

No Swatch, No Gauge Mittens

Intended for Charity Knitting
"Every pair will fit some child!"

Materials needed: Yarn and double point needles to make a dense fabric of 4 to 6 stitches per inch. The mittens pictures used the following needles and yarns:

1. Worsted weight yarn, Size 5 needles
2. Two strands of fingering weight yarn held together, Size 4 needles.
3. 3-ply tapestry yarn, Size 6 needles (with a simple knit and purl pattern stitch)
4. One strand fingering weight, one strand sport weight held together, Size 5 needles.
5. Worsted weight yarn, Size 5 needles
6. Heavy worsted weight yarn, Size 6 needles
7. 3-ply tapestry yarn, Size 6 needles

(Mitten #5 required about 60 grams or 140 yards of worsted weight yarn to make a PAIR. Use your leftovers and scraps!)



Abbreviations used: K (knit), P (purl), sl (slip one stitch), inc (increase)
PSSO (pass slipped stitch over the adjacent knitted stitch), K2tog (knit 2 together)

Left and Right mittens are knitted exactly the same.

Getting Started:

Cast on 36 stitches loosely. Divide onto 3 needles and join, being careful not to twist the stitches. Mark the beginning of the rounds (I use the "hanging tail" of the cast on yarn to remind me where each round begins)

Cuff:

Work 22 rounds in ribbing. Either K1P1 ribbing or K2P2 ribbing is fine. Use your favorite.

Shape Thumb Gusset:

Round 1: K1, P1, K3, P1, K to end of round.

Repeat Round 1 twice.

Round 4: K1, P1, inc one in next stitch, K1, inc one in next stitch, P1, K to end of round.

Rounds 5 and 6: K1, P1, K5, P1, K to end of round.

Round 7: K1, P1, inc one in next stitch, K3, inc one in next stitch, P1, K to end of round.

Rounds 8 and 9: K1, P1, K7, P1, K to end of round.

Round 10: K1, P1, inc one in next stitch, K5, inc one in next stitch, P1, K to end of round.

Rounds 11 and 12: K1, P1, K9, P1, K to end of round

Round 13: K1, P1, inc one in next stitch, K7, inc one in next stitch, P1, K to end of round.

Rounds 14 and 15: K1, P1, K11, P1, K to end of round.

At this point, you should have a total of 44 stitches

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Save out stitches for thumb:

On next round, K2, place next 11 stitches on a holder. Cast on 3 stitches, K to end of round.

Make the hand:

Work even on 36 stitches for 22 rounds

Shape top of hand:

Round 1: (Sl 1, K1, PSSO, K4). Repeat this sequence 5 more times for a total of 30 stitches remaining.
Rounds 2 and 3: Knit even.

Round 4: (Sl 1, K1, PSSO, K3) Repeat this sequence 5 more times for a total of 24 stitches remaining.
Round 5: Knit even

Round 6: (Sl 1, K1, PSSO, K2). Repeat this sequence 5 more times for a total of 18 stitches remaining.
Round 7 Knit even.

Round 8: (Sl 1, K1, PSSO, K1). Repeat this sequence 5 more times for a total of 12 stitches remaining

Round 9: (Sl1, K1, PSSO). Repeat this sequence 5 more times for a total of 6 stitches remaining.

Break off yarn and thread the yarn through the remaining 6 stitches. Draw yarn up tightly and fasten off.

Making the Thumb:

Attach yarn at top of thumb gusset to work the thumb.

The thumb is worked in the round on 16 stitches. Here is where those 16 stitches come from:

11 stitches that you saved onto a holder

1 stitch picked up between the holder and the cast-on stitches at beginning of the hand

3 stitches picked up across the cast-on stitches at beginning of the hand

1 stitch picked up between the cast-on stitches at beginning of the hand and the holder

Divide these stitches onto 3 needles.

Knit even for 11 rounds.

Shape top of thumb:

Round 1: (K2tog) 8 times. 8 stitches remain.

Round 2: Knit even

Round 3: (K2tog) 4 times. 4 stitches remain.

Break off yarn and thread the yarn through the remaining 4 stitches. Draw yarn up tightly and fasten off.

Weave in yarn ends.

Steam lightly or block as necessary.