Nordic Handcraft Workshop Materials List

Knitting the Karesuando Mitten with Laura Ricketts
November 7, 2021 and November 14, 2021

The Sami are Scandinavia's only UN-recognized indigenous people, and have a culture rich with fiber traditions. Though known for colorful and highly family- specific gáktis (traditional clothing), the penchant for bright colors extends to knitted goods as well. Instructor Laura Ricketts especially loves this mitten, as this is the mitten Per Kuhmunen wears most years in his role as the leader of the reindeer parade at the Jokkmokk Winter Market. Students will cast on and knit a traditional Sami mitten over this two session class. Students should know how to cast on, knit in the round, and do color work.

Students should provide the following items for class:
-Rauma Finull PT2, 100% wool yarn, fingering weight, 191 yards (174.7 m)/50 gram (1.8 oz) ball, **1 ball each of #437 Bright Royal Blue**, **#418 Red**, **#4405 Bright Lemon Yellow**, and **#401 Off White**
-Needles, size 1 (2.25 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge
-Waste yarn, smooth
-markers
-tapestry needle
-Cardboard, credit card sized, 1 piece for making tassels

Finished mitten size: 8" (20 cm) hand circumference and 10" (25 cm) long, excluding braid and tassel

The pattern will be shared 1-2 weeks before class via email; plan to check your gauge and adjust needle size if necessary before class.

Please contact the Food and Handcraft Programs Coordinator, Erin Swenson-Klatt (erinsk@asimn.org) with any questions.

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