



# An HJS Studio Pattern: World War Two Mittens and Gloves



## Introduction

Sharon Earley of the American Red Cross in San Antonio, Texas, bought on eBay an old Bucilla Yarn booklet, entitled "Practical, Warm Hand Knits for Service Men," full of instructions for knitting items for military men during World War II. The booklet is Volume 318, dated 1940, and is marked 10 cents!

Sharon sent me scans of each page of the booklet so I could put them on my website as companions to the WWI knit patterns. Since the instructions are relatively modern, I've simply retyped them verbatim. Please read the [World War II Pattern FAQ](#) if you have any questions.

Abbreviations used: st - stitch, sts - stitches, k - knit, p - purl, tog – together

## Mittens No. 211

**MATERIALS**— Bear Brand or Bucilla "AA" De Luxe Knitting Worsted, 1 skein, or Bear Brand or Bucilla Standard Brand Knitting Worsted, 1 skein.

1 Set (5) Bucilla Steel Knitting Needles, Sock Size No. 10, Article 3494.

Please see the note on needle sizes on my [World War II Pattern FAQ](#), or simply use the modern-sized needles that give you the desired gauge.

**GAUGE:** 6 stitches = 1 inch, 9 rows = 1 inch

**CUFF**— Cast on 48 sts, place them on 4 (or 3) needles, join and work in ribbing of k 2, p 2, for 3 1/2 inches.

**HAND**— K 6 rounds even.

**1st increasing round for thumb:** increase in next st, k 1, increase in next st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**2nd increasing round:** increase in next st (mark this as the first thumb st), k 3, increase in next st (the last thumb st), k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.



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**3rd increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 5, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**4th increasing round:** increase in the first thumb st, k 7, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**5th increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 9, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**6th increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 11, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round (60 sts in round). K 3 rounds even, ending at the first thumb st. Slip the next 15 sts to a strand of yarn, to be held for thumb. Cast on 3 sts at end of last needle (between thumb and hand), k to end of round (48 sts in round). Work even for 4 inches.

**1st decreasing round:** \* k 4, k 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of round (8 decrease). K 3 rounds even.

**2nd decreasing round:** \* k 3, k 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**3rd decreasing round:** \* k 2, k 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of round. K 1 round even.

**4th decreasing round:** \* k 1, k 2 tog, repeat from \* to end of round. K 1 round even.

**5th decreasing round:** k 2 tog, 8 times in succession. Break off, leaving an end. Draw end through all 8 sts, draw them together tightly and darn in end.

**THUMB**— Slip the 15 sts held for thumb to 2 needles, with a 3rd needle pick up and k 4 sts on the 3 cast-on sts between thumb and hand. K even until thumb measures 2 1/4 inches from the cast-on sts; k 2 sts tog at end of last round.

**1st decreasing round:** \* k 2 tog, k 4, repeat from \* to end of round. K 1 round even.

**2nd decreasing round:** \* k 2 tog, k 3, repeat from \* to end of round. K 1 round even.

**3rd decreasing round:** k 2 sts tog, 6 times in succession. Break off, leaving an end; draw end through remaining 6 sts, tighten and darn in end.

## Gloves No. 207

### Medium Size

**MATERIALS**— Bear Brand or Bucilla Cassimere Sport Yarn, 1 ball, or Bear Brand or Bucilla Ladyfair Sweater and Stocking Yarn, 1 skein.

1 set (5) Bucilla Steel Knitting Needles, Sock Size No. 12, Article 3494.



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Note: For smaller size use No. 13 needles; for a larger size, No. 11.

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**GAUGE:** 7 stitches = 1inch, 11 rows = 1 inch.

**CUFF**— Cast on 56 sts, place on 3 (or 4) needles, join, work in ribbing of k 2, p 2, for 3 inches.

**HAND**— K 1 round plain, mark last st as end of round.

**1st increasing round for thumb gore:** k 2 sts in first st (an increase), k 1, increase in next st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**2nd increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 3, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**3rd increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 5, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even. Continue to increase in first and in last thumb st, every 3rd round, having 2 sts more between increases in every successive increasing round, until there are 9 increases on each side of thumb gore (21 sts in gore). K 2 rounds even after the last increase, ending just before the first thumb st, k also the first thumb st. Slip the next 19 sts to a thread and tie ends of thread, cast on 5 sts (inner side of thumb), k to end of round (60 sts in round). K even for 25 rounds (2 1/4 inches), ending just before the 5 cast-on stitches.

**FIRST FINGER**— Slip the last worked 10 sts to a free needle, with another needle k the next 5 sts (the sts right over the 5 cast-on sts), k 2 more sts to the last needle; slip remaining 43 sts to a thread (to be held for the other 3 fingers); cast on 4 sts to the second needle. Divide the 21 sts on 3 needles, join and k round and round for 3 inches (k more for a longer finger). Next round k 2 tog, k to end of round. K 1 round even. \* K 2 tog, k 3, repeat from \* to end of round (16 sts left). K 1 round even. \* K 2 tog, k 2, repeat from \* to end of round. K 1 round even. K 2 tog, 6 times in succession; break off and draw end twice through the remaining 6 sts, darn in end.

