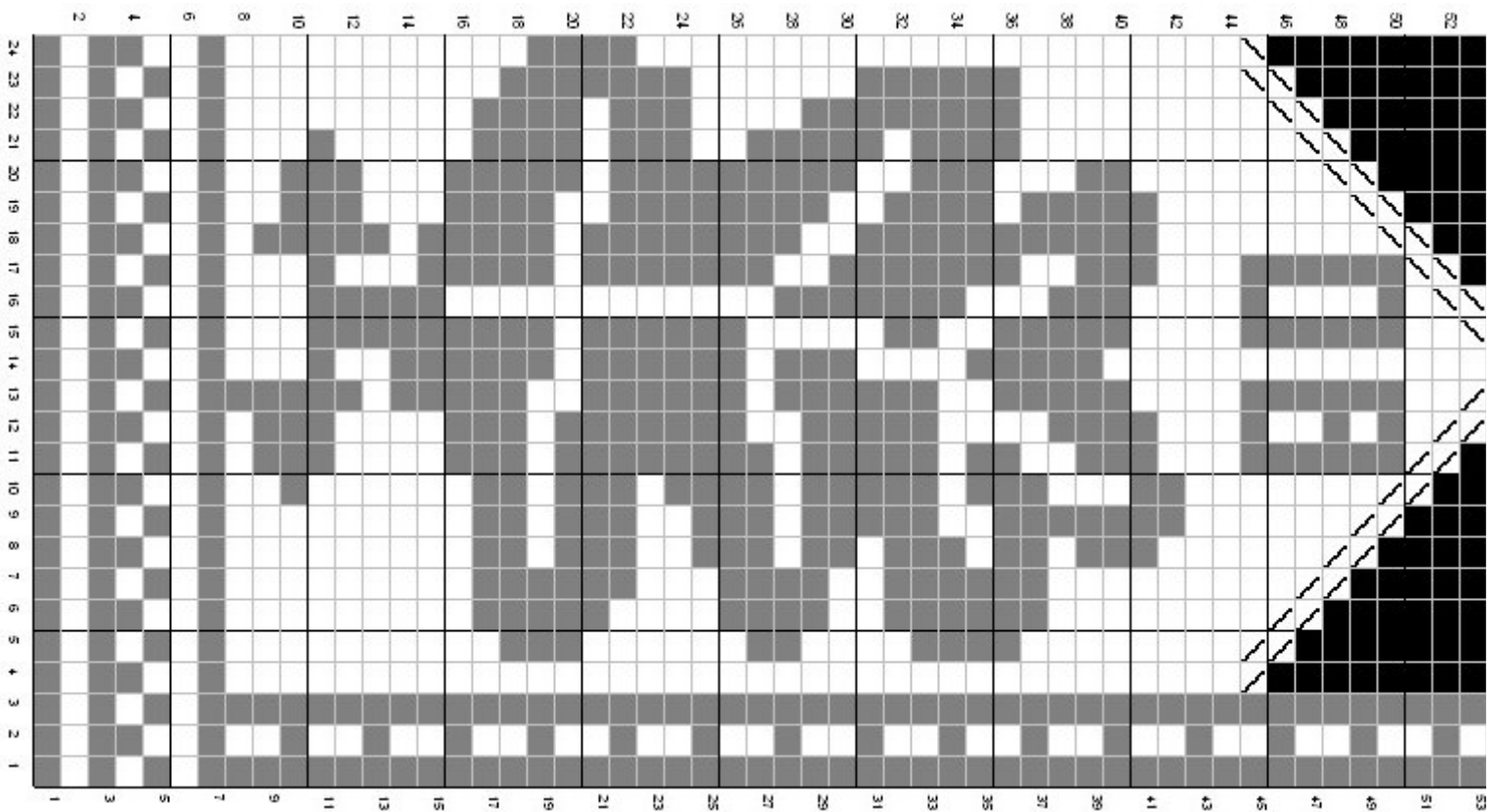
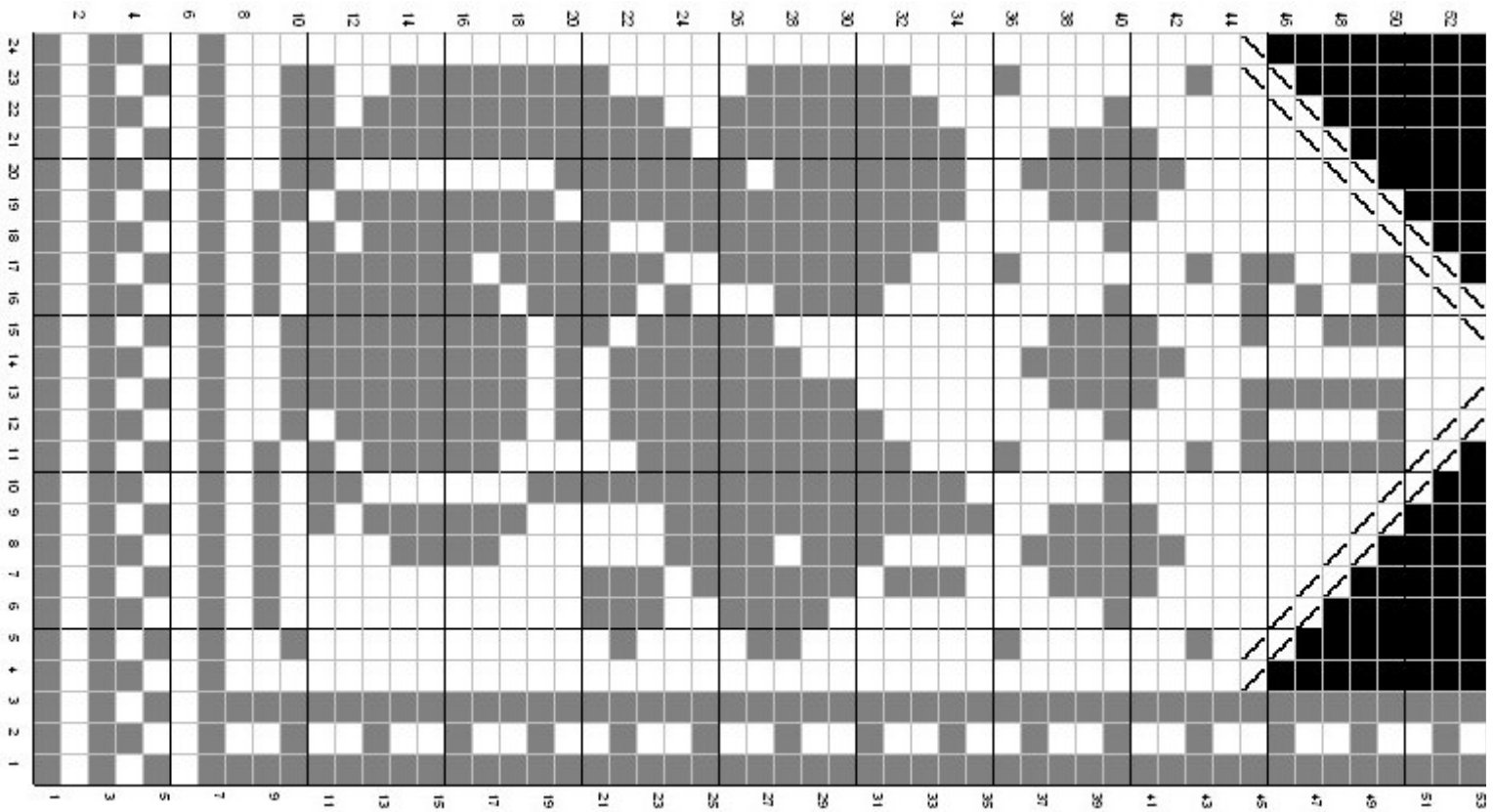
Go back and remove scrap yarn, put stitches on needles, and knit the thumb following thumb charts (one chart is the side facing you, the other side makes back of thumb. When you've come to the end of the chart, cut yarn and thread through stitches. Weave in ends.

