

# Archer Mitts

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**Roomy in the arms, free moving in the hands, perfect for firing a crossbow  
(or snowball) at the zombie of your choice!**

**Shown in colors Officer Grimes & Daryl Dixon (top mitt) and Hershel Green & Michonne (bottom mitt)**

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## Pattern Information

**Sizes:** S (M, L, XL)  
**Hand Circ:** 6 (8, 10, 12) "/15 (21, 26, 31)cm,  
**Length:** 8-3/4"/ 22cm  
**Skill Level:** K 3 Intermediate  
**Fiber:** ModeKnit Yarn, ModeLuxe  
(50gr/110yds) per skein  
Color A - Officer Grimes, 1 ball  
Color B - Daryl Dixon, 1 ball  
*(Optional other colors shown,  
Hershel Green, Michonne)*  
**Gauge:** 4-1/2 sts x 10 rows = 4" in garter  
stitch using needle size: 7US/4mm  
**Notions:** Waste yarn, third (circular) needle

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## Special Techniques

### *Provisional Cast On*

This is a term used to describe a Cast On which can be easily removed later, leaving a row of live stitches to be slipped onto a needle and worked. One favorite method is to crochet a chain in waste yarn with at least as many sts as you would like to cast on. Tie off the end of the chain, placing a knot in the tail. Slip your knitting needle into the bump at the back of each chain, creating a "stitch" on the needle. When desired, the chain can be loosened and pulled off at the knotted end.



### Wrap & Turn (W&T)

Slip next st to RH needle, wrap yarn around base of stitch and return to LH needle. Turn work and begin working back in the opposite direction from the previous row.

### Double Knit Slipped Stitch Edge (dkss)

RS Row: K1, wyrs sl1, k1, work to last 3 sts, k1, wyrs sl1, k1

WS Row: wyws sl1, k1, wyws sl1, work to last 3 sts, wyws sl1, k1, wyws sl1

(Note: When working this edge you will ALWAYS hold the yarn toward YOU when slipping sts.)

### I-Cord Bind Off

Preparation: Cast on 2 sts at start of row.

[K2, K2tog-L. Slip 3 sts from RH needle back onto LH needle. Pull yarn taut across back of work.] Repeat until 3 sts rem.

### 3 Needle Bind Off

1. Place the two pieces on knitting needles so the right sides of each piece are facing each other with the needles parallel.
  2. Insert a third needle through the leading edge of the first stitch on each needle (knitwise)
  3. Knit these stitches together as one, leaving 1 st on RH needle.
  4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 and slip older stitch on LH needle over newer stitch.
- Repeat step 4 until all sts are bound off. Cut yarn, pull through last stitch.

### Kitchener Stitch

To prepare, break yarn leaving a tail 3 times the length of the seam, thread tail through a darning needle. Place pieces to be joined with WS together and hold both needles in the left hand. Move the stitches toward the points of the needles to make manipulation easier.

1. **Front Needle:** Draw the tail through the 1st stitch on the front needle as if to purl, but do not slip stitch off needle.
2. **Back Needle:** Draw yarn through the 1st stitch on the back needle as if to knit, but do not slip stitch off needle.
3. **Front Needle:** Draw tail through the 1st stitch on the front needle as if to knit, slip stitch off needle.
4. **Front Needle:** Draw tail through the 2nd stitch on the front needle as if to purl, do not slip stitch off of needle.
5. **Back Needle:** Draw tail through the 1st stitch on the back needle as if to purl, slip stitch off needle.
6. **Back Needle:** Draw tail through the 2nd stitch on the back needle as if to knit, do not slip stitch off of needle.

Repeat steps 3-6 until all stitches are joined. It is important to maintain an even tension in each stitch as you work as this method can be difficult to undo.

## Instructions

Using any method, provisionally CO 42 sts.  
Preparation Row (WS): With B work dkss edge [wyws sl 1, k1, wyws sl 1], k to last 3 sts, [wyws sl 1, k1, wyws sl 1].

