

Spruce



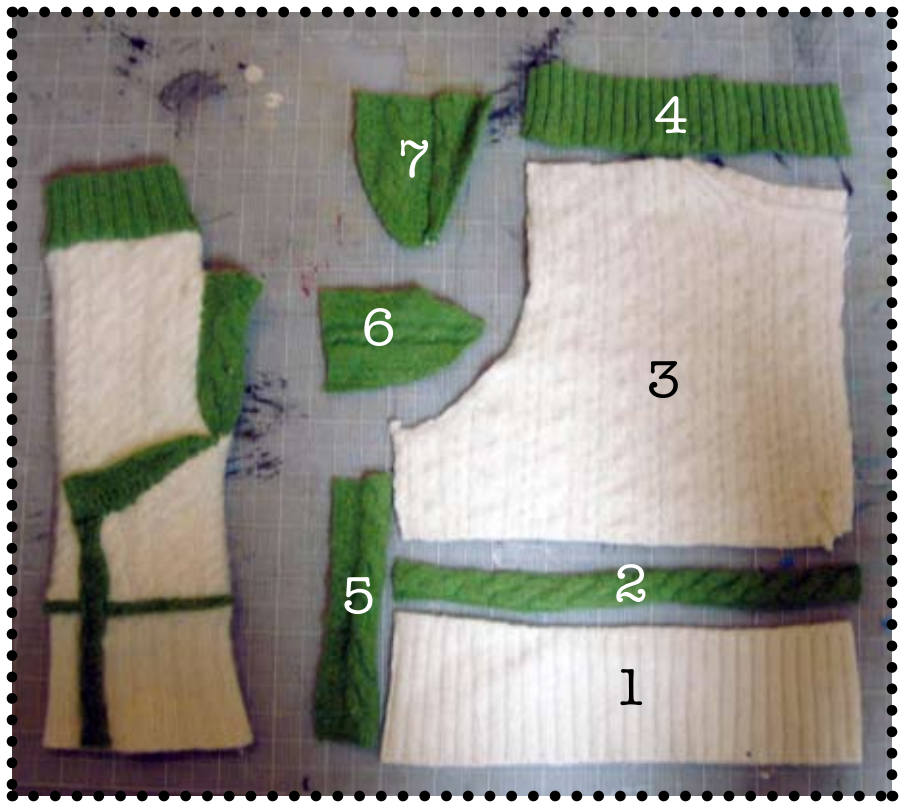
I had pulled out a few different scraps from my fabric bin to play with. I was thinking a small something something. Nothing big. Quick. Easy. Small. Well, my hands were cold. Really cold. And it hit me! Sewn fingerless gloves! I dug around in what I had pulled out of the bin and bingo! Felted sweater scraps. Perfect. I had one that was the shoulder, then another that was the bottom ribbing and a sleeve. Hmm, how to make this work. Well I figured it out and work it did! Now my hands are all toasty while I work! Spruce as in the color as well as sprucing up some old sweaters!

Ingredients:

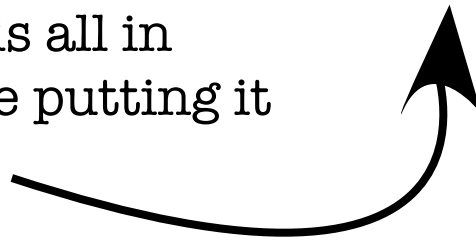
Shoulder section and ribbing from one felted sweater
1 Sleeve of a second sweater in a contrasting color
Utility Thread
Needle
Scissors



This is one
fingerless glove
finished.



And here it is all in
pieces before putting it
together.



Directions:

Your first step is to felt the two sweaters! There are many tutorials for this online, but the easy just of it is to throw it through a hot wash and a cold rinse or "bright colors" on some washing machines. Just repeat until it's all the way felted up (well, really fullled out). I just put it in with my towels until it's good to go. I like mine so I can still see some stitches, especially with cabled sweaters (like what I used for this project). Never use anything that's less than 70% animal fiber (wool, cashmere, angora, etc), nylon, spandex, and polyester just don't cut it.

Second step, Cut your pieces. I used the shoulders as you can see in the picture above, but you can cut this shape out of any part of the sweater that will take it. I just like using up every last scrap, so the shoulder was nice for that. Use the templates on the last page to cut your pieces. I would transfer them to tracing paper, cut out the tracing paper and use that to pin to your felted sweater.

Hit - There will be a "left" and a "right" glove, so you need to make sure to cut out one main piece with right side up and one with right side down. An easy way to do this is to place two sweaters pieces wrong sides together, pin the template to it and cut them out at the same time. Then they will come out opposite.

