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- □ Rounds 27 & 28: [k5,], [p2, k1, p2, k2, p2, k1], [k9], [k5]
- Round 29: [k5], [p2, k8, p2], [k9], [k5]
- Round 30: [k5], [p2, c4b, c4f, p2], [k9], [k4]
- Round 31: [k5], [p2, k8, p2], [k9], [k5]
- Round 32: knit around
- Round 33: [k5], [k12], [k9], but don't work the last 5 stitches on the fourth dpn

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- □ Rounds 34 & 35: knit around
- Round 36: purl around
- Round 37: *k2tog, yo* repeat around
- Round 38: purl around
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Loosely bind off the 22 stitches from your dpns.

Slip the thumb stitches back onto your dpns & distribute evenly (you may only want to use 3 dpns here). Pick up & knit 1 stitch in the gap where the thumb meets the body of the glove (11 stitches total).

- □ □ Rounds 1-3: knit around

Loosely bind off all thumb stitches.

Right glove:

Cast on 20 stitches & divide evenly between 4 dpns, being careful not to twist the cast-on. Place marker & join.

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- Round 13: knit around

Round 14: *k4, m1* repeat around— 25 stitches in round

Round 15: knit around

Now, you'll rearrange the stitches on your dpns to make the counting easier. From the marker, leave 2 stitches on the first dpn. Place the next 9 stitches on the second dpn. Place the next 12 stitches on the third dpn & leave the last 2 stitches on the fourth dpn. The brackets will help you see what happens on each dpn.

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Diving in Deeper:

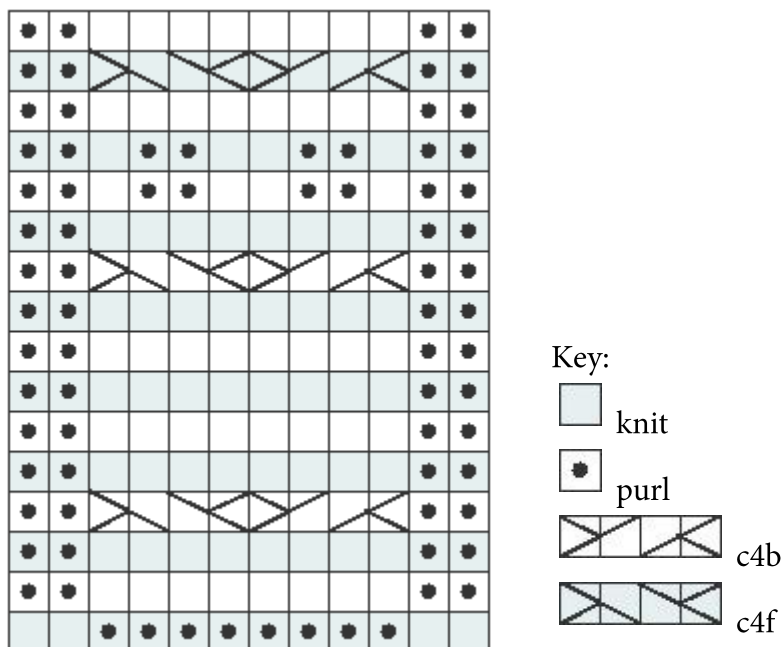
What is with all the brackets?

Yeah, I know... knitting patterns aren't supposed to look like math textbooks, right? But bear with me here for a minute. If you haven't started a pair of these gloves, this probably looks super threatening & you can't imagine how such ugliness could ever be helpful. Here's the dealio, though: when you reach that part of the pattern, you have your 25 stitches split very strategically across 4 double-pointed needles. The brackets help you see what is happening on each of the 4 needles—they're just a way to visually break up the round into bite-size chunks!

"Split very strategically?" Want to elaborate a little there?

In my Holly Holiday voice: I thought you'd never ask! While the gunk inside the brackets looks like word soup at first glance, there really is a pattern from round to round. Take a look at the left glove, for example.

- The first & last brackets correspond to the stitches on your first & last dpns. They start off with only 2 stitches each, but increase every other round until they hold 5 stitches each. Then, they sit tight & get knit until it's time to turn those stitches into the thumb of your glove.
- The second bracket is where your owl will take shape. The written-out directions are hard to visualize, but the chart below might help you see what's really going on under all that purling & cabling.



- The third bracket is plain-Jane knit stitches, every single round! This chunk of stitches will become the palm of your glove.
- Then, to make your right glove, it's the same process, just with the 2nd & 3rd brackets switched!

Why the floopy yarn-overs at the end of the glove?

This is a purely stylistic choice that you are, of course, welcome to modify or leave out altogether. From round 37 onward, you're creating some raised eyelets for the top edge of your gloves. They are there for two reasons: first, to combat the rolling tendency of plain old stockinette stitch, and second, to look classy as hell. Who wants ribbing at the top of fingerless gloves, right?

Finishing:

Weave in ends & trim. Sew buttons into place as the owls' eyes— the little square of purled stitches marks where they belong. Now slip them on & never choose between cute & smart again!



XOXOXOXO, Meg :)