Butterflies on the Lattice
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These fingerless gloves are a quick and forgiving introduction to smocking and simple lace. The pattern is designed on a tighter-than-recommended gauge for a worsted weight yarn, which tends to hide little mistakes. For better stitch definition, use a lighter yarn and increase the number of stitches.

Materials:
Caron Simply Soft Heather, Deep Plum. 250yd/5 oz. skein. (Less than 1 skein.)
US size 3 double-pointed needles
Stitch marker

Gauge:
25 st/32 rows = 4” in first 25 stitches of Lace Pattern

Pattern

- CO 45 stitches.
- Divide evenly onto 3 DPNs.
- Place marker and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist piece.
- Knit 2 rounds.
- Work in Lace Pattern for desired hand until the bottom of the glove reaches the desired length before the beginning of the Thumb Gusset. (The sample shown was knit with 4 repeats of the Lace Pattern before beginning the Thumb Gusset.)
- Continue to work in Lace Pattern as you begin the Thumb Gusset on a Round 8 of the Lace Pattern.
- After placing the 17 gusset stitches on a holder, continue to work in Lace Pattern until work is ¼” short of final desired length, finishing with a Round 8 to smock the final Butterfly Stitch. (The sample was knit with 12 rows of the Lace Pattern following the placement of the gusset stitches onto a holder).
- Knit 2 rounds.
- Bind off.
- Finish Thumb Gusset and bind off.
- Weave in all ends.

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Pattern Stitches

**Butterfly Stitch**
Scoop up 4 slipped strands with RH needle and knit into the next stitch, pulling the stitch around to smock the slipped strands.

**Right Hand Lace Pattern**
(Multiples of 6 + 8, using 7 stitches for the butterfly. To increase, add repetitions of *[multiples of 6]* or add a few stitches to those slipped for the butterfly [multiples of 2])

**Round 1:** k1 *yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo, k1*, repeat * 3 more times (25 stitches), K1, sl5 purlwise (don’t pull yarn too tight), K2, repeat * twice.

**Round 2:** (and rounds 4 and 6) Knit.

**Round 3:** [K2, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo *k3, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo*], repeat * 3 times, k3, sl5 purlwise, K1, repeat [] once, k2.

**Round 5:** [p2tog, p1, yo, k1, yo, p1 *p3tog, p1, yo, k1, yo, p1*], repeat * 3 times, p2tog, k1, sl5 purlwise, k1, repeat [] once, p2tog.

**Round 7:** [k2tog, yo, k3, yo *sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k3, yo*], repeat * 3 times, sl1, k1, psso, k1, sl5 purlwise, k1, repeat [] once, sl1, k1, psso.

**Round 8:** K28, butterfly stitch, k13.

**Left Hand Lace Pattern**

**Round 1:** K1 *yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo, k1*, repeat * once, K1, sl5 purlwise, K2, repeat *4 times.

**Round 2:** (and rounds 4 and 6) Knit.

**Round 3:** [K2, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo *k3, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo*] k3, sl5 purlwise, k1, repeat [] once, repeat *twice, k2.

**Round 5:** [p2tog, p1, yo, k1, yo, p1 *p3tog, p1, yo, k1, yo, p1*], p2tog, k1, sl5 purlwise, k1, repeat [] once, repeat * twice, p2tog.

**Round 7:** [k2tog, yo, k3, yo *sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k3, yo*], sl1, k1, psso, k1, sl5 purlwise, k1, repeat [] once, repeat * twice, sl1, k1, psso.

**Round 8:** K16, butterfly stitch, k25.

**Thumb Gusset**
(Work at the beginning of the round 8 in which you would like the gusset to begin.)

**Rd 1:** m1, k1, m1, pm, k1, m1, work round in Lace Pattern.

**Rd 2:** (and all Lace Pattern odd rows) Knit stitches before marker, slip marker, continue in Lace Pattern.

**Rd 3:** (and all even Lace Pattern rows) k1, m1, k until 2 before marker, m1, k1, slip marker.
- Continue in this manner until there are 17 stitches from the beginning of the round to the marker.
- Continue to work glove in Lace Pattern until next LP Round 5, knitting all gusset stitches.
- On the beginning of the next Lace Pattern Round 5, place gusset stitches on a holder. Continue to work in Lace Pattern.
- When the remainder of the glove has been knit, divide the gusset stitches between three DPNs and pick up 2 stitches from the glove.
- Knit 4 rounds.
- Bind off.

About the Designer
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