

Classic 2-needle mittens ... size 6-8 years

Materials

Knitting worsted weight yarn

1 pair straight knitting needles #4

stitch holders

stitch markers

needle for sewing seams

Knitting both mittens at once on the same needle with two balls of yarn makes these work up very quickly!

Cast on 33 stitches. Work in ribbing as follows: Row 1: (right side) K1, P1. Row 2: P1, K1. Repeat these 2 rows for 14 total rows. Then starting on the right side, K1 row, P1 row for 4 rows. Then start thumb gusset as follows:

Row 1: Knit 15 stitches, place marker on needle, increase 1 stitch in next stitch, knit 1, increase 1 stitch in next stitch, place another marker on needle, knit 15.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit 15, increase one stitch in next stitch, knit 3, increase one stitch in next stitch, knit 15.

Continue increasing in the above manner until there are 15 stitches between the markers, ending with a purl row.

Then work as follows:

K 16, place on a stitch holder, K next 13 st (thumb stitches), place the next 16 st on a second stitch holder. Work back and forth on the 13 thumb stitches for a total of 10 rows, ending after a purl row.

Then decrease tip of thumb as follows:

Row 1: K1, *K2tog, K1, repeating from * across row.

Row 2: P1, then P2 tog across row. Draw remaining stitches together and sew tip of thumb and side seam.

Place the 16 stitches from one stitch holder onto the righthand knitting needle, attach yarn and pick up and K 3 stitches at the base of thumb, place remaining 16 stitches from the other stitch holder onto the lefthand knitting needle and knit across them to complete the row. Work back and forth on the 35 stitches in stockinette stitch for 10 rows total, ending after a purl row.

Decrease the tip of mitten as follows:

Row 1: K1, K2tog, K11, sl 1 st, K1, pssso, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K11, sl 1 st, K1, pssso, K1.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, K2tog, K9, sl 1 st, pssso1, K2, K2tog, K9, sl 1 st, K1, pssso, K1.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, K2tog, K7, sl 1 st, pssso, K2, K2tog, K7, sl 1 st, pssso, K1.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, K2tog, K5, sl1,K1,pssso,K2, K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pssso, K1.

Row 6: Purl.

Weave or sew tips of mittens together and then sew side seams.

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

tog = together

sl = slip stitch from one needle to the other

pssso = pass slipped stitch over the knit stitch