

Easy Fingerless Mitts



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Skills Required

Cast on
Bind off
Knit
Purl
K2tog
Knit front/back (bar increase)
Slip 1 stitch
Place stitches on holder or scrap yarn

Materials: Any worsted weight yarn. I used 2 skeins of Noro Kureyon #362 wool and knit both mitts at the same time.

Abbreviations

K, k = knit
P, p = purl
K2tog = knit 2 stitches together
slm = slip marker
pm = place marker
kfb = knit front and back

Needles: Size US 7 (4.5mm) and US 8 (5.0mm)

Gauge: With larger needles, 4.5 sts and 6.5 rows = 1 inch

Notes: These fingerless mitts are easy and fun to make and they're made with two needles. You can also make both mitts at the same time by using 2 skeins of yarn and casting on for both mitts using 1 skein for each mitt. This pattern is a way for beginners to learn how mittens are knit up and to learn how to form a gusset for the thumb. Once you learn then you can move up to circular knitting with double pointed needles at some point when you're ready.

Mitts

With size 7 needles cast on 36 sts and work in 1 x 1 ribbing for approximately 3.5 inches. You can make the cuff longer or shorter if you wish.

Switch to size 8 needles and knit Stockinette stitch for 1 inch ending with a purl row.

Thumb Gusset

Row 1: K 17, place marker, increase 1 stitch (KFB) in next 2 sts, place marker, (there should be 4 sts between markers), k 17 sts.

Row 2: Purl on all even rows

Row 3: K17, slip marker (slm), Inc 1 st in next stitch, k2, inc 1 sts in next st, slip marker (6 sts between markers), k17

Row 5: K17, slm, inc 1 st in next stitch, k4, inc 1 st in next stitch, slm, k17

Continue knitting as above increasing 2 sts at beginning and end of thumb gusset until there are 16 sts between markers, 50 sts on your needle.

Next Row: Purl

K17, remove marker and place 16 sts on a piece of scrap yarn or holder. (leave on holder and continue with mitt). Using the backward loop cast on 2 sts, and continue knitting the last 17sts. 36 sts on needle.

Work 10 rows of Stockinette st

Change to smaller needles US 7 (4.5mm) and knit ribbing for 4 rows. Bind off in ribbing

Working the Thumb

Slip thumb sts onto smaller needle (US 7) and rib 3 rows. Bind off in ribbing.

Finish

With right sides facing seam up the side of mitten and thumb. Knit up another and enjoy!