

## Classic 2-needle mittens ... size 4-6 years

### Materials

Knitting worsted weight yarn

1 pair straight knitting needles #5

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 30 stitches. Work in ribbing K1P1 for 12 rows. Then K one row, decreasing to 29 stitches. Purl one row.

Then start thumb gusset as follows:

Row 1: Knit 13 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 13.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit 13, increase one stitch in next stitch, knit 3, increase one stitch in next stitch, knit 13.

Continue increasing in the above manner until there are 13 stitches between the markers, ending with a purl row.

Then work as follows:

K 14, place on a stitch holder, K next 11 st (thumb stitches), place the next 14 st on a second stitch holder. Work back and forth on the 11 thumb stitches for a total of 8 rows, ending after a knit row.

Then decrease tip of thumb as follows:

Row 1: \*P1, P2 tog, repeating from \* across row, ending with P2.

Row 2: K2 tog across row. Draw remaining stitches together and sew tip of thumb and side seam.

Place the 14 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 14 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 31 stitches in stockinette stitch for 11 rows total, ending after a purl row.

Decrease the tip of mitten as follows:

Row 1: K1, K2tog, K9, sl 1 st, K1, pssso, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K9, sl 1 st, K1, pssso, K1.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, K2tog, K7, sl 1 st, pssso1, K2, K2tog, K7, sl 1 st, K1, pssso, K1.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, K2tog, K5, sl 1 st, pssso, K2, K2tog, K5, sl 1 st, pssso, K1.

Row 6: Purl.

Weave or sew tip of mittens together and then sew side seam.

### Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

tog = together

sl = slip stitch from one needle to the other

pssso = pass slipped stitch over the knit stitch