

1846 A Pair of Cuffs



The instructions to make “A Pair of Cuffs” appear in Francis Lambert’s 1846 edition of *Decorative Needlework*. This modern edition of the pattern has been translated and brought up to date for the contemporary knitter. Finished objects produced using this PDF pattern may be worn by re-enactors looking to wear authentic items that would have been knit in the middle of the 19th Century.

Pattern Difficulty:



Facv / Facile / Fácil

Yarn: Fingering or sock weight

Sample yarn used: Classic Elite Yarns Fresco in White (A) Katia Ombré (100% Extrafine Merino Wool; 25g/92yds per skein; 150g/552yds total) shown in 01 Violet (darkest shade: B, dark shade: C, medium shade: D, lightest shade: E)

Knitting Needles: US 2

Finished cuff is approximately 8.25” tall and 5.5” around at narrow end. To increase diameter, add multiples of 4.

This cuff is knit FLAT and seamed.

With A, cast on 56 sts, leaving a long tail to aid in seaming the cuff during finishing.

Rows 1 - 6: (K2, P2) repeat across

Rows 7 & 8: With B (K2, P2) repeat across

Rows 9 & 10: With C (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 11 & 12: With D (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 13 & 14: With E (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 15 – 28: With A (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 29 & 30: With B (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 31 & 32: With C (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 33 & 34: With D (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 35 & 36: With E (K2, P2) repeat across
Rows 37 – 42: With A (K2, P2) repeat across

The rest of the cuff is plain knitting, just alternating colors:

Row 43 - 48: With A, knit
Rows 49 & 50: With B, knit
Rows 51 & 52: With C, knit
Rows 53 & 54: With D, knit
Rows 55 & 56: With E, knit

Repeat Rows 43 – 56 eight (8) more times for a total of 9 repeats of the color repeats.

Knit 6 more rows of white to finish. Bind off.

Sew the vertical seam of the cuff. As instructed in the original pattern, turn down half the plain knitting (and seam).