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This stylish and beautifully photographed book contains 27 knitted mitten patterns for women and men. The book is split into seasons, with eight pairs for spring and summer, seven pairs for fall and twelve pairs of mittens for winter.Using lots of different styles, stitches, patterns and colors, there are lacy, fingerless types for spring, summer and fall and thicker, enclosed mittens for the winter patterns. From the warmest wool to the sheerest silk, a wide range

of yarns are used and there are mittens suitable for occasions as diverse as a summer party, a wedding, everyday country walks and the coldest of winter days. Some of the mittens, such as Sigrid and Elisabet, are delicate and lacy, others such as Elsa and Helga are worked in single colors; while others, such as Doris, Astrid and Ivar are beautifully patterned, and some are worked in stunning cable designs, such as Stina, Rune and Rolf. The variety of mittens in this book is simply superb and the patterns are suitable for both competent beginners and more advanced knitters.

Underground Crafter: Pretty Knitted Hands: Mittens Wrist Warmers for All Seasons is a pattern collection by Swedish bloggers, Clara Falk and Kamilla Svanlund. (Sofia Brolin provides graphic design and illustration.) The book opens with brief bios of the authors and the illustrator on the inside cover and continues to thumbnails of each design as a table of contents. The Forward explains that mittens are great projects because they are versatile and because they are ideal small projects for trying new techniques. The book continues into a 7-page Techniques section which provides more information about opting to use double pointed needles (DPNs) or the magic loop (on circular needles) for small circumference knitting in the round; a refresher of four different cast ons, the Latvian braid, I-Cord, and five decreases and increases; and reading pattern abbreviations. This section includes written explanations and cute illustrations. While the illustrations are really pretty and clearly presented, they have just a few steps, so this book is definitely best for knitters who already have basic stitches down and aren't looking for full, step-by-step tutorials. Now, the patterns are introduced. These are arranged seasonally, with 8 spring/summer patterns, 7 autumn patterns, and 12 winter patterns. Eighteen patterns include some form of color work. Each pattern includes at least one full page photo of the design on a model. The photos are mostly taken outdoors and are beautifully styled. The photographer also took care to show the details of each mitten or wrist warmer in the photos. Most patterns also have several close up or detail pictures. Each pattern includes sizing, materials, and tension/gauge. Instructions use pattern abbreviations translated from Swedish. The pattern writing style assumes comfort with basic knitting techniques and pattern reading, so most would be best suited to an intermediate knitter (or an adventurous, advanced beginner). Twenty-five patterns also include charts for color work, lace, or cable sections. The book is beautifully presented and the photography is stunning. It is definitely the type of book that you will enjoy flipping through for inspiration. Like all pattern collections, your enjoyment of the book will be based on how many patterns you want to make. (You can see all 27 designs from this book on its Ravelry source page.) Knitters who enjoy color work (or, who want to learn different color techniques on a small project) will likely enjoy this book the most. If you have mastered the basic knitting stitches and want to challenge yourself with color work; if you enjoy making small, portable projects; or if you like to wear (or gift) wrist warmers and mittens, you should definitely check out Pretty Knitted Hands. <http://undergroundcrafter.com/blog/2017/03/02/pretty-knitted-hands-excerpted-pattern-sigrid-wrist-warmers/> (Underground Crafter) About the Author Kamilla Svanlund learned to knit as a child, but it was when she was a teenager that knitting really became a big part of her life. She started knitting mittens for her friends in upper secondary school, and it was fun to be able to give them something unique. That was how she started designing mittens she could knit them quickly and there was room for lots of motifs on them, so she was able to give her creativity free rein. She started her blog in 2008 mainly to find other people with the same interest who were not at least 25 years older than her. Writing it has helped her to find lots of new friends and started discussions and debates on craft-related issues that are close to her heart. You can find more information about the author on her blog at hemslojd-tidningen.se/argastickaren Clara Falk has knitted every day since she was about 14. At that time it was about having something unique, something that few other people had. Since then, knitting has developed into something that she needs to do to feel happy knitting is calming and provides an outlet for her creativity, as well as time to reflect. In 2007 she started a blog, as she did not know many people who knitted at that time. The blog became a forum where people responded to what she was doing, and at the same time she got to know other people who knitted and could discuss things with them and be inspired. You can find more information about the author at clarafalk.se and on her blog at clarastickar.blogspot.com.