

Rough Diamonds Mitts

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These shorty mitts were designed for the 4! Ounce! Challenge! with beginning spindle spinners in mind. When I first learned to spin, 100 yards seemed like a *LOT* -- and every inch, however imperfect, seemed wonderful, as full of promise as a rough diamond.

Rough Diamonds make thrifty use of precious handspun yardage and are forgiving of variations in wpi and grist. They are suitable for solid and handpainted colorways and also are handsome in commercial-spun yarns.

Size

Woman's medium. For larger or smaller mitts, increase or decrease needle size.

Materials

100 yds (91 m) sportweight yarn
US 3 (3.25 mm) double-pointed or circular needles
scrap yarn to use as stitch holder

Steel blue Rough Diamonds knit from handspun Spunky Eclectic Light BFL, Virgo.
White Rough Diamonds knit from Noro Silk Garden Sock, S269.

Special Techniques

- LT Left Twist: skip first st, k-b the second st and do not drop off the needle, k2tog-b and drop.
- RT Right Twist: k2tog and do not drop off the needle, k first st again and drop.
- ml Make 1 Left: lift bar between sts so that it runs from front to back, k-b.
- mr Make 1 Right: lift bar between sts so that it runs from back to front, k.



Rough Diamonds Mitts Pattern

Cast on 41 sts, join to work in the round.
Work as written or charted.

Cuff

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnds 3-9: (K1, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k1) 4X; p1.

Body of mitt

Rnd 10: (LT, k6, RT) 4X; k1.

Rnd 11 and all odd rnds unless noted: Knit.

Rnd 12: (K1, LT, k4, RT, k1) 4X; k1.

Rnd 14: (K2, LT, k2, RT, k2) 4X; k1.

Rnd 16: (K3, LT, RT, k3) 4X; begin thumb gusset: ml, k1, mr.

Rnd 18: (K4, LT, k4) 4X; k3.

Rnd 19: K40; ml, k3, mr.

Rnd 20: (K3, RT, LT, k3) 4X; k5.

Rnd 22: (K2, RT, k2, LT, k2) 4X; ml, k5, mr.

Rnd 24: (K1, RT, k4, LT, k1) 4X; k7.

Rnd 25: K40; ml, k7, mr.

Rnd 26: (RT, k6, LT) 4X; k9.

Rnd 28: K9, (RT, k8) 3X, k1; ml, k9, mr.

Rnd 30: (LT, k6, RT) 4X; k11.

Rnd 31: K40; ml, k11, mr.

Rnd 32: (K1, LT, k4, RT, k1) 4X; k13.

Rnd 34: (K2, LT, k2, RT, k2) 4X; ml, k13, mr.

Rnd 36: (K3, LT, RT, k3) 4X; k15.

Rnd 37: K40; ml, k15, mr.

Rnd 38: (K4, LT, k4) 4X; k17.

Rnd 40: (K3, RT, LT, k3) 4X; k17.

Rnd 41: K40; separate thumb gusset from mitt body: sl first thumb st, place next 15 thumb sts on holder, unslip first thumb st, k2tog first and last thumb sts. Continue working mitt body in the round.

Rnd 42: (K2, RT, k2, LT, k2) 4X; k1.

Rnd 44: (K1, RT, k4, LT, k1) 4X; k1.

Rnd 46: (RT, k6, LT) 4X; k1.

Rnd 48: K9, (RT, k8) 3X, k1; k1.

Rnd 50: (LT, k6, RT) 4X; k1.

Rnd 52: (K1, LT, k4, RT, k1) 4X; k1.

Top of mitt

Rnds 53-56: (K1, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k1) 4X; p1.

Rnd 57: Knit.

Rnd 58: Purl.

Bind off purlwise.

Thumb

Replace 15 thumb sts on needles, pick up and knit 3 sts to make a nice thumb, work in the round. Knit 3 rnds or to desired length. Work 2x1 ribbing for 4 rnds. Knit 1 rnd. Purl 1 rnd. Bind off purlwise.

Repeat. Weave in ends. Enjoy your conflict-free Rough Diamonds!









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Rough Diamonds Mitts Chart

Key

-  Purl
-  Knit
-  Left Twist
-  Right Twist
-  Thumb stitches
-  Make 1 Left
-  Make 1 Right
-  K2tog first and last thumb sts

Note: Make thumb increases every third row.

Place center 15 thumb stitches on holder,
k2tog first and last thumb sts.