1. Sew piece number one (1) to piece number three (3) with right sides facing and piece number two (2) folded in half lengthwise sandwiched between 1 & 3. Piece 2 is used as piping. I used a straight stitch with a binding stitch about every 4th stitch. I'm not sure why, but it seemed to work better compared to doing just one or the other. (Figure 1)

2. Sew piece number three (3) to four (4), right sides together.

Laying flat your piece should now look like figure two does.

Repeat for second glove.



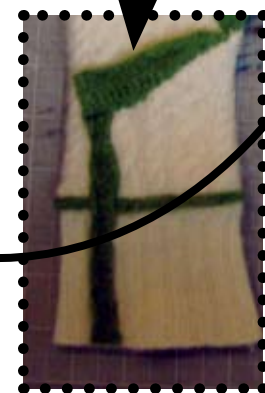
Figure 1



3. Fold piece five (5) over the short edge of 1, 2, and 3
Right here

And then tuck the showing raw edge under. Stitch on to hold in place.

4. Fold piece six (6) in half, tuck the raw edge in and sew here so it looks like this.



5. Fold the top over just enough so you can stitch it in place and you have a finished edge.

6. Wrap your fingerless glove around your wrist and hand and pin in place with safety pins. Stitch the "underarm" of your fingerless glove in place. Repeat for your second glove.

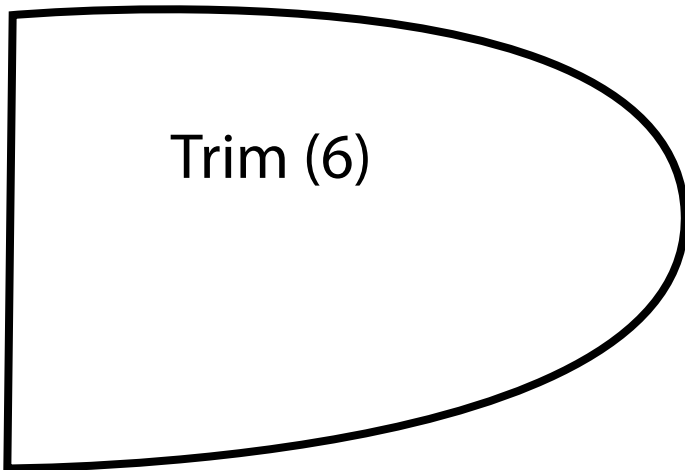
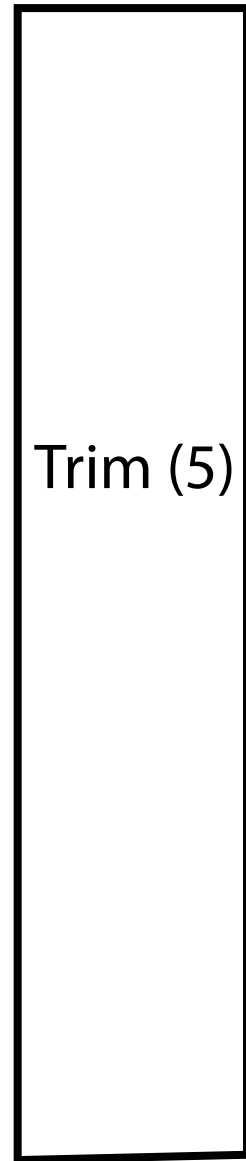
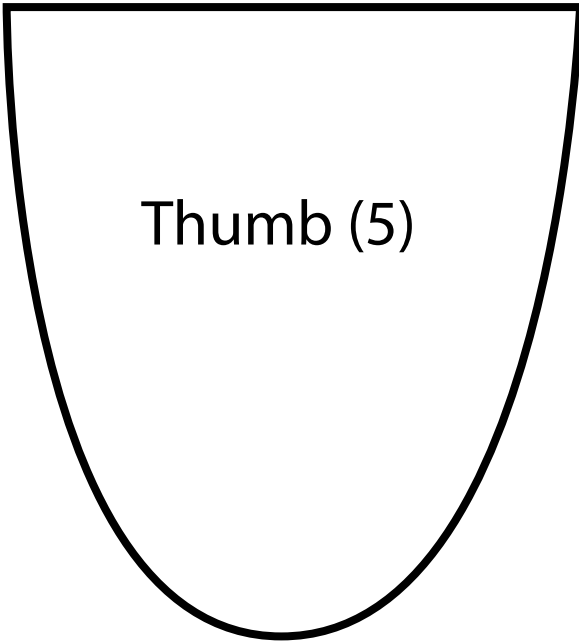
7. Now fit piece number seven (7) to the thumb hole created by wrapping and stitching the glove. Sew the thumb piece right sides together to the body of the glove. It makes it easier if you turn it wrong side out. It will look like this when you are done.

Now you can go enjoy some crafting while keeping your hands warm!





Glove Body (3)



Ribbing (4)

Piping (2)

Ribbing (1)