

# Useful Gloves

## KNITTED ON TWO NEEDLES

**MATERIALS.**—3 oz. 4-ply wool.  
1 pair No. 11 knitting needles.

**TENSION.**—Work to produce  $7\frac{1}{2}$  sts. and  $9\frac{1}{2}$  rows to one square inch in smooth fabric (1 row K., 1 row P.).

**ABBREVIATIONS:** K.—knit. P.—purl. St.—stitch. Tog.—together.

**THE RIGHT HAND.**—Cast on 54 sts. rather loosely.

**1st Row.**—Working into the back of the sts., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**2nd Row.**—\* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end. Repeat the 2nd row until  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. of ribbing have been worked. Proceed in pattern as follows:—

**1st Row.**—\* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**2nd Row.**—Purl.

**Shape the Thumb** as follows:—

**1st Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase by knitting into the front and back of the next st., p. 1, k. 1, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**2nd and every alternate Row.**—Purl.

**3rd Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, k. 2 (p. 1, k. 1) twice. \* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**5th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase in the next st., (k. 1, p. 1) twice, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**7th Row.**—\* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**9th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase in the next st., (p. 1, k. 1) 3 times, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**11th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, k 2, (p. 1, k. 1) 4 times, \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**13th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase in the next st., (k. 1, p. 1) 4 times, increase in the next st., \* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**15th Row.**—\* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**17th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase in the next st., (p. 1, k. 1) 5 times, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**19th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, k. 2, (p. 1, k. 1) 6 times, \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**21st Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase in the next st., (k. 1, p. 1) 6 times, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**23rd Row.**—\* K. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**25th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, increase in the next st., (p. 1, k. 1) 7 times, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**27th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, k. 2, (p. 1, k. 1) 8 times, \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end.

**29th Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 14 times, k. 2 (p. 1, k. 1) 8 times, turn.

**30th Row.**—P. 18 sts., turn and cast on 4 sts.

**31st Row.**—Working into the back of the cast-on sts., (p. 1, k. 1) 11 times, turn. Continue working backwards and forwards on these 22 thumb sts. for 22 more rows, or the length required, finishing at the end of a "K. 1, p. 1" row.

**Next Row.**—(P. 2 tog., p. 2) 5 times, p. 2 tog.

**Next Row.**—Knit.

**Next Row.**—(P. 2 tog., p. 2) 4 times.

Break off the wool and thread the end through the remaining sts. Draw up and fasten off securely, then stitch the sides of the thumb together, finishing at the base. With the right side of the work facing, join the wool to the base of the thumb and knit up 6 sts. through the cast-on sts. of the thumb (do not pick up the sts. but actually knit them up by putting the needle through the first knitted row of the 4 cast-on sts.; this makes a neater and stronger join), \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end of the row. (56 sts. now on the needle.) Keeping the continuity of the pattern, work 23 more rows, thus finishing at the end of a p. row.

**Commence the Fingers** as follows:—

**1st Finger.**

**Next Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 18 times, turn.

**Next Row.**—P. 16 sts., turn and cast on 2 sts.

Proceed on these 18 sts., working into the back of the cast-on sts. on the first row only, and keeping the continuity of the pattern for 31 more rows, or the length required, finishing at the end of a "k. 1, p. 1" row.

**Next Row.**—(P. 2 tog., p. 2) 4 times, p. 2 tog.

**Next Row.**—Knit.

**Next Row.**—(P. 2 tog., p. 2) 3 times, p. 1. Complete as for the thumb.

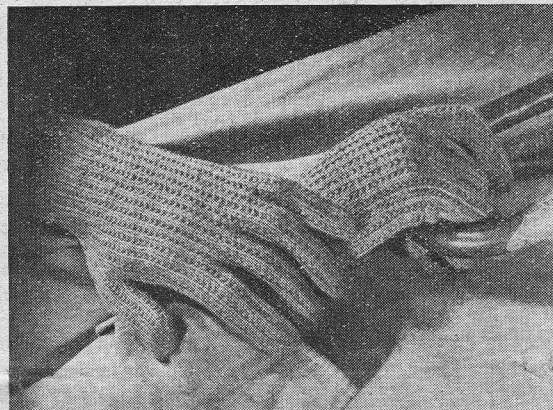
**2nd Finger.**

With the right side of the work facing, join the wool to the base of the 1st finger and knit up 2 sts. through the cast-on sts. of the 1st finger, k. 1, (p. 1, k. 1) 3 times from the left-hand needle, turn.

