

# Öjbro Vantfabrik

## Pattern # Fager

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The name of the pattern – Fager – is a tribute to the utterly adorable, graceful plant family “Liliacea”. The lily is the best known plant of that plant family. Other plants are the popular garden iris and the more rare and delicate “Lilium formosauum” – the long trumpet lily.



Carl von Linné was a botanist, doctor and zoologist. He classified the modern system used to name and categorise our plants. He is known as the “father of modern taxonomy”. He was born in 1707 in the countryside of Småland and the majority of his higher education was spent at Uppsala University. It was in Uppsala that he became a professor of medicine and botany in 1740. He travelled all over Europe to classify plants and animals. He continued to collect and classify plants, animals and minerals until his passing in 1778. Carl Von Linné is one of our greatest scientific giants.

Designer Åse Öjbro, founder of Öjbro Vantfabrik, have created wearable art with mitten as her starting point. Åse worked as a painter in many years before she decided to express herself in wool instead. She has created this stylized flower pattern on the front of the mitten, displaying the lily and its leaves framed by a two-coloured cuff in the shape of a fence. This reflects how we most often frame our gardens today.

“I wanted to honor the enormous work that Carl Von Linné has done for us and at the same time continue on with the tradition of creating utterly adorable “fager” flower patterns, which women have been doing throughout time to decorate their day to day life for generations. My own favorite flower in the garden is an Iris, and it was a natural choice for me to have Freesia lilies in my own wedding bouquet. I hope to capture the love of our astonishing nature with all of its beautiful flowers in this pattern.



*Exactly how long mittens have been knitted in Scandinavia is unclear, but there are preserved mitten fragments dating back to as early as the 13<sup>th</sup> century.*

*This pattern is inspired by all of those women who have knitted different types of gloves in stylized flower patterns. Here we have captured the lily and then we have colored it in traditional colors.*

*Öjbro glove factory is passionate about passing on our different knitting traditions to other people.*