

# *Japanese Wave Mittens*



I designed these mittens for my sister. I based the design on the Japanese wave pattern. That is a pattern that we saw a lot while growing up. I was recently reminded of the pattern by a tea cup that I bought at Hana Elegant Japanese Porcelain in Vancouver, BC.

The top portion of the mitten is a transition from white to blue. I like to think of this part as cherry blossoms blowing in the breeze.



**Needle:** 3.5 mm dp needles or circular (24" or longer) for magic loop

**Yarn:** Worsted weight. I used Tanis Fiber Arts Green Label Yarn.

Main Colour: approximately 110 m (121 yds)  
Contrast Colour: approximately 60m (65 yds)

**Size:** This pattern is a woman's small size. Larger needles can be used to increase the size.

## Instructions:

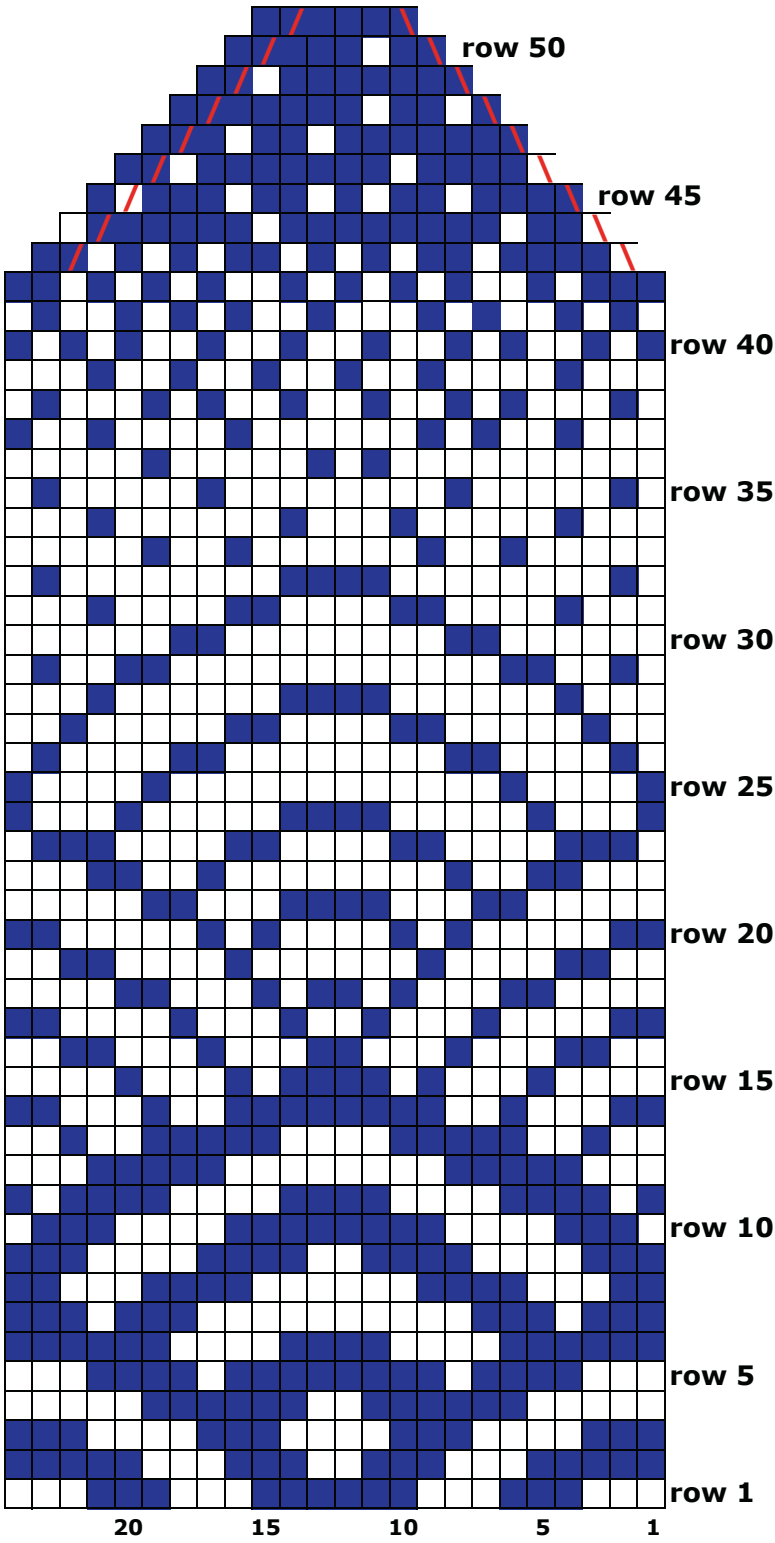
1. Cast on 48 stitches in the main colour. Join to knit in the round. Work k2, p2 for desired length of cuff. I went for 2-2.5".
2. Knit one row in main colour.
3. Knit row one of chart 1 and chart 2. Continue until row 18.
4. For the thumb, I like to slip the 9 stitches onto a safety pin or stitch holder and then cut off the both yarns leaving long tails to close any holes. Alternatively you can knit the 9 stitches with waste yarn.

5. Keep knitting the pattern. For the 9 stitches in the row above the thumb hole, cast on 9 stitches in the contrast colour leaving a 9 stitch long float of the main colour rather than weaving it in.
6. When you reach the final 12 stitches place the stitches on two safety pins and turn the mittens inside out. Alternatively if you are using magic loop, turn the mittens inside out and thread the needles through.
7. Divide the needles evenly onto two needles and then bind off using a three needle bind off.
8. For the thumbs, slip stitches back onto a needle if you used a safety pin or stitch holder. Alternatively you can unpick the stitches from the waste yarn. Pick up 9 stitches from the cast on above the thumb hole. I also like to add 2 stitches to each side of the thumb using the tails of the contrast colour yarn (making the thumbs 11 stitches wide and eliminating the holes from the sides). If you prefer a tighter thumb than skip the additional stitches and use the yarn tails to close any holes.
9. If you are making an 11 stitch thumb, knit the thumb using the 11 stitch thumb charts. If you are making a 9 stitch thumb, knit the thumb with 9 stitch thumb charts. Cut yarn and thread through the final 6 stitches.
10. Weave in all ends.