**Next Row.**—P. 16, turn and cast on 2 sts. Keeping the continuity of the pattern, and working into the back of the cast-on sts. on the first row only, work 33 rows or the length required, finishing at the end of a "k. 1, p. 1" row. Complete as for the 1st finger.

**3rd Finger.**

Work as the instructions for the 2nd finger,



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commencing with p. 1, after knitting up 2 sts. at the base of the 2nd finger, but working 29 rows instead of 33 rows before completing the top.

**4th Finger.**

With the right side of the work facing, join the wool to the base of the 3rd finger and knit up 4 sts. through the cast-on sts. of the 3rd finger, (k. 1, p. 1) 3 times from the left-hand needle, turn.

**Next Row.**—P. 16, turn.

Keeping the continuity of the pattern, work 25 rows, or the length required, finishing at the end of a "k. 1, p. 1" row.

**Next Row.**—(P. 2 tog., p. 2) 4 times.

**Next Row.**—Knit.

**Next Row.**—(P. 2 tog., p. 2) 3 times. Complete as for the 1st finger, stitching down to the end of the side of the Glove.

### THE LEFT HAND

Work exactly as the instructions for the Right Hand up to the commencement of the thumb.

**Shape the Thumb** as the instructions for the Right Hand, but working the bracketed portion at the commencement 11 times, instead of 14 times, the 1st row thus reading "(K. 1, p. 1) 11 times, increase in the next st., p. 1, k. 1, increase in the next st., \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end." Continue in this manner up to the completion of the 27th row.

**Next Row.**—Purl.

**Next Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 11 times, k. 2, (p. 1, k. 1) 8 times, turn and cast on 4 sts.

**Next Row.**—Working into the back of the cast-on sts., p. 22, turn. Continue as the instructions for the thumb of the Right Hand, but working 21 rows before shaping the top. With the right side of the work facing, join the wool to the base of the thumb and knit up 6 sts. through the cast-on sts. of the thumb, \* k. 1, p. 1. Repeat from \* to the end of the row. (56 sts. now on the needle.) Keeping the continuity of the pattern, work 23 more rows, thus finishing at the end of a p. row.

**Commence the Fingers** as follows:—

**1st Finger.**

**Next Row.**—(K. 1, p. 1) 18 times, turn and cast on 2 sts.

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*note: - for your information - don't know whether you receive any home at nat. a few remarks in here about the camp John is a POW.*

## REFUND OF UNUSED COUPONS

IN cases of special necessity, next of kin who require more than 20 coupons for their current parcel may, if they did not use their full allowance for their previous parcel, apply to the Red Cross for a refund of any balance of unused coupons which they returned with it.

In view of the great amount of clerical work and correspondence already entailed in connection with the control of coupons issued for prisoners of war, next of kin are particularly asked not to apply unless it is absolutely necessary.

### Read These Rules

The following rules must be observed:

- (1) All applications to be sent by registered letter post and addressed to the Next of Kin Parcels Centre, 14, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2, or, if the coupons are issued by the Scottish Packing Centre, to the Prisoners of War Next of Kin Parcels Depot, 421, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, C.2. Envelopes should be clearly marked "REFUND."
- (2) The Prisoners of War coupon book must be forwarded with the application. If clothing has already been purchased it should be entered on the coupon account page, to account for the coupons used.
- (3) Applications must not be made for a refund of unused coupons from any parcel except for the last one sent.
- (4) Refunded coupons must be used with the coupon book with which the application was made and may not be kept for a later parcel. Clothing purchased with refunded coupons must be entered on the coupon account in the ordinary way.
- (5) The prisoner's full name, regiment and Red Cross file number must be given in every letter of application which should on no account refer to any other matter. No reply will be sent to any other question included in these letters.

