

## **KESKI-POHJANMAA STAR MITTENS Finland**



**Design:** Traditional

Instructions: Taito Pirkanmaa

Size: Large women size

Yarn: Taito Pirkanmaa Paksu Pirkka lanka 285 x 2 (100 % WO, 100 g = 170 m) – dark grey

(501) 100 g - light grey (200) 100 g. <u>www.taitopirkanmaa.fi</u>

Needles: 3 mm DPNs or size to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** 10 cm = 29 sts ja 27 rnds. Check the gauge and change needles if needed. If you want bigger size, use larger needles.

Intructions: Using dark grey yarn cast on 56 sts, knit 1 round. Next work the braid (see colors from chart). You need to work rnds 1 and 2 to make one braid. is formed from 2 rnds. Rnd 1: purl using two colors. Purl 1 st with light grey, leave the yarn in front of the work, purl 1 st using dark grey, leave the yarn in front of the work. Slip light grey yarn over the dark grey yarn and purl 1 st with light grey. Slip dark grey yarn over the light grey yarn, and purl 1 st with dark greyn. Continue like this until end of the rnd. Rnd 2: knit to end with light grey. Repeat these two rnds 2 times more. Then knit 1 rnd with dark grey and 2 rnds with light grey. Start colorwork according the chart. Thumb placing: when you have worked 29 rnds according the chart, place 11 sts from edge of needle on scrap yarn for thumb, cast on new 11 sts and continue colorwork according the chart 23 rnds more. Then work in stockinette st with light grey 2 rnds and dark grey 3 rnds. Start decreases for top, continuing the colorwork. Decrease on needles 1 and 3: k1, ssk, k to end of needle. On needles 2 and 4 k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. When you have 4 sts left, cut yarn and pull through remaining sts. Make other mitten mirrored.

**Thumb:** Place 11 sts from scrap yarn and another 11 sts from the edge of cast on sts on needles, and 1 st from each end (=24 sts). Divide sts on 3 needles (8 st / needle) and work colorwork according the chart. Decrease in the end of each (k2tog) on every rnd. When you have 3 sts left, cut yarn and pull through remaining sts

**Finishing:** Weave in ends. Finish mittens by slightly felting using warm water and soap. Light steaming is also enough.

**Care:** Handwash in lukewarm 30 degrees water using mild soap, gently squeezing. Changes in water temperature and hard brushing cause felting. Shape when damp and let dry flat in airy place. Steam lightly.

See the model next page.

Translation Heli Rajavaara.

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