*Turn work so you are ready to begin the next row. The RS is now facing you, the lower (cuff) edge of the mitt is to the right, the upper (hand) edge of the mitt is to the left.*

### Mitt Back

Row 1 (RS): With A work dkss edge [k1, wyrs sl 1, k1], knit to last 3 sts, dkss edge [k1, wyrs sl 1, k1].

Row 2 (WS): Work dkss edge [wyws sl 1, k1, wyws sl 1], knit to the last 3 sts, dkss [wyws sl 1, k1, wyws sl 1].

*Note: From this point on, work dkss edges in every row as est through the Mitt Back & Palm.*

### Right Thumb Placement

*(Right mitt only, Left mitt jump to “Rows 3 & 4”)*

Next Row (RS): With B, work dkss edge, work in garter to last 3 sts, work dkss edge.

Next Row (WS): Work dkss edge, k4 (5, 6, 7). With a piece of waste yarn k5 (6, 7, 8), then slip these waste yarn sts back onto RH needle and with B knit them again. Knit to the last 3 sts, then work dkss edge as est.  
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Rows 3 & 4 (Left Mitt Only): With B, rep Rows 1 & 2.

### First Short Row Shaping Section

Short Row 5 (RS): With A work dkss edge, k28, W&T.

All WS Short Rows: K to last 3 sts at start of row, work dkss edge.

SR 7 (RS): With B work dkss edge, k21, W&T.

SR 9 (RS): With A dkss edge, k14, W&T.

SR 11 (RS): With B dkss edge, k7, W&T.

### Non Shaped Section

Row 13 (RS): With A dkss edge, k to last 3 sts, slipping the wraps from prev W&T's up and working them along with the wrapped sts, dkss.

Row 14 (WS): Work in garter as est.

Work 0 (4, 6, 8) rows in garter, changing colors every RS row. End with a WS row in A.

### Second Short Row Shaping Section

*In following rows, treat each wrapped stitch in the same manner as in Row 13.*

SR 19 (RS): With B dkss edge, k7, W&T.

All WS Short Rows: K to last 3 sts at start of row, work dkss edge.

SR 21 (RS): With A dkss edge, k14, W&T.

SR 23 (RS): With B dkss edge, k21, W&T.

SR 25 (RS): With A dkss edge, k28, W&T.

### Non Shaped Section

Next 2 Rows: With B, work 2 rows in garter. Alternating colors every 2 rows as est, work 0 (4, 6, 6) rows in garter. End with a WS row in B.

Repeat entire Mitt Back section twice, then with A, work 2 more rows in garter with dkss edges worked as est.



### Left Thumb Placement

*(Left mitt only, for Right mitt jump to “Palm”)*

Next Row (RS): With B, in garter as est.

Next Row (WS): Work dkss edge, k4 (5, 6, 7). With a piece of waste yarn k5 (6, 7, 8),



then slip these waste yarn sts back onto RH needle and with B knit them again. Knit to the last 3 sts, then work dkss edge as est. Next 2 Rows: With A, work 2 rows in garter, working dkss edges as est.

#### Palm

Work 16 (18, 20, 22) rows in garter, working dkss edges as est and alternating colors every 2 rows, ending with a RS row of B (*you will be ready to begin a WS row*).

#### Joining

Carefully slip provisional sts onto a circular needle and arrange work so the right sides of

the piece are facing each other and the needles are parallel.

Join by working a 3-needle bind off as directed in Special Techniques, tie off last st.

#### Thumbs

Carefully remove waste yarn, exposing 5 (6, 7, 8) on one edge of the thumb opening and 4 (5, 6, 7) sts on the other. Slip sts onto dpns or circ needle, picking up 1 st at one end and 2 sts from the opposite end of the thumb opening — 12 (14, 16, 17) sts total.

With B, work in St st for 10 rounds, or until thumb reaches just below thumb knuckle, break B.

Join A and work an i-cord bind off around all thumb sts, but do not bind off sts.

Break yarn, leaving a 10" tail. With a darning needle graft (sew) the 3 sts on the needle to the first 3 sts in the i-cord BO using the kitchener stitch, or any technique you like.

#### Finishing

Weave in ends. Steam block mitts.

