

# Öjbro Vantfabrik

## Pattern # Skaftö

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Skaftölandet is an island in the Bohuslän coast, in everyday speech it is called **Skaftö**. The largest village on the island is Grundsund and Fiskebäckskil. Grundsunds history is foremost a history of fishing. Grundsund on Skaftö was for along time a significant fishing and shipping village. Herring period in the 18<sup>th</sup> century contributed to the village evolvement. During The Great War they dug a canal that divides society into two parts, east and west side. The channel was built to protect fishing vessels and other ships to secure a safe passage in the protected harbour.



A famous Skaftö inhabitant is Carl Wilhelm Wilhelmson , born November 12, 1866 in Fiskebäckskil , died September 24, 1928 in Gothenburg, he was a Swedish painter. Carl Wilhelmson derived primarily his art from his home in Bohuslän. Between 1911-1913, he built a summer home in Fiskebäckskil , by the architect Ivar Callmänder, which served as a residence and studio. The house, which is still in the family, is open to the public one day a year during the summer.

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. She has created this Fisherman pattern in a repeating way with a contrast cuff ending decorated with small dots.

The inside palm has an alternating nail dot pattern.

“- I was so mesmerized by this little island with its picturesque boathouses and bridges from different eras. I wanted to illustrate these strong fishermen and their tireless working on the open sea, day after day, year after year they endure regardless of the weather “



*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 the fishermen at Skaftö and we have coloured it in traditional colours*

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

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