Repeat to make second mitten, using second palm chart.

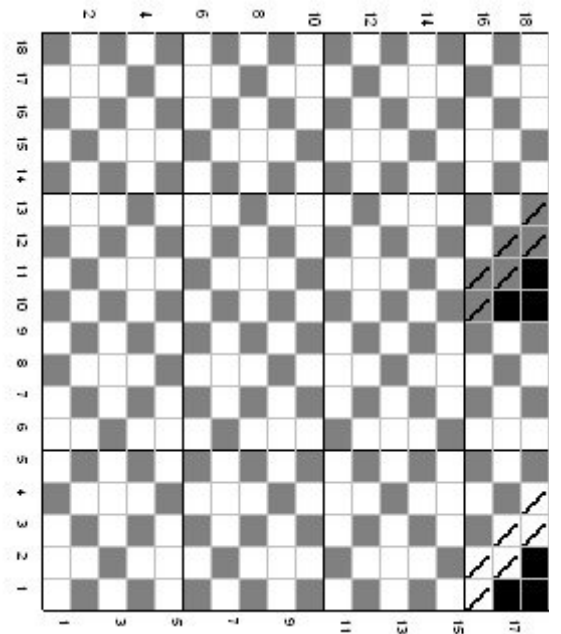
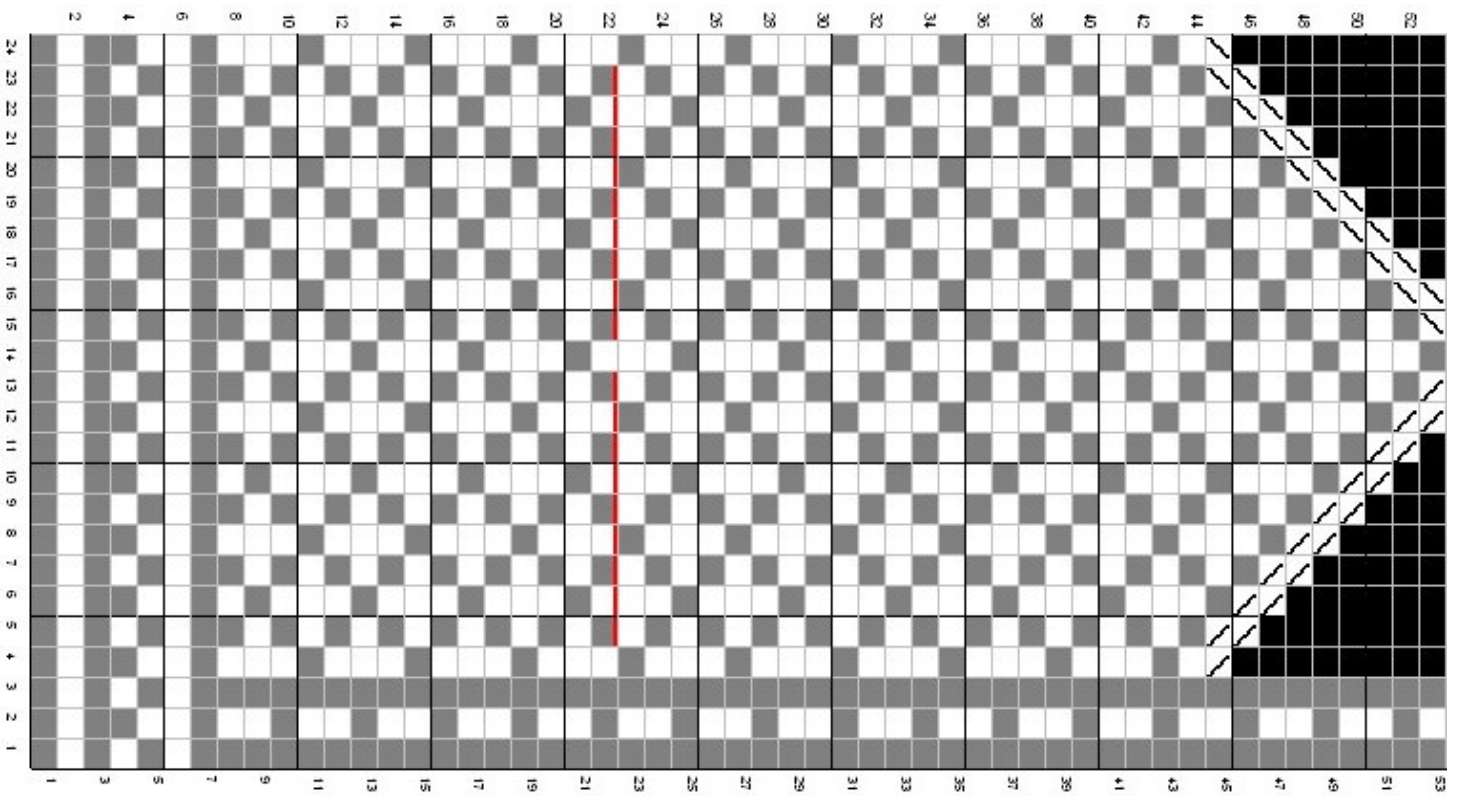
For the mitten string, I crocheted a chain with two strands and put a pom pom on each end. I then crocheted a loop onto each mitten with a doubled strand of yarn and popped a pom pom through each loop. This way, the string can be removed, but the pom pom is a tight enough fit in the loop that the mitten won't be lost. You could always tie the string to the loop, too.

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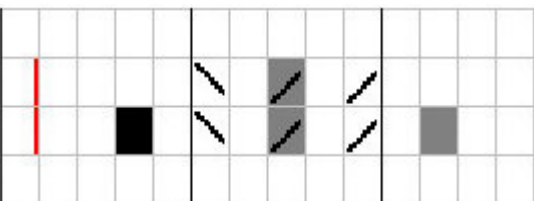


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back of thumb

front



Knit in MC (white square)

Knit in CC

SSK in MC

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K2TOG in MC

Not a stitch

Thumb placement (one line for each palm)

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