**SECOND FINGER**— Slip 7 sts from thread on upper side of hand to needle, pick up 4 sts on the 4 cast-on sts on side of first finger, slip 7 sts from other end of thread (palm side of hand) to a needle, k these 18 sts, cast on 3 sts for other side of second finger. Divide these 21 sts on 3 needles and k round and round for 3 1/4 inches. Decrease as on first finger and fasten off.

**THIRD FINGER**— Slip 7 sts from end of thread on upper side of hand to a needle, pick up 3 sts on the 3 cast-on sts on second finger, slip 7 sts from the other end of thread to a needle, cast on 3 sts; on these 20 sts k third finger same as first finger, omitting the first (odd) decrease.

**FOURTH FINGER**— Slip the remaining 15 sts from thread to needles, pick up 3 sts on the 3 cast-on sts on third finger; on these 18 sts work even for 2 1/4 inches. Decrease as follows: \* k 2 tog, k 1, repeat from \* 5 times (12 sts left). K 1 round even. K 2 tog, 6 times in succession; break off and finish sts as on first finger.



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**THUMB**— Slip the 19 thumb sts from thread to 2 needles, pick up 5 sts on the 5 cast-on sts, and an extra st at each end (26 sts). K 2 rounds even. \* Next round decrease 1 st at center of the 5 cast-on sts, k 1 round even, repeat from \* 3 times. Work even on remaining 22 sts until thumb measures 2 1/4 inches on inner side. Next row ( k 2 tog, k 9, repeat from \* once. K 1 round even. Follow directions for the decrease of 20 sts on first finger; fasten off.

These directions are for Right Hand Glove. When knitting the Left Hand Glove, begin the first finger 2 sts before the 5 cast-on sts at inside of thumb, k the 5 sts over the 5 cast-on thumb sts and also the next 10 sts, cast on 4 sts for inside of finger (21 sts). Work fingers as on Right Glove.



### Trigger Gloves No. 208

**MATERIALS**— Bear Brand or Bucilla Cassimere Sport Yarn, 1 ball, or Bear Brand or Bucilla Ladyfair Sweater and Stocking Yarn, 1 skein.

1 set (5) Bucilla Steel Knitting Needles, Sock Size No. 12, Article 3494.

Please see my [WW II Pattern FAQ](#) for information on needle sizes. Or simply substitute the modern-sized needle that gets you the specified gauge.

**GAUGE:** 7 stitches = 1inch, 11 rows = 1 inch.

**CUFF**— Cast on 56 sts, place on 3 (or 4) needles, join, work in ribbing of k 2, p 2, for 3 inches.

**HAND**— K 1 round plain; mark last st as end of round.

**1st increasing round for thumb gore:** k 2 sts in first st (an increase), k 1, increase in next st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**2nd increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 3, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even.

**3rd increasing round:** increase in first thumb st, k 5, increase in last thumb st, k to end of round. K 2 rounds even. Continue to increase in first and in last thumb st, every 3rd round, having 2 sts more between increases in every successive increasing round, until there are 9 increases on each side of thumb gore (21 sts in gore). K 2 rounds even after the last increase, ending just before the first thumb st; k also the first thumb st. Slip the next 19 sts to a thread and tie ends of thread; cast on 5 sts (inner side of thumb), k to end of round (60 sts in round).

K even for 24 rounds, ending just before the 5 cast-on stitches.

**FIRST FINGER**— Slip the last worked 10 sts to a free needle, with another needle k the next 7 sts (the sts right over the 5 cast-on sts, and 2 sts more); slip remaining 43 sts to a thread



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(to be held for the other 3 fingers), cast on 5 sts to the second needle. Divide these 22 sts on 3 needles, work round and round in ribbing of k 1, p 1, for 10 rounds; bind off, knitting the k sts and purling the p sts.

**SECOND FINGER**— Slip 7 sts from thread on upper side of hand to needle, pick up 5 sts on the 5 cast-on sts on side of first finger, slip 7 sts from other end of thread (palm side of hand) to a needle; k these 19 sts, cast on 3 sts for other side of second finger. Divide these 22 sts on 3 needles, work round and round in ribbing of k 1, p 1, for 12 round and bind off as on first finger.

**THIRD FINGER**-- Slip 7 sts from upper side of hand to a needle, pick up 3 sts on the 3 cast-on sts on second finger, slip 7 sts from palm of hand to a needle, cast on 3 sts on these 20 sts, work 10 rounds in ribbing and bind off as before.

**FOURTH FINGER**— Slip the remaining 15 sts from thread to 2 needles, pick up 3 sts on the 3 cast-on sts on third finger. On these 18 sts work 8 rounds in ribbing and bind off as before.

**THUMB**— Slip the 19 thumb sts from thread to 2 needles, pick up 5 sts on the 5 cast-on sts, and an extra st at each end of them. On these 26 sts work 10 rounds in ribbing and bind off as before.

These directions are for Right Hand Glove. When knitting the Left Hand Glove, begin the first finger 2 sts before the 5 cast-on thumb sts and also the next 10 sts, cast on 5 sts for inside of finger (22 sts). Work fingers as on Right Glove.



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