

# Easy Fingerless Mitts

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This is a nice first project for beginners, as gauge is not essential.

## Materials

50 g (about 110 yds) worsted weight wool. I used about 80 yards for my mitts.

US 7/4.5mm needles

Tapestry needle

## Size

About 7" (from wrist to just below first joint of index finger). Circumference varies.

## Gauge

Approximately 5 sts/in, but stitch gauge is not critical

## Abbreviations

**CO** = cast on

**RS** = Right Side (the public side)

**WS** = Wrong Side (the private side)

**K** = knit

**P** = purl

**st/sts** = stitch/stitches

Before you get started

Measure around your hand, just above the thumb. \_\_\_\_\_".

## Instructions

CO 35 sts.

Knit 4 rows.

Begin mitt pattern

**Row 1 (WS):** K5, place marker, P20, place marker, K10.

**Row 2 (RS):** Knit across, slipping markers when you come to them.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the piece measures about 1" less than the circumference of your hand, ending with a RS row (i.e. ready to begin a WS row).

Knit across all sts, removing markers as you come to them. Knit across 2 more rows

Bind off.

Seam the edges together, leaving a 2" hole for the thumb. Weave in ends for an inch or two, inside the seam. Cut the tail.



**Note:** when you switch from knit to purl, remember to bring the yarn forward *between* the needles before inserting the right needle for the first purl stitch. When you switch from purl to knit, bring the yarn to the back between the needles before inserting the right needle for the first knit stitch.

Measuring the circumference of your hand, just above the thumb.



You can use all sorts of things for markers, including a cut off piece of a drinking straw or a piece of scrap yarn.

This marker is a bit like a plastic safety pin.



The marker alerts you that you will need to do something different at this point. In this case, the stitch patterning is done on the WS of the work, where it is difficult to distinguish between the garter stitch section and the reverse stockinette (purl) section.

When working a RS row, you simply slip the marker from the left needle to the right needle, and continue knitting.

When working a WS row, you slip the marker, and then change the position of the yarn in order to work the next section. In this photo, the yarn has been brought to the front of the work, between the needles, in preparation for working the purl sts.