### County Representatives

Please note the following changes:  
**CUMBERLAND:** Mrs. du Boulay, P.O.W. Officer, Houssemayne, Keswick.  
**OXFORDSHIRE:** The Hon. Mrs. Gore, Oxfordshire Branch, B.R.C.S., 41, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford.

### FREE TO NEXT OF KIN

THIS journal is sent free of charge to those registered with the Prisoners of War Dept. as next of kin. In view of the paper shortage no copies are for sale, and it is hoped that next of kin will share their copy with relatives and others interested.

### Tins for Food

*Do you use special tin for your food parcel contents?*

Yes, special lacquering is used for tins sent in Prisoners of War food parcels, the lacquering differing according to the commodity. Many of the foods sent are also canned in special sizes suitable for inclusion in these parcels.

### Study Facilities

*Can you tell me how the provision of study facilities for prisoners is governed? In view of the fact that work is compulsory for those under the rank of sergeant, and that working hours are often very long and days off very infrequent (in my husband's case there is only one day off in 21), how do some of the "other ranks" manage to study for exams., etc.?*

Work is compulsory for Privates although not for N.C.O.s or protected personnel, but it is not necessarily continuous, and if a man is determined to study he usually does so, even though it be at the end of his day's work. One man worked for his B.Sc. after 10 hours a day in a salt mine, and a number of Privates have already passed examinations. In Stalag 344 (formerly Stalag VIII B) the Germans have allowed men preparing for examination to return to the base about six weeks before the examination is held.

### Transit Camp

*What is a Transit Camp? I am anxious for news of my son who was a prisoner of war in Stalag and have been told he may be in a Transit Camp and not able to write for some time.*

A Transit Camp is one in which prisoners remain for a comparatively short time before being moved to a permanent camp. It is for this reason that prisoners writing from transit camps often tell their next of kin not to write to them until they have been able to send a permanent address.

### Papers for Switzerland

*Can I send my husband, now interned in Switzerland, his favourite weekly paper?*

You should consult a bookseller or newsagent who holds a Censorship permit about this.

### P.O.W. in Italy

*I have still no news of my son who was a P.O.W. in Italy. Does this mean he escaped and is still in Italy?*

In the absence of news from your son, it is likely that he escaped from his camp and that he may be still at large in Italy awaiting an opportunity to make his way through to the Allied lines.

## Any Questions ?

### Income Tax

*Does a prisoner of war pay income tax?*

Yes. For details see the article on page 14.

### Pay on Their Return

*Do repatriated prisoners of war receive accumulated pay when they return to this country?*

Yes, if it has not already been disposed of on instructions given by them to their paymasters.

### Stage Make-up

*Can I include a stage make-up outfit in my quarterly parcel for my son, who is a theatrical producer for his camp?*

Yes.

### Patterned Dressing-gown

*May I send my son, who is a prisoner of war, a patchwork or patterned dressing-gown?*

If you will refer to the leaflet of instructions sent out each quarter with the label and coupons, you will see that patterned materials are recommended for dressing-gowns.

Patchwork should not be sent.

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### 2nd Finger.

With the right side of the work facing, join the wool to the base of the 1st finger and knit up 2 sts. through the cast-on sts. of the 1st finger, k. 1, (p. 1, k. 1) 3 times from the left-hand needle, turn and cast on 2 sts.

**Next Row.**—Working into the back of the cast-on sts., p. 18, turn. Continue as the instructions for the 2nd finger of the Right Hand.

### 3rd Finger.

Work as the instructions for the 2nd finger, commencing with p. 1, after knitting up 2 sts. at the base of the 2nd finger, but working 29 rows instead of 33 rows, before shaping the top.

### 4th Finger.

Work as the instructions for the 4th finger of the Right Hand. Carefully press the Gloves, care being taken to neaten all seams.

## NUMBER, PLEASE !

PLEASE be sure to mention your Red Cross reference number whenever you write to us. Otherwise delay and trouble are caused in finding previous correspondence.