## Chart Legend

- / Knit 2 together
- \ Slip Slip Knit
- X Thumb (orange = left hand, red = right hand)

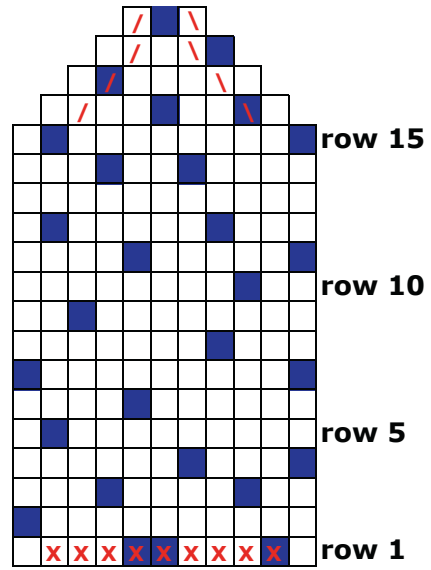
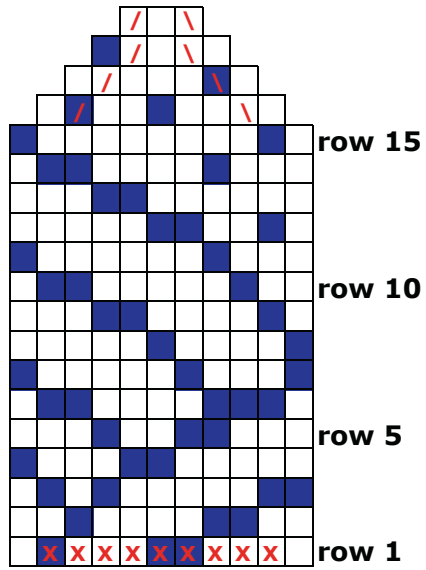
# Chart 1



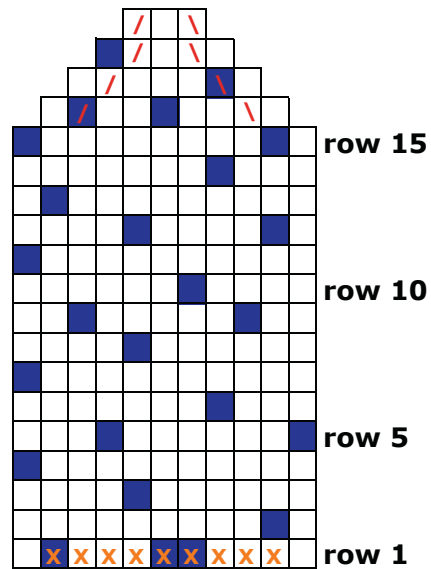
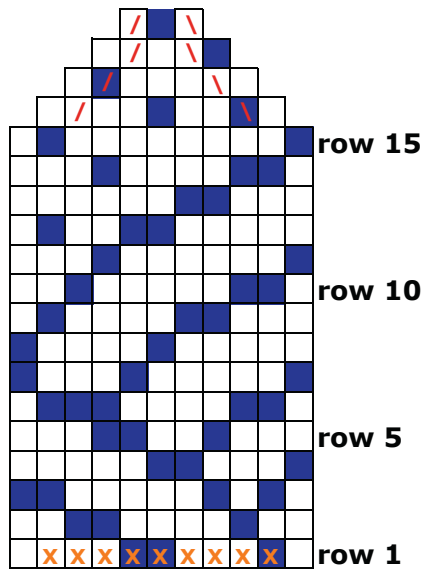


# 11 stitch thumb

Right hand thumb:

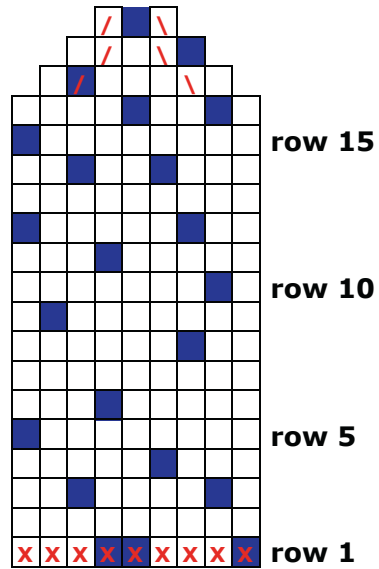
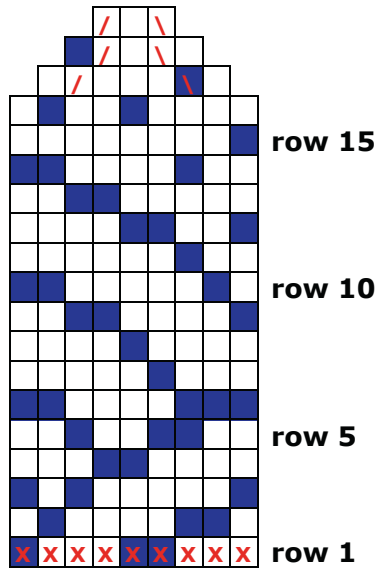


Left hand thumb:



# 9 stitch thumb

Right hand thumb:



Left hand thumb:

