



No Swatch, No Gauge Bulky Mittens

Will make mittens in child's medium to adult medium, depending on the yarn used.

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Yarn: About 120 yards bulky weight yarn. “Large” size in a heavier-end bulky may need a bit more. “Small” size in a lighter-end bulky will take considerably less. Use up scraps to make fun stripes!

Set of double point needles to give a dense fabric with between 3 and 4 stitches per inch. Exact gauge is unimportant – every pair will fit some child. (I use US size 8).

Instructions are given for “Small” size, with changes for “Large” size in parentheses.

Abbreviations:

K – Knit

P - Purl

M1 – make one stitch increase

ssk – slip 1, slip 1, knit the 2 slipped stitches together

K2tog – knit two stitches together

Right Mitten:

(Choose instructions for “ribbed” or “rolled” cuff. After the cuff, the instructions are the same).

“Ribbed” cuff

Cast on 26 (30) stitches. Divide stitches over 3 needles and join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Work 16 (18) rounds of K1, P1 ribbing.

Next round: (K13 (15), M1) twice. 28 (32) stitches.

Knit one round even.

Continue with “Thumb Gusset”

“Rolled” cuff

Cast on 24 (28) stitches. Divide stitches over 3 needles and join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Knit 16 (18) rounds even.

Next round: (K6 (7), M1) four times. 28 (32) stitches.

Knit one round even.

Thumb Gusset:

Round 1: K2, place marker, M1, K1, M1, place marker, K to end of round.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: K2, slip marker, M1, Knit to next marker, M1, slip marker, K to end of round.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until there are 9 stitches between the markers.

Large size only: Knit one more round even.

Hand:

Next round: K2, place 9 thumb stitches on a piece of waste yarn, cast on one stitch over the thumb, K to end of round.

Knit even on 28 (32) stitches for 18 (20) rounds.

Shaping top of hand:**Large size only:**

(K 1, ssk, K10, K2tog, K1) twice. 28 stitches remain.

Both sizes:

Round 1: (K1, ssk, K8, K2tog, K1) twice. 24 stitches remain.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: (K1, ssk, K6, K2tog, K1) twice. 20 stitches remain.

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: (K1, ssk, K4, K2tog, K1) twice. 16 stitches remain.

Round 6: (K1, ssk, K2, K2tog, K1) twice. 12 stitches remain.

Rearrange remaining 12 stitches so all palm stitches are on one needle and all back-of-hand stitches are on another needle. Break yarn, leaving a 10-inch tail. Graft top of hand together using Kitchener stitch.

Thumb:

Transfer the 9 thumb stitches from the waste yarn to 2 needles. Attach yarn, and using a third needle, pick up 3 (4) stitches across the top of the thumb. 12 (13) total thumb stitches.

(Mitten hint: Leave a 10-inch tail when you attach the yarn – use this tail later to close up the inevitable gaps around the base of the thumb).

Knit even on 12 (13) stitches for 10 (12) rounds.

Shaping top of thumb:

Small size: (K2tog) six times. 6 stitches remain.

Large size: (K2tog) six times, K1. 7 stitches remain.

Both sizes: Break yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail. Thread tail onto a tapestry needle, draw through remaining 6 (7) stitches. Pull up snug and fasten off. Weave yarn ends in on inside of mitten.

Left mitten:

Work same as for right mitten **EXCEPT**

Thumb Gusset:

Round 1: K25 (29), place marker, M1, K1, M1, place marker, K to end of round.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: K25 (29), slip marker, M1, Knit to next marker, M1, slip marker, K to end of round.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until there are 9 stitches between the markers.

Large size only: Knit one more round even.

Hand:

Next round: Knit 25 (29), place 9 thumb stitches on a piece of waste yarn, cast on one stitch over the thumb, K to end of round.

Continue as for Right Mitten.