Pattern for Checkerboard Shadow Knit Fingerless Gloves in the Round

Choose your two colors of similar yarn. This pattern works best if you have a high contrast between the two colors. For this pattern, we'll call it color A and color B. Pick a needle that will create a firm fabric, I usually start with the recommendations by the yarn manufacturer and work from there.

This pattern requires a bit of math to allow for sizing the gloves.

First determine the width you want your glove. Then determine your stitch gauge. At that point, you'll need to adjust the number you cast on for the pattern as the repeat is a multiple of 10 stitches.

The math formula:
Multiply gauge in stitches per in by the width of glove in inches. Round to a multiple of 10

Example:
I want my gloves to be 8 inches in diameter and my gauge is 6 stitches per inch.
8 time 6 = 48, I want my cast on number to be a multiple of 10 so I would round up to 50. I would cast on 50 stitches. (Depending on how many stitches you have for the first step, you may want to round down.)

This pattern starts at the fingers and knits to the wrist. You may want to adjust the length between the fingers and the thumb opening as well as the total length, this is your glove!

Cast on the number of stitches from your calculations above in color A. Join in the round and take care not to twist your row. Put a marker at the beginning of the row for clarity.

Please note how to put in the thumb opening below. The directions vary from right to left

the pattern:
row 1: Knit one round in color A
row 2: *(Knit five, purl five in color A) repeat* until end of round
row 3: knit one round in color B
row 4: *(purl five, knit five in color B) repeat* until end of round
row 5: Knit one round in color A
row 6: *(Knit five, purl five in color A) repeat* until end of round
row 7: knit one round in color B

row 8: *(purl five, knit five in color B) repeat* until end of round
row 9: Knit one round in color A
row 10: *(Knit five, purl five in color A) repeat* until end of round
row 11: knit one round in color B
row 12: *(purl five, knit five in color B) repeat* until end of round

*this is where the pattern changes to make the checkerboard and it is where I put the thumb opening, see below,

row 13: Knit one round in color A
row 14: *(purl five, knit five in color A) repeat* until end of round
row 15: knit one round in color B
row 16: *(knit five, purl five in color B) repeat* until end of round
row 17: Knit one round in color A
row 18: *(purl five, knit five in color A) repeat* until end of round
row 19: knit one round in color B
row 20: *(knit five, purl five in color B) repeat* until end of round
row 21: Knit one round in color A
row 22: *(purl five, knit five in color A) repeat* until end of round
row 23: knit one round in color B
row 24: *(knit five, purl five in color B) repeat* until end of round

continue the row 1 thru 24 pattern until glove is the length you want and then cast off in pattern. Weave in ends and you are done!

Thumb opening directions:

Approximately 2 1/2 inches from the cast on row (mine ended up at row 13), you'll create the thumb opening by casting off stitches in one row then casting on the same number of stitches in the next row.

left hand:
cast off row, work in pattern for one inch, cast off 1 1/4 inches worth of stitches, continue working in pattern
cast on row, work in pattern for one inch, cast on the same number of stitches you cast off, continue working in pattern

right hand:
cast off row, work in pattern until 2 1/4 inches before end of round, cast off 1 1/4 inches worth of stitches, continue working in pattern
cast on row, work in pattern until 2 1/4 inches before end of round, cast on the same number of stitches you cast off in the previous row, continue working in pattern

This is how my openings worked out:
left hand:
row 13: Knit 5 in color A, cast off 8 stitches, continue knitting until end of round
row 14: purl 5 in color A. cast on 8 stitches, knit 2, then continue in pattern - *(purl five, knit five in color A) repeat* until end of round

right hand:
row 13: knit 37 in color A, cast off 8 stitches, continue knitting until end of round
row 14: *(purl five, knit five in color A) repeat* in color A for 37 stitches. cast on 8 stitches then knit 5 to the end of round,

You may want to use the "jogless join" for your color changes.

Pattern for Shadow Knit Fingerless Gloves in the Round with a Motif

Choose your two colors of similar yarn. This pattern works best if you have a high contrast between the two colors. For this pattern, we'll call it color A and color B. Pick a needle that will create a firm fabric, I usually start with the

recommendations by the yarn manufacturer and work from there.

This pattern requires a bit of math to allow for sizing the gloves.First determine the width you want your glove. Then determine your stitch gauge.

The math formula:
Multiply gauge in stitches per in by the width of glove in inches.

Example:
I want my gloves to be 8 inches in diameter and my gauge is 6 stitches per inch.
8 time 6 = 48, I would cast on 48 stitches.

This pattern starts at the fingers and knits to the wrist. You may want to adjust the length between the fingers and the thumb opening as well as the total length, this is your glove!

Cast on the number of stitches from your calculations above in color A.   Join in the round and take care not to twist your row. Put a marker at the beginning of the row for clarity.

Please note how to put in the thumb opening below. The directions vary from right to left.

This pattern allows you to create your own motif. You may find that you will want to pre-knit the motif before you knit the gloves for any adjustments.

The pattern:
row 1: knit one round in color A
row 2: purl one round in color A
row 3: knit one round in color B
row 4: knit one round in color B

Follow the pattern for 1 1/2 inches. You'll now place the motif in the middle of your glove. Divide the number of cast on stitches by 3. Follow the pattern above for the first third, then the motif pattern, the follow the pattern for the last third.

for example:
I followed the above pattern until row 16
row 16: knit 16 (pattern), knit 16 (motif), knit 16 (pattern) in color A
row 17: purl 16 (pattern), knit 16 (motif), purl 16 (pattern) in color A
row 18: knit 16 (pattern), knit 16 (motif), knit 16 (pattern) in color B
row 19: knit 16 (pattern), knit 16(motif), knit 16 (pattern) in color B
etc., etc.

Once you complete your motif (see mine below), continue the pattern until your glove is the length you want and cast off. Weave in ends and you are done!

I used a graph for my motif. Think of the motif as pixels on a screen. The chunkier your yarn is, the less detail you'll be able to have.

Thumb opening directions:

Approximately 2 1/2 inches from the cast on row (mine ended up at row 13), you'll create the thumb opening by casting off stitches in one row then casting on the same number of stitches in the next row.

left hand:
cast off row, work in row pattern for one inch, cast off 1 1/4 inches worth of stitches, continue working in row pattern
cast on row, work in row pattern for one inch, cast on the same number of stitches you cast off, continue working in row pattern

right hand:
cast off row, work in row pattern until 2 1/4 inches before end of round, cast off 1 1/4 inches worth of stitches, continue working in row pattern

cast on row, work in row pattern until 2 1/4 inches before end of round, cast on the same number of stitches you cast off in the previous row, continue working in row pattern

This is how my openings worked out:
left hand:
row 13: Knit 5 in color A, cast off 8 stitches, knit until end of round
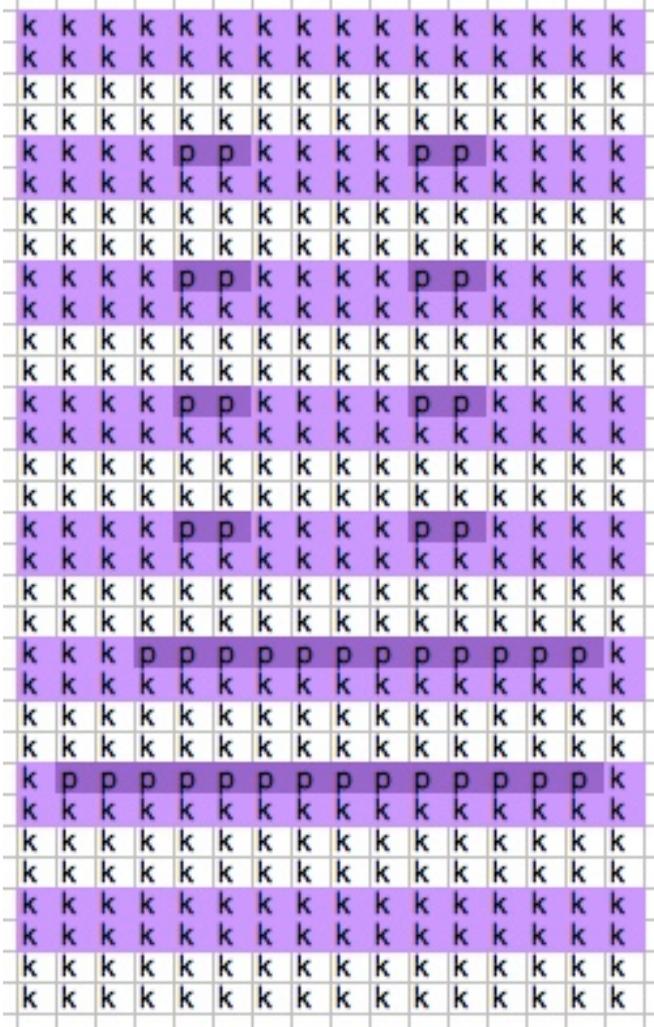row 14: purl 5 in color A. cast on 8 stitches, purl until end of round

right hand:
row 13: knit 37 in color A, cast off 8 stitches, continue knitting until end of round
row 14: purl in color A for 37 stitches. cast on 8 stitches then purl to the end of round,

You may want to use the "jogless join" for your color changes.

here is my motif graph:

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like most knitting charts, start at the bottom right and